



All Souls' School Newsletter

"Christ is our Light"

w/e 5th February 2016

Season of Lent

Lent is a time of preparation for the most important day in the church's year, Easter Sunday. It is a season of penance and renewal and a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. In school, the season of Lent is a time for us to really reflect and focus on our relationship with Our Lord and our journeys of faith, both individually and as a school and parish community. It is especially important this year 'The Year of Mercy' as Pope Francis has asked that 'we live Lent more intensely...and be prayerful listening to the Word of God'. Please support your child's faith journey and enrich your own by attending Sunday Mass, joining and supporting in the various liturgies, acts of prayer that we celebrate together and also by simply praying with your child at home. It is a time that is rich in symbolism and we hope that over the Lenten weeks, children will grow to understand and appreciate this more fully and share this with you. The season of Lent begins on 10th Feb which is Ash Wednesday. We will celebrate Mass together and all receive the blessed ashes, in the shape of a cross, on our foreheads. Simply, wearing our faith on our foreheads!

Sports Results & Fixtures

Football: The football team continued with their winning streak this week, winning 10 - 1 against St Osburgs.

Good luck to the 4-a-side team in the tournament at Ryton **3.30pm Tuesday 9th Feb**

Basketball Team: Earlier in the week the team won both tournament games. The first against Good Shepherd ended up as a tie at full time meaning the game went to overtime and a golden basket. The second game, against Moseley, was won by a 4 point lead!

Ash Wednesday Mass

Next week Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Please do your very best to join us in the celebration of Mass at 9.15am

Y6 Parents

Parents who wish their child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and were unable to attend the meeting in January, **must see Fr Michael** before the first Commitment Mass which on **Sunday 14th Feb**. He suggests you make an appointment or see him after next Sunday's Mass.

Y3 Sacramental Meeting

The next Sacramental Meeting for Y3 children and their parents is **6pm Monday 8th February** in the Parish Room.

Teacher Training Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

Friday 12th February is a teacher training day at All Souls. Therefore the school is closed. The following week is the half term holiday. The school reopens **8.45am Monday 22nd February**.

Y5 Class Assembly

Parents, family and friends are invited to the Y5 Class Assembly **9.15am Thurs 11th Feb**.

Mid Year Report Card

Earlier this academic year, we issued a questionnaire to parents for feedback regards different aspects of school life. We analysed returns, responded accordingly and are putting actions into place to address some of the suggestions or concerns parents raised. (*This document can be found on the school website*). 26% of parents who responded felt we didn't communicate effectively on attainment and progress. To address this we have written a Mid Year Report Card for each child and these will be sent home to parents on **Monday 8th Feb**. They are a brief update and if you have any queries, you can discuss these on the Parent Consultation Evening 1st / 2nd March or if concerned please make an appointment to meet your child's teacher sooner.

Sponsored Mud Run

It seems lots of you are joining in the 'Mud Run' on **Thursday 11th Feb** (last day of the half term). Fantastic! Letters and sponsor forms have already been sent home or are available on the school website.

Early Years Information Evening

A letter has been sent home to parents, notifying them of an informal evening being held on **Wednesday 8th February at 5.30pm**. This event will be a chance to discuss with staff and other parents, receive advice and support on topics such as your child's behaviour, eating, sleeping etc. A great opportunity, so come along!

PTA

Our Mother's Day Gifts Ordering Day will now take place on **Friday 26th February** as we have not yet been able to source as many suitable gifts as we would have liked. We want to ensure that the children have a variety of appropriate gifts to choose from and as yet our various suppliers are still focusing on Valentine's Day! Gifts will still be distributed on Friday 4th March.

Our next Cinema Night also takes place next **Friday 26th February** for children in Y2 - Y6. The film being shown is 'Inside Out' which is rated U by the British Board of Film Classification. Letters will go out next week and slips should be returned by Thursday 25th February at the latest so that we know how many children to cater for. Thank you.

Attached to this newsletter are the order forms for cinema night and Mother's Day gifts.

More updates will follow in our Spring Newsletter next week

Night Shelters

A massive thank you to all those children and parents who have made donations of tea, coffee, soup, biscuits etc to the Churches of Coventry night shelters for the homeless. You really have been so generous and the volunteers have asked to pass on their thanks too, it is really appreciated. Please keep it coming.

Coventry Cathedral Choirs

Mr Beaumont, Musical Director at Coventry Cathedral, visited school earlier this week to invite the Y3 - 6 children to audition for the Cathedral Choirs. The auditions will take place in school next **Monday 8th Feb** when the children simply have to sing 'Happy Birthday' to Mr Beaumont. Please have a chat with your child as to whether they would like to audition.

Good Shepherd Appeal

During Lent each year, the Father Hudson charity delivers 'Good Shepherd Appeal' boxes for children to take home and save the money they would normally spend on sweets and treats. These boxes will be sent home with the children today and we'd be very grateful if you could fill them with loose change to help support the charity.

ATTENDANCE

Year group attendance for the week beginning 1st February 2016.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.81%	98.67%	99.33%	94.19%	97.33%	92.86%	94.33%

Whole school attendance: 96.05 %

Overall school attendance since Sep 2015: 96.59 %

Monday 8th

12.30 – 1.00pm	Y3,4,5 & 6	Gardening Club
12.30 - 1.00pm	Y2,3,4,5 & 6	Basketball Club
12.30 – 1.00pm	Y4,5 & 6	Recorder Club
2.00pm	Y3 -6	Cov Cath Choir Auditions
3.15 – 4.15pm	Y5 & 6	Football Club
3.15 – 4.30pm		Cookery Club

Tuesday 9th

12.00-12.30pm	Y1 & 2	Dance Club
12.30- 1.00pm	Y5 & 6	Street Dance
12.30-3.00pm	Y4	Swimming
3.15- 4.15pm	Y5 & 6	Netball Club
3.15pm	Boys 4 a side team	Football Tournament

Wednesday 10th

8.10- 8.40am	All year groups	Running Club
12.30-1.00pm	Y3,4,5 & 6	Ballroom & Latin
12.30-1.00pm	Y3,4,5 & 6	Cards Club
12.30-1.00pm	Y1,2,3,4,5 & 6	Homework Club
3.15-4.15pm	Y3,4, 5 & 6	Tennis Club
5.30pm	EY Parents	Information Evening

Thursday 11th

9.15am	Y5 Parents	Class Assembly
12.30-1.00pm	Y2,3,4,5 & 6	Choir
1.00pm		Mud Run
3.15-4.30pm	Y5 & 6	Computer club CANCELLED

Friday 12th

TEACHER TRAINING DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

H A L F T E R M H O L I D A Y

Spring Term Dates 2016

Date	Time	Event
01/02	3.30pm	Football match (Away) v. St Osburgs
02/02	9.15am	Y1 & 2 Class Mass
	3.30pm	Basketball Tournament at Coventry Sports centre
03/02	9.15am	Piano Assembly
	3.30pm	Parent reading information evening

Date	Time	Event
08/02		Internet Safety Week
		Mid-year report to parents
	6pm	Y3 Sacramental Meeting (Session 6)
09/02	3.30pm	Boys 4-a-side football at Ryton Connexions
10/02	9.15am	Ash Wednesday Whole School Mass
11/02		LAST DAY OF HALF TERM
		Sponsored Mud Run
12/02		Teacher Training Day
14/02	9.15am	Y6 Confirmation Commitment Mass

Date	Time	Event
22/02		RETURN TO SCHOOL
23/02	9am	Y4 In-school Penitential Service and Confession
	3.30pm	Boys 4-a-side football finals
26/02	3pm	Cinema Night
27/02	9am	Boys Cross Country at Bablake Playing Fields
28/02	TBC	Half Marathon

Date	Time	Event
01/03	3.30-7pm	Parents Evening
02/03	3.30-7pm	Parents Evening
04/03	9.15	Y1 Class Mass
05/03	9am	Girls Cross Country at Bablake Playing Fields
07/03	2pm	Y5 go to Alton Castle
	6pm	Y3 Sacramental Meeting (Session 7)
08/03	9am	Y6 In-school Penitential Service and Confession
09/03	4pm	Y5 return from Alton Castle
10/03	3.30pm	Football match (home) v. Christ the King

13/03	9.15am	Y6 Commitment Mass
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Date	Time	Event
14/03		Science Week
		Catholic Swimming Gala at Coventry Sports Centre
		Easter Play Dress Rehearsal
15/03	9am	Y5 In-school Penitential Service and Confession
	1pm	Easter Play
17/03		St Patricks Coffee Morning
19/03	9am	Cross Country Relay at Keresley Grange
20/03	9.30am	Palm Sunday Family Mass

Date	Time	Event
21/03		Y3 First Confessions
22/03	10am	Y1 & 2 Stations of Cross
	10.30am	Y3 & 4 Stations of Cross
	11.00am	Y5 & 6 Stations of Cross
24/03		END OF TERM
25/03		Good Friday
27/03		Easter Sunday



All Souls' PTA Cinema Night!

Dear Parents & Carers,

Our next Cinema Night will take place next **Friday 26th February**.

The film being shown is '**Inside Out**'. This film is rated as U by The British Board of Film Classification. <http://www.bbfc.co.uk/releases/inside-out-2015>

Cinema Night is open to children in **Years 2-6** and they may bring a cushion along with them for comfort. Children can stay on straight from school and will need to be collected at **5.15pm**.

Please collect your child from the school hall.

Tickets cost £2.00 which includes crisps, sweets and a drink. Please note that children are not permitted to bring in their own sweets and drinks as this inevitably leads to problems!

Please complete the form below and return it to the school office in a named envelope, along with payment, by **Thursday 25th February**, so that we know how many children to cater for.

Many thanks for your support

All Souls' PTA

I would like to purchase Ticket(s), at £2.00 each for Cinema Night.

I enclose £.....

Child's name..... Year.....

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Emergency contact number.....

Parent / Carer Signature