



*Christ is our light*

All Souls' Catholic  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022

## Confirmation Sacramental Preparation Session

Please can we remind our Year 6 families that the first Confirmation Sacramental Preparation Session will be held tomorrow (24<sup>th</sup>) between 5-6pm at All Souls' Church. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Rainbows Bereavement Support

Last year, four members of school staff underwent training to deliver the Rainbows programme – a programme that is designed to support children who have or are undergoing periods of grief as a result of loss or trauma. We had hoped to begin this with children last year, but did not have the capacity for it to commence. We now hope to begin our first support group during the week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> October. If you think that your child would benefit from this support, please email Mrs McGrath (roisin.mcgrath@allsoulsschool.co.uk). Sadly, we will only be able to accommodate 8 children in our first group, but we plan for further groups throughout the year.

## Opening Evening – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> / Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October we will be holding our Autumn term open evenings where you will have the opportunity to discuss with your child's class teacher how they have settled in this year. Appointments are available between 3:30 and 6:30pm and are 5 minutes long. From next week you will be able to book your appointment(s) via the dedicated button on the front page of the school website. Please note that these appointments will be in person and will take place in the school hall.

## Attendance

Attendance for the week ending 16<sup>th</sup> September:

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School	Whole School Year to date
99.3%	98.0%	96.7%	98.3%	99.7%	99.7%	99.3%	97.2%	97.8%

Well done to Reception, Year 4 and Year 6!

Late marks (before the close of register) recorded for the week ending 23<sup>rd</sup> September:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total
-	8	7	5	12	32

## Harvest Celebration (wear bright colours!)

**On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September (next Friday)** we will be celebrating 'Brighten Up for Harvest', our Harvest celebration, alongside the parish. On the morning we will be visiting church to celebrate Mass at 10am. We are asking children, if they are able, to bring a donation of a non-perishable food item which they will take with them to church and offer up during the Mass. Fr Paul has arranged for these items to be taken to the local food bank. **On the day, children do not need to wear uniform and are encouraged to dress in appropriate bright coloured clothing.**

## Reading books

All classes, except Year 1 and those children in Year 2 and 3 who are still accessing the school phonics programme, have now been issued with their first reading books. We thank you for your patience whilst we have been re-assessing children and aligning them to our new books and reading scheme. By next Friday all children will have been issued with reading books and routines will be in place for the continual distribution of books. As has previously been explained, children should have their reading book and record with them each day and parents should sign their child's reading record on a weekly basis. Teachers will be checking these records each week on a Monday.



## Go Yasmin!

We are immensely proud of past pupil, Yasmin Javadian, who represented Northern Ireland in Judo at the Commonwealth Games and won a bronze medal! Congratulations!



## Happy 'BIG' birthday, Mr Youson & Mrs Rae!

On Thursday, the children held a surprise assembly for Mr Youson and Mrs Rae who are both celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> birthday this month! They were presented with handmade cards from the children, Mr Youson was voted as looking the oldest (Mrs Rae agreed 😊) and Year 5 and 6 each sang a special song for each of them. Both were very overwhelmed and made to feel very special. Your All Souls' family wish you a blessed 40<sup>th</sup> year!

## Key Dates for the Diary

- 24<sup>th</sup> September – 5-6pm – Confirmation Sacramental Preparation Session
- 1<sup>st</sup> October – 5-6pm First Holy Communion Sacramental Preparation Session
- 2<sup>nd</sup> October – 9:30am – Year 6 Confirmation Commitment Mass
- 9<sup>th</sup> October – 9:30am Commitment Mass for Year 3 children preparing for First Holy Communion
- 17<sup>th</sup> October – Open Evening 18<sup>th</sup> October – Open Evening
- 21<sup>st</sup> October – last day of half-term
- 12<sup>th</sup> November – 5-6pm – Confirmation Sacramental Preparation Session
- 3<sup>rd</sup> December – 5-6pm First Holy Communion Sacramental Preparation Session
- 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – 5-6pm – Confirmation Sacramental Preparation Session
- 28<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – 5-6pm First Holy Communion Sacramental Preparation Session
- 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – 5-6pm – Confirmation Sacramental Preparation Session
- 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – 5-6pm First Holy Communion Sacramental Preparation Session
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023 – 5-6pm First Holy Communion Sacramental Preparation Session
- 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – 5-6pm – Confirmation Sacramental Preparation Session
- 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – 9:30am Year 3 First Holy Communion Mass 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023 – 9:30am Year 3 First Holy Communion Mass
- 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023 – 11:15am – Year 6 Confirmation Mass