



*Christ is our light*

All Souls' Catholic  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

9<sup>th</sup> June 2023

## Parish Picnic – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July

You are most welcome to join us at the Parish picnic in the church garden on **Saturday 8th July between 12 and 2pm**. We hope to see as many parents and children there as possible.

## Altar Server BBQ – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June

A BBQ is being held in the church garden for altar servers at 5pm on Saturday 17th June. Any children who are interested in becoming an altar server are also welcome to attend. Children must be accompanied by their parents.

## Catholic Social Teaching – Care for God's Creation

Attached to the newsletter email is a letter regarding the final of our Catholic Social Teaching principles: Care for God's Creation with details how the children can undertake their own, self-initiated homework challenge.

## Sports Day – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Sports Day is being held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July, between 1pm and 3pm. There will be an ice cream van on site for much of the sports day event. In the morning, the children will all receive an ice cream / ice lolly at break. To ensure your child receives an ice cream, please can you make a £2 payment under the 'Events' section on Pay360. Thank you!



## INTERNET SAFETY WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS & CARERS

V1.0

**FREE ONLINE** workshop for parents and carers to help keep their **children safe online**. Hosted by West Midlands Police in partnership with Coventry City Council's Prevent Team.

We will share **guidance and strategies** on how to make the internet a safer experience for children.

The following topics will be explored:

- Apps and appropriate ages
- Safety settings
- Grooming, sexting, bullying, radicalisation and extremism
- Gaming
- Introducing house rules
- How to approach conversations and what to do if your child is a victim

To view dates and times and to book a place, please [click here](#) or scan the QR code above



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## Staffing Update



### Miss Clarke

Miss Clarke has secured a teaching position at another primary school, one which is very close to her heart, and so will sadly be leaving All Souls this Summer. We are incredibly grateful for her contribution and dedication to All Souls since joining our staff team in September 2019. We know that she will be greatly missed by the children, her colleagues and you, the parents and we wish her the very best in her new role and for the future.

### Mrs Hands



After ten years service at All Souls, Mrs Hands will be leaving us in July. Since arriving at All Souls, Mrs Hands has taught in many year groups, taken on many different roles and responsibilities, and has always embraced these, given her all and contributed significantly to the school. It is with a very heavy heart that we say goodbye and know that she, too, will be greatly missed by the children, staff and parents of All Souls. We wish her all the best for the future.

### Mrs Quinn

Following her retirement from headship in 2021, Mrs Quinn continued to support the school in a part-time capacity, which we have been immensely grateful for. In order to focus on family life and enjoy the retirement that she deserves, Mrs Quinn has decided to fully retire from teaching. We thank her for her dedication and are grateful that she will continue to play a part in the life of All Souls as a school governor.

### New Arrivals

We are delighted to share with you that the board of governors have recently appointed three members of teaching staff who will join the All Souls family in September: Mrs Dionne Alford, Mrs Michelle Smith and Miss Maddie Freemantle. As well as taking on teaching responsibilities, Mrs Alford will also take up the role of SENCO in September, as Mrs Jilks will be reducing her hours and responsibilities. Mrs Smith is already well known within the All Souls community and has two children who attend the school and Miss Freemantle will arrive in September as Mrs Corkerry as she will be getting married over the summer. I'm sure that you will extend a warm welcome and support these new arrivals as they settle into their roles and life at All Souls. In addition we are very excited that Mrs Kirrane, who completed teacher training before joining All Souls as a teaching support assistant, will be commencing her formal induction period at All Souls in September as an ECT (Early Career Teacher), taking on a part time teaching role.

## Attendance

Attendance for the week ending 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School	Whole School Year to date
92.0%	96.0%	95.7%	98.3%	96.0%	94.3%	93.1%	94.8%	94.8%

Late marks (before the close of register) recorded for the week ending 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023:

Monday 5/6	Tuesday 6/6	Wednesday 7/6	Thursday 8/6	Friday 9/6	Total
10	15	1	1	2	29

The week before half-term saw whole school attendance drop to 94.8% which is a shame as, during Summer 1 weekly figures had been very strong. As stated before half-term, it would be great to see the year to date attendance rise about 95% over the next couple of weeks. Monday and Tuesday saw unacceptable numbers of children being late for school with a total of 25 late marks being recorded over the two days. Once again I urge parents to make arriving at school on time a priority.

*Please can we remind you to register for both Studybugs (to report your child's absence or lateness) and School Food United to ensure your child is able to have their desired lunch. Please contact the school office if you need any assistance.*

### Pre-loved clothing event – we need your donations!

Following the success and interest in previous events, the school eco-team are currently in the process of organising a Summer term pre-loved clothing and uniform event, the date of which we will share with you shortly. We are therefore appealing for donations of children's clothing or uniform in good condition and would be grateful if these could be brought into school over the next two weeks. Many families have benefited this year from the kind donations of others and this is something that we would like to continue, not only to reduce the financial burden of uniform, but also in our drive to live in an more sustainable way. Thank you in advance!



### Sports News

Our American Football team were incredible, getting through to the final of the regional tournament but faced a devastating loss in the last 30 seconds when the other team scored. This meant they narrowly missed out on a trip to the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium for the next stages of the competition. Everyone was extremely disappointed, especially Mr Youson who is a huge Tottenham fan 😞, but he is immensely proud of the team and their performance.

The girls football team took part in a tournament last week and despite displaying great skill and teamwork, they didn't get out of the group stages. A great effort girls, well done!

### Children on site prior to 8:30am

Children should not be entering the school building prior to the gates being opened by a school adult at 8:30am. We have recently had a number of children who have attempted or managed to get into the building prior to this which is, obviously, a significant health and safety risk. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Children's Mile – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June

If you have signed your child up for the Children's Mile, please can you ensure that you read the letter sent by Mr Youson very carefully (this has also been attached to the newsletter email). Thank you!

### Stay safe in the sunshine!

Please ensure your child comes to school prepared for the warm weather. A layer of suncream is essential - a clearly labelled bottle/spray can be sent in but these must not contain nut oils and must be kept in your child's bag. We are not able to reapply suncream for your child so please ensure they are well practised in doing this themselves.

A refillable water bottle is highly recommended and a hat as the children will continue to go outside.

## **This Week**

Date	Year	Event	Time
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Group	Swimming – bring your kits!	12:30
Weds 14 <sup>th</sup> Jun	2/4	Class Mass – all welcome!	9:30am
	Team	Cricket tournament	11:30am
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Team	Y5/6 Football-v-Our Lady (away)	3:30pm

*Y1 & Y2 enjoyed a fabulous trip to the Cotswold 'beach'!*

