



Christ is our light

All Souls' Catholic
PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

8th December 2023

Nativity Performances – please pre-book to gain entry

We have extremely limited space in the hall and so it is vital that you pre-book. We will do our best to provide a seat for everyone but please be prepared to stand. Please note that you are unable to give your spare tickets away to another family; this is to assist us in keeping numbers in the hall to a minimum. Thank you for your understanding.

Sports News

The Year 3 & 4 girls were back in action this week. Despite having only 6 players and no subs, we started strong in the first game against Eastern Green and were unlucky to lose 2-0. Sacred Heart was our second opponent, we went down 1-0 but a great goal from Adriel brought us back level. An unlucky own goal put us behind 2-1 and an injury put us a player down for the remainder of the match. Final score 3-1. Our last match was tough, the girls were exhausted but still gave absolutely everything and were again unlucky to lose 2-0. With no substitutes the girls showed great All Souls spirit and didn't give up and kept fighting. Well done, girls! Player of the match was Amelia.



BBC
Children
in Need

Thank you so much for your sponsorship money – the children all worked hard and completed their 'Bearpee' challenge. We're delighted to have raised a massive

£753!

Thank you to everyone who was able to support our poppy appeal sale. This year, your donations far exceeded the highest amount the school has ever raised – we raised a huge

£305

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

POPPY APPEAL

You may receive a spam email from Mr Youson – please note that this is NOT from a school account and should be deleted immediately. Do not click on the link. Please contact Mrs Rae if you have received it. Many thanks!



On behalf of the PTA, we would like to pass on our sincerest thanks to everyone who supported our first Christmas fete in 5 years! It was a fabulous day that has raised an incredible £1800 after costs! We are immensely grateful to every parent and member of staff who assisted in organising and helping on the day – we are truly blessed to have such a supportive community. We are very keen to hear your feedback to assist us with future events. We would be grateful if you could complete a short survey: <https://forms.office.com/r/U9vLJKUXWw>
Our dance troop and choir both performed beautifully and created a lovely festive feeling around the school!



SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

When the School Council met for the first time in September, they decided on their main objectives:

To make All Souls a fun place to be! To ensure their peers had everything they need for their lessons!

They have not disappointed! The Monster Ball was a huge hit and raised £575 for the School Council Fund! After much discussion, they decided to use the money raised to give back to their peers in two ways: (1) They purchased an array of Christmas decorations for the children to enjoy (2) After carrying out a staff survey, they've now put together a shopping list for stationary needed in the classrooms and will begin researching prices to see what they can purchase from their remaining budget.

We hope to run more events next year including a Valentine's Disco, Movie Night, Talent Show and a Summer inflatable party. The School Council are already busy doing research for these events which involves a lot of teamwork! They design posters, price how much things will cost, work out how much they need to charge to cover their costs and more importantly, ensure their peers have a voice by spending time at break and lunch doing surveys. I have been super impressed with the School Council's enthusiasm! To quote one member of the Council *'We want every child to leave All Souls with happy memories of having fun. I already have lots of happy times to remember and I want that for everyone!'*

We will keep you updated! *Mrs Rae, School Business Manager*



Santa's Grotto Photos

For those who had their photo taken with Santa on Saturday, these have now been emailed out. Please check your spam/junk folder. We have had a few emails bounce back – if you have not received yours, please get in touch and we will check we have the correct email address. Thank you!

Year 4 Swimming

Year 4 will begin swimming lessons in January. Please read the letter sent out and ensure you complete the questionnaire, so we have an understanding of your child's swimming experience/ability. Thank you!

Winning raffle tickets – unclaimed prizes

We still have a number of unclaimed prizes from the raffle – the ticket numbers are as follows:

PINK – 636 to 640 (AD 609438) GREEN – 166 to 170 (code AD 269553)
GREEN – 846 to 850 (A269553) GREEN – 731 to 735 (A269553)

Please contact the school office if you are a winner!

Consultation on City Council funding for school buses

A large number of All Souls' children transition to Bishop Ullathorne each year. Many rely on the bus services provided by the school. These bus services are only available because they are subsidised by the City Council each year, keeping the cost down for parents. Yesterday it was announced that the City Council will begin a consultation regarding the future of this funding. If this funding is withdrawn, it will mean that from September 2024, there will no longer be a school bus service to and from Ullathorne. Children will need to rely on public transport, walk or travel by car. We know that this will impact many of our current and past families and so we encourage you to respond to the consultation via the following link, from the 13th December:

https://myaccount.coventry.gov.uk/service/Speak Up_comments_compliments_and_complaints

Thank you for your support!

Year 3 & Year 4 Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park

Year 3 & Year 4 will be visiting the Cotswold Wildlife Park on Friday. Please can we remind you that the children need to be on site for 8am, ready to depart on the coach at 8:15am as it is long journey in the rush hour traffic. We hope to return to school by 4:30pm. It is vital that you keep a check on the weather as the children will be outside for much of the day. Therefore, waterproofs coats, suitable footwear, waterproof trousers, hats, scarves, gloves etc may be needed; it is best to come prepared. Unless your child is entitled to free school meals or already has a sandwich pre-order on the system, please ensure they come to school with a packed lunch that can be fully disposed of. We are not able to leave lunchboxes on the coach or carry these around with us. We can't wait!

Forthcoming Dates for your Diary – those next week are in bold type:

12/12/2023	During the school day	Children in Nursery/Reception trip to Belgrade Theatre for "Santa Sparkly Surprise"
13/12/2023	During the school day	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
13/12/2023	10:00	Year 6 visit the Cathedral for the Christingle Service
13/12/2023	1:00pm	Nativity Performances for parents – EYFS first, then KS1
14/12/2023	9:00am	Nativity Performances for parents – EYFS first, then KS1
15/12/2023	8:15am – 4:30pm	Y3 & Y4 trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
17/12/2023	9:30am	Bambinelli Sunday – children to take the Baby Jesus to be blessed at church
20/12/2023	9:30am	End of term whole school Mass
20/12/2023	6:30pm	School and Parish Carol Service at Church – All Welcome
22/12/2023	All Day	Last day of term

A reminder that term ends Fri 22nd Dec and we return Tues 9th Jan 2024