



Christ is our light

All Souls' Catholic
PRIMARY SCHOOL

12th January 2024

NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year

Happy New Year! We hope that 2024 is filled with happiness and success for all of our children and families. The staff would like to extend their gratitude for all of the cards, messages and gifts which were received in the run up to Christmas.

Staffing Changes

Following the departure of Ms Fox and Mr Barrett during the Autumn term, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Caroline Zita as Year 3's new teaching assistant and Mrs Colleen Croft as a new school cleaner this term. Both Caroline and Colleen are already established members of the All Souls community with Caroline being a valued member of All Sorts for a number of years and Colleen already working within the kitchen team at school. Please support and encourage them as they commence their roles this term.

In addition, at Christmas we sadly said goodbye to Mrs Atwal, who has worked as a teaching assistant at All Souls for over 10 years. She has not moved far however, and we wish her the best of luck as she undertakes her new role as an Early Years Practitioner at All Sorts. We are currently advertising for her replacement and hope to have someone in post as soon as possible.

Nursery Places – September 2024

We still have a limited number of Nursery places available for September 2024. Please note that an offer of a place is a commitment to five mornings, Monday to Friday, 8:30 to 11:30am. If you are interested in a place but do not require all five sessions, this will firstly need to be requested via Mr Cooke so that he can seek Governor approval. If you would like an application form, please contact the school office. Formal offers will be sent out around the 16th April 2024.

'Rainbows' programme of support

Attached to the newsletter email is a letter detailing our **Rainbows Programme of Support** which gives children the opportunity to talk about their feelings in a nurturing environment. These peer support groups give aim to help children to feel less alone with their grief and to understand there are others who are going through similar experiences. If you believe Rainbows could help your child(ren), please fill in the **'Request for Support'** form which can be found on our school website and return to **Mrs Hartwell** by **Wednesday 17th January 2024**.

Medical Information

Please remember to inform the school if your child has any medical conditions such as Asthma and to update school staff if there are any changes so that the information which we hold is up-to-date.

Class Newsletters

Next Friday each class will be releasing their termly newsletter to parents. Please look out for these as they will contain information about the curriculum and events this term.

Attendance

Attendance for the week ending 22nd December 2023:

| Year R | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 | Whole School | Whole School Year to date |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|---------------------------|
| 89.0% | 89.7% | 92.9% | 97.1% | 94.8% | 91.7% | 91.0% | 92.2% | 94.9% |

Late marks (before the close of register) recorded for the week ending 12th January 2024:

| Monday 08/01 | Tuesday 09/01 | Wednesday 10/01 | Thursday 11/01 | Friday 12/01 | Total |
|--------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|-------|
| | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 8 |

During the run up to Christmas, weekly attendance continued to fall, which has brought our whole school attendance below 95%. Again I'd like to reiterate the importance of school attendance and its impact on children's attainment, progress and well-being. 25 children across the school are currently classed as persistently absent – this is where their attendance is below 90% and therefore likely have a significant impact on their achievement.

This term, to promote consistently high attendance, the school Well-Being Champions will be running an initiative across the school. Starting on Monday (15/01) for each week the Spring term that a child attends in full (i.e. no absences, late after the close of register etc.) they will get a ticket to go into a prize draw which will be held at the end of the term. Each class from Reception through to Year 6 will have its own prize draw and so children will have the opportunity to get up to 9 tickets in the draw if they attend each day throughout the term.

Please remember that children can and should still attend school with mild illnesses including general cold symptoms such as minor coughs, runny noses or sore throats. I would encourage parents to read the NHS ['Is my child too ill for school?'](#) guidance which contains useful information on when children should be kept off school.

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. It has been 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:

<https://letstalk.coventry.gov.uk/budget24-25>

Thank you for your support!

SUPER STARS

Reception: Emma & Michael

Year 1: Rose & Mayzie

Year 2: Alan & Wren

Year 3: Harris & Ted

Year 4: Milosz & Lena

Year 5: Amelia & Aroosh

Year 6: Lukas & Ollie

HOUSE POINTS

| Jerusalem | Nazareth | Bethlehem | Cana |
|-----------|----------|-----------|------|
| 80 | 79 | 186 | 281 |

WINNERS: CANA

Studybugs

Please register and report your child's absence each day that they are unwell. Thank you!

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

| Date(s): | Time(s): | What: |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 13/01/2024 | 5pm | Year 6 Confirmation Preparation Session (Parish room at Church) |
| 14/01/2024 | 9:30am | School Celebration Mass – start of term |
| 16/01/2024 | 1:00pm | Year 4 Swimming session XCel |
| 18/01/2024 | 3:30pm | Football match at home vs St Mary and St Benedict's |
| 22/01/2024 | 3:30pm | Netball match away vs St Thomas More |
| 23/01/2024 | 3:30pm | Girls' Football Match away vs St Mary and St Benedict's |
| 23/01/2024 | 1:00pm | Year 4 Swimming session XCel |
| 24/01/2024 | 9:30am | Class Mass – Year 1 and Year 5 |
| 24/01/2024 | During the school day | School Nursing Team in school (Year 6 health questionnaire follow up) |
| 25/01/2024 | Time TBC | TBC – Guitar/Rock band assembly |
| 25/01/2024 | 3:30pm | Football match away vs Christ the King |
| 30/01/2024 | 1:00pm | Year 4 Swimming Session |
| 31/01/2024 | AM | Reception and Year 6 Measurements completed by school nursing team |
| 02/02/2024 | All Day | Non-uniform day for Myton Hospice (details to follow) |
| 02/02/2024 | 9:30am | Whole School Mass (Candlemas) |
| 04/02/2024 | 9:30am | School Celebration Mass |
| 06/02/2024 | 1:00pm | Year 4 Swimming session |
| 06/02/2024 | 3:30pm | Football match home vs St John Vianney |
| 07/02/2024 | 9:05am | Piano Assembly |
| 08/02/2024 | | Mid Year Reports Issued to parents today |
| 10 to 18/02/2024 | | FEBRUARY HALF-TERM |
| 20/02/2024 | 9:30am | Class Mass – Year 2 and Year 4 |
| 20/02/2024 | 1:00pm | Year 4 Swimming Session |
| 21/02/2024 | All day | Catholic School's Swimming Gala |
| 22/02/2024 | 3:30pm | Netball match at home vs St. Anne's |
| 23/02/2024 | All day | Lent Family Fast Day – Children to wear green – no donation necessary |
| 27/02/2024 | 9:30am | Class Mass Year R, 3 & 6 |
| 27/02/2024 | 1:00pm | Year 4 Swimming Session |
| 28/02/2024- 01/03/2024 | All Day | Year 5 Residential Trip to Alton Castle |
| 02/03/2024 | 5pm | Confirmation Preparation Session (Parish room at Church) |
| 03/03/2024 | 9:30am | School Celebration Mass (Blessing of Lenten Crosses made in school) |
| 04/03/2024 | 3:30-6:30pm | OPEN EVENING – details and booking instructions to follow |
| 05/03/2024 | 3:30-6:30pm | OPEN EVENING – details and booking instructions to follow |
| 04/03/2024 | 3:30pm | Football match at home vs Our Lady of the Assumption |
| 05/03/2024 | 1:00pm | Swimming Session Year 4 |
| 07/03/2024 | All Day | World Book Details – details to follow |
| 12/03/2024 | 1:00pm | Year 4 Swimming Session |
| 13/03/2024 | AM | Years 4-6 Confession at Church |
| 13/03/2024 | 3:30pm | Girls' Football Match away vs St Thomas More |
| 19/03/2024 | 1:00pm | Year 4 Swimming Session |
| 20/03/2024 | 9:30am | Whole School end of term Mass |
| 20/03/2024 | PM (tbc) | Year 3 and 4 Easter Reflection/Performance to Parents |
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| 23/03 - 07/04/24 | | EASTER HOLIDAYS |
| 08/04/2024 | ALL DAY | School Closed – Teacher Training Day |