



Christ is our light

All Souls' Catholic PRIMARY SCHOOL

19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

# NEWSLETTER

## End of an era

We are both happy (for her) and sad (for us) to announce that Mrs Cannon has made the incredibly difficult decision, after nearly 3 decades of dedicated service, to retire from her administration role in February. During her time at the school she has witnessed and been a part of so much success and change and built up a truly unrivalled knowledge of the All Souls community. She will be greatly missed by adults and children alike and we are truly blessed that she has been part of the All Souls family for so long. She will, undoubtedly, remain in close contact with the school and, in her retirement, probably take on many new roles at All Souls. Please do join us in wishing her the most wonderful and fully deserved retirements and help us to make her last few weeks in post special ones. If you know someone even half as fabulous as Mrs Cannon, please do direct them towards the job vacancy, which is has been advertised on the Coventry City Council jobs page and our website.

## Mobile phones and smart devices including Smart Watches

Please note that under current safeguarding guidelines and policy, children should not have with them, in school, any devices which are connected directly to the Internet or are capable of recording images, audio or video. This includes mobile phones and smart watches. The only exception to this is for pupils in Year 6 for whom consent has been granted for them to walk home unaccompanied, in which instance any devices brought in should be handed into office staff upon arrival at school, where they are stored securely, and then collected at the end of the school day.

## 101 Pledge

As we approach the half-way point in the academic year the children will be updating their 101 pledge booklets in school, celebrating their achievements so far and thinking about what they would like to experience and achieve during the remainder of the year. So that these records can be as full and accurate as possible we are asking parents to contribute to this process by supporting their child in the following way:

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| <b>CATHOLIC OUTREACH</b><br>Meet with the priest<br>Experience the Eucharist<br>Organise and take part in a charitable event   | Visit another place of worship<br>Experience a Sacrament<br>Visit and support the wider community | Donate to charity<br>Plan and lead a liturgy<br>Be involved in an environmental project | <b>The All Souls 101 Pledge</b>  | Visit a castle<br>Experience the history behind the school<br>Visit another city   | <b>SPREAD SOME JOY</b><br>Spread a day of a party<br>Work a busking gig<br>Visit a theatre   | <b>VISITS &amp; EXPERIENCES</b><br>Watch a film at the cinema<br>Attend a cultural event<br>Take part in an outdoor activity |
| <b>SELF-CARE</b><br>Get a haircut<br>Get dressed independently<br>Tie a tie<br>Take part in an after-school club   |   |   | Please use this sheet to record the 101 pledge activities, objectives and experiences that your child has achieved at home during the review period indicated below by shading in each of the pledges which have been achieved. Once returned to school, your child's 101 pledge record book will be updated to reflect this and included in their next academic report. | <b>SPORT, EXERCISE &amp; ADVENTURE</b><br>Fly a kite<br>Learn to skip<br>Climb a hill or mountain<br>Learn to swim<br>Climb a tree |  |  |
| <b>LET'S PERSONAL SKILLS</b><br>Use something new made<br>Use a tool<br>Cook something to eat<br>Follow instructions to build something<br>Use a book to learn something<br>Order and use an environment<br>Learn to cross a road safely |   |   |  | CHILD NAME: _____<br>YEAR GROUP: _____<br>REVIEW PERIOD: _____   | Make a card or poster<br>Learn to play a musical instrument<br>Write a shopping list and buy the items<br>Learn to make a sandwich |  |

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| <b>NATURE &amp; THE OUTDOORS</b><br>Fly outdoors in weather<br>Visit the countryside<br>Go on a trip<br>Watch the sun rise and set  | Go to a park<br>Have a picnic with friends<br>Get muddy and run in the rain<br>Sing and dance in the rain                               | Be on a nature trail<br>Be a bird watcher<br>Observe the clouds and sky | Visit a museum<br>Take part in a game<br>Visit and experience a place of work<br>Experience the joy of a new activity<br>Learn an aspect of school life |
| <b>PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS</b><br>Be a member of a school team<br>Have a piece of work on display<br>Enter a competition<br>Learn a new skill<br>Overcome a fear<br>Attend a school event | <b>BRITISH VALUES</b><br>Be a good citizen<br>Be a good neighbour<br>Be a good friend<br>Be a good worker<br>Be a good community member | <b>MY PERSONAL HIGHLIGHT DURING THE REVIEW PERIOD IS...</b>             | <b>WHAT I HOPE TO ACHIEVE NEXT IS...</b>  |
| <b>COMMUNICATION &amp; LANGUAGE</b><br>Persuade in a role-play<br>Read a book to someone<br>Read a book to a younger child<br>Read a book to a friend                                   | Write a letter<br>Learn to write a letter<br>Learn to write a letter<br>Learn to write a letter   | Write a story<br>Write a story<br>Write a story<br>Write a story        |   |

**Children in Reception and KS1:** Your child will come home with an A4 sheet which contains all of the 101 pledges. Please spend a few minutes with them considering which of these they have experienced or achieved outside of school so far this academic year and shade these in before returning to your child's class teacher. There is also a space to children to identify their highlight of the year so far and ambitions going forward. **Children in KS2:** Within your child's reading record the 101 pledges are listed across pages 18 and 34. Please spend a few minutes with them considering which they have achieved or experienced outside of school so far this academic year and shade these in. The children will then be able to use these as they update their 101 books in school. Thank you.

## Attendance

Attendance for the week ending 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024:

| Year R | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 | Whole School | Whole School Year to date |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|---------------------------|
| 92.5%  | 97.9%  | 96.09% | 95.6%  | 99.2%  | 98.8%  | 97.9%  | 96.7%        | 95.0%                     |

Late marks (before the close of register) recorded for the week ending 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024:

| Monday 15/01 | Tuesday 16/01 | Wednesday 17/01 | Thursday 18/01 | Friday 19/01 | Total |
|--------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|-------|
| 3            | 4             | 0               | 5              | 2            | 14    |

The first week of the Spring term saw weekly attendance rise to 96.7% which is the highest weekly attendance since September – this is great to see. The challenge is to now keep it at this level moving forward. In the coming days we will be implementing additional automated notifications within StudyBugs to celebrate improvements in and high levels of attendance as well as raising awareness when attendance falls. One of these notifications will be to ensure that parents are aware if their children's attendance falls below 90%, meaning that they are persistently absent.

This Well-Being champions have commenced their Spring Term attendance initiative this week, whereby children who attend a full week, each week, will have their name entered into a class prize draw, the winners of which will be announced at the end of term.

# VALENTINES DISCO

## Tuesday 20th February

**COST: £5 PER CHILD**

**INCLUDES CHIPS, SWEETS & SQUASH**

**REG, Y1 & Y2 – 3:15PM TO 4:30PM**

**Y3 TO Y6 – 4:45PM TO 6PM**

**DRESS CODE: PARTY ATTIRE**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

## SUPER STARS

**Reception: Archie & Lucie**

**Year 1: Joseph & Lilly**

**Year 2: Archie & Eva**

**Year 3: Finlay & Cerys**

**Year 4: Wren & Mark**

**Year 5: Olivia & Tai**

**Year 6: Joshua & Lilah**

## HOUSE POINTS

| Jerusalem | Nazareth | Bethlehem | Cana |
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| 269       | 387      | 272       | 439  |

**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:  |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|--|
| <b>22/01/2024</b>     | <b>3:30pm</b>                | <b>Netball match away vs St Thomas More</b>  |
| <b>23/01/2024</b>     | <b>3:30pm</b>                | <b>Girls' Football Match away vs St Mary and St Benedict's</b>   |
| <b>23/01/2024</b>     | <b>1:00pm</b>                | <b>Year 4 Swimming session XCel</b>  |
| <b>24/01/2024</b>     | <b>9:30am</b>                | <b>Class Mass – Year 1 and Year 5</b>  |
| <b>24/01/2024</b>     | <b>During the school day</b> | <b>School Nursing Team in school (Year 6 health questionnaire follow up)</b>                           |
| <b>25/01/2024</b>     | <b>Time TBC</b>              | <b>Guitar/Rock band assembly</b>   |
| <b>25/01/2024</b>     | <b>3:30pm</b>                | <b>Football match away vs Christ the King</b>  |
| 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   |
| 10/02/2024-18/02/2024 |                              | 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            | 10:30am                      | Year 4 – Stations of the Cross – All Souls Church  |
| 21/02/2024            | All day                      | Catholic School's Swimming Gala  |
| 22/02/2024            | 3:30pm                       | Netball match at home vs St. Augustines  |
| 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            | 10:30am                      | Year 6 – Stations of the Cross – St Mary Magdalene Church  |
| 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  |
| 06/03/2024            | 10:30                        | Year 5 – Stations of the Cross – All Souls Church  |
| 07/03/2024            | All Day                      | World Book Details – details to follow   |
| 07/03/2024            | All Day                      | Years 1 & 5 Trip to the Space Centre (details to follow)   |
| 11/03/2024            | AM                           | Years 4-6 Confession at Church   |
| 12/03/2024            | 1:00pm                       | Year 4 Swimming Session  |
| 13/03/2024            | 10:30am                      | Year 3 – Stations of the Cross (St Mary Magdalene Church)  |
| 13/03/2024            | 3:30pm                       | Girls' Football Match away vs St Thomas More   |
| 14/03/2024            | 9:00am-12:00pm               | Year 2 - Mousike Ensemble (Catholic Schools Music Celebration Event) at St Mary and St Benedict School |
| 18/03/2024            | 9:00am-12:00pm               | Year 5 - Mousike Ensemble (Catholic Schools Music Celebration Event) at St John Vianney                |
| 19/03/2024            | 1:00pm                       | Year 4 Swimming Session  |
| 20/03/2024            | 9:30am                       | Whole School end of term Mass  |
| 20/03/2024            | 10:30am                      | Year 6 – Stations of the Cross (All Souls Church)  |