



Christ is our light

All Souls' Catholic
PRIMARY SCHOOL

18th February 2024

NEWSLETTER

Welcome back!

We hope you have had a restful half term break! The remainder of the Spring term is set to be a busy one! We will continue to include upcoming events/trips etc at the end of the newsletter but you can also view our school calendar on the school website homepage. We look forward to seeing the children on Monday!

Issues with our automatic pedestrian gate

Unfortunately, our automatic pedestrian gate that provides access to the school site is currently out of action. This means the buzzer is not working and the gate will not open. We intend to leave the left-hand (All Sorts) manual gate open. If you arrive on site and find this is closed, please press the buzzer attached to the vehicle car park gate. This will alert the office that you are there. We hope to have the situation resolved shortly.

VALENTINES DISCO

We are very excited for our Valentine's Disco on Tuesday!

Rec, Y1 & Y2 (3:15pm to 4:30pm): Children should bring their party clothes with them as they will get changed in the classroom just before the end of the day. If they would normally be in after school club past 4:30pm, they will automatically be collected by the All Sorts Team directly from the disco. **Y3 to Y6 (4:45pm to 6pm):** If your child will be in after school club, they should bring their party clothes to school so they can get changed. The All Sorts Team will ensure they are sent through to the disco at 4:45pm.

Please note that due to staff ratios, tickets are limited. Once capacity has been reached, we will be unable to allow additional children to attend. All tickets must be pre-booked – please visit School Gateway. Thank you!

MOTHERS DAY GIFT SALE

The PTA will be holding a Mother's Day gift sale for children at school on the week commencing 4th March, during school lunchtimes. Gifts for grandparents or other special family members will also be available to buy. The cost is £4 per gift which can be paid via the School Gateway app. Due to demand, children will be able to buy one gift only. We imagine the children will want to keep this event secret from mums / family members so your discretion would be much appreciated! Thank you in advance for your support.

Staffing Update

We are very sad to be entering our final week with Mrs Cannon in post. She was always going to be very difficult to replace, however, we have been successful in recruiting a new Admin Assistant who joins us on Monday 26th February! We look forward to introducing you to her shortly!

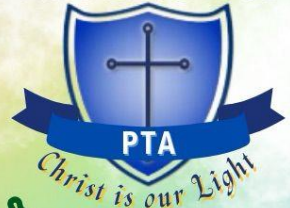
Outstanding Payments

We are approaching the end of the financial year and a large number of payments remain outstanding. If you are in a position to do so, we would be most grateful for your contribution towards any trips your child has been on or is due to attend. We do not want to get to a position where we are unable to run trips so your support is very much appreciated. Payment can be made via School Gateway! Thank you!

Upcoming Events – those events next week are in bold

| Date(s): | Time(s): | What: |
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| 20/02/2024 | 9:30am | Class Mass – Year 2 and Year 4 |
| 20/02/2024 | 1:00pm | Year 4 Swimming Session |
| 20/02/2024 | 3:15pm | Valentine’s Disco (3:15 – EYFS, KS1 & 4:45 Y3-6) |
| 20/02/2024 | 2pm | Y6 Lent Workshop |
| 20/02/2024 | 3:30pm | Girls football – St Mary and St Benedict (away) |
| 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 | Morning | Y4 trip to Coombe Abbey |
| 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 |
| 01/03/2024 | 9:30am | Year 3 Gymnastics Event |
| 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 |
| 04/03/2024 | Lunchtime | Children able to attend Mother’s Day Gift Sale |
| 04/03/2024 | 3:30pm | Football match at home vs Our Lady of the Assumption |
| 05/03/2024 | 3:30-6:30pm | OPEN EVENING – details and booking instructions to follow |
| 05/03/2024 | 1:00pm | Swimming Session Year 4 |
| 05/03/2024 | 3:30pm | Y3/4 Girls Football (AT7) |
| 06/03/2024 | Lunchtime | Children able to attend Mother’s Day Gift Sale |
| 06/03/2024 | 10:30 | Year 5 – Stations of the Cross – All Souls Church |
| 07/03/2024 | Lunchtime | Children able to attend Mother’s Day Gift Sale |
| 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) |
| 08/03/2024 | Lunchtime | Children able to attend Mother’s Day Gift Sale |
| 11/03/2024 | AM | Years 4-6 Confession at Church |
| 11/03/2024 | 1pm | KS1 Gymnastics Event |
| 12/03/2024 | 1:00pm | Year 4 Swimming Session |
| 12/03/2024 | 3:30pm | Girls Football Away St Thomas More |
| 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 |
| 15/03/2024 | 10-12 | St Patrick’s Day Coffee Morning |
| 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) |

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Hosted by Year 5

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Coffee Morning

10am - 12pm

Let the Shamrock
serve as a reminder
to thee

Of God's perfect
presence in
his Holy Trinity

Live Irish dancing
from the Mary McHugh
School of Irish Dance

Live traditional
Irish music



Friday
15th March

Irish themed
refreshments

Cake Sale



Coventry Irish Society
Pop-up Shop
Help & support services
for the Irish community in Coventry



£2.00
Entrance Fee
to include a
raffle ticket

PTA Pledge

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s)

On behalf of the PTA, I would like to wish you all a belated happy new year and to share our PTA pledge with you all, detailing what we will be fundraising for over the coming year.

The school have advised that due to the south facing position of the playground, the children feel they would benefit from having a large sun canopy so that during warm weather, they can take their learning outdoors where possible, whilst being protected from direct sunlight.

The canopies would also facilitate outdoor picnics / lunchtime activities and generally be of great use for sports and fun days alike.

(Equally - and given this is the U.K. - they would also provide shelter from light rain and wind, allowing outdoor learning / play to continue even in these conditions!)

We are all aware of the positive correlation between mental health and emotional well-being and being outdoors in natural sunlight and this is an area the school works hard to engender whenever possible.

We estimate that these canopies will cost in the region of £15,000, so there is still a lot of money to raise!

We wanted parents and carers to be aware that the events we have planned over the next year will all be raising funds towards the purchasing of these canopies, so we hope you will support us work towards this target together.

We are always looking for additional volunteers to help with our endeavours so if you would like to attend meetings and share ideas or volunteer at events, then please get in touch with Linsey Rae who will pass on my contact details. We would love to hear from you, everyone is welcome.

Many thanks in advance for your ongoing support. We look forward to seeing you at the many exciting events we have planned over the coming months.

Kind regards

Mary O'Malley
PTA Chair