

# Brighten up for Harvest - a CAFOD appeal

As part of our pledge to join CAFOD and 'Brighten up for Harvest' the children are invited to **come to school in their brightest clothes on Wednesday 2nd October 2024.** This is a day to raise awareness but also some much-needed money for CAFOD in order to support our brothers and sisters around the world who are hungry.

This year we are asking for a little extra as we are in the process of trying to obtain our CAFOD Live Simply award so really want to celebrate this event. Part of the actions for this is focused on supporting those most in need and most vulnerable. This is something that we as a school community are always wonderful at and the children are very aware of how we can help others. Please involve them in this, even if it is as simple as allowing them to choose an item for the food bank.

We are asking if each child could bring in two things. First, a donation for CAFOD would be hugely appreciated, we are suggesting a minimum donation of 50p but please give what you can. Donations can be made via School Gateway. Second, an item of non-perishable food for our local social supermarket. Currently they are urgently in need of the items below (however, anything you can donate would be much appreciated):

#### Cereal UHT Long Life Milk Fruit Juice or Squash Instant Mash Potato Tinned Tomatoes Biscuits

We will also be joining our parish community in **a whole school celebration mass on this day in the afternoon at 1.30pm**. During this, the children will be invited to bring their food donations with them and offer them up at the beginning of mass. Children in nursery and reception are also encouraged to participate and we will bring their donations to mass with us. Please come along and join us, if you are able.

# Accessing the school grounds before 7:45am is not permitted

Breakfast club provision does not begin until 7:45am. This means that no child should be through the school gates until they are given access by breakfast club staff. We have been made aware that there are people accessing the school car park through the vehicle gate and waiting in the car park before the breakfast club opens and then giving other families access into the school grounds. In the future, you will be asked to go back out of the gate and wait out on the drive until you are buzzed in by a member of breakfast club staff. This is for the safety of both children and adults. Please do not leave children unsupervised on the driveway. School/All Sorts staff are not able to supervise children unless they are booked in to breakfast club or an extracurricular activity.

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

Date(s):	Time(s):	What:
02/10/24	1:30pm	Brighten Up for Harvest CAFOD Day including harvest Mass (Years 1-6)
03/10/24	All day	School photos day (individual photos)
05/10/24	CANCELLED	PTA Race Night CANCELLED
06/10/24	9:30am	School Celebration Mass
14/10/24	9:30am	Years 3, 6 and Reception Class Mass
20/10/24	9:30am	Year 6 Confirmation Commitment Mass
21/10/24	Afternoon	Year 3 and 4 Girls' football tournament
22/10/24	After school	Open evening for parents to meet teachers (details to follow)
23/10/24	After school	Open evening for parents to meet teachers (details to follow)
24/10/24	After school	Football match (home) vs St Mary and St Benedict
25/10/24	All Day	Teacher Training Day – School closed
26/10/24-		OCTOBER HALF-TERM
3/11/24		
4/11/24	9:30am	Whole School Mass (Years R-6)
10/11/24	9:30am	School Celebration Mass – Remembrance Sunday – First Holy Communion
		Commitment Mass
12/11/24	9:30am	Years 1 & 5 Class Mass
16/11/24-	All day	Year 6 Residential Visit to Plas Dol-y-Moch
20/11/24		
19/11/24	Evening	SSPA Coventry Gotta Dance
24/11/24	9:30am	Reception Welcome Mass
01/12/24	9:30am	School Celebration Mass (Start of Advent)
4/12/24	9:30am	Years 2 & 4 Class Mass
10/12/24	10:30am	Adoration and Confession for Years 4-6
15/12/24	9:30am	Bambinelli Sunday – blessing of Baby Jesus
16/12/24	6:30pm	Community Carol Concert (Details to follow)
18/12/24	9:30am	Whole school (Years R-6) end of term Mass
21/12/24-		CHRSITMAS HOLIDAYS
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6/1/24	All Day	Teacher Training Day – School closed

#### School Photos

Your child will be having their individual photograph taken on Thursday. Summer or Winter uniform is fine, however, please ensure they come to school wearing their All Souls cardigan or jumper. Siblings will also have their photographs taken together, including siblings in All Sorts.

#### We are a nut free school!

Whilst we love celebrating the children's birthdays here in school please remember when sending in treats that we cannot hand out anything that contain nuts. We have children in school with extremely severe nut allergies. Please also ensure that any lunchboxes or snacks sent in do not contain any nuts. Children with nut allergies cannot encounter nuts in any form as it may cause anaphylaxis. Thank you for your understanding.

### Census Day Menu - 3rd October 2024

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October is Census Day and the kitchen will offering a special menu (beef or veggie burger). If you have already ordered for this date, please go back on to School Food United to update the order as this will have now reverted to a jacket potato with beans.



The PTA voted unanimously to support the following requests from the school and children:

Year 6 wrote a very persuasive letter to request additional picnic tables for their outside area at which they can sit during lunchtimes and eat. These have now arrived and will be built by Mr Gale, our SSO, shortly!

Mrs Kerry has received a much-needed delivery of resources and soft furnishings for her new Student Support Room - an area dedicated to promoting the wellbeing of our children.

Following the breakdown of their original cooker, the school have taken delivery of a new one which will be used when the children are cooking in lessons. The new cooker is also much more energy efficient!

#### **Upcoming events**

Winter Warmer - Saturday 30th November - 12-4p in the school hall. More information to follow.

There will also be non- uniform days on the following dates. These will be in exchange for the items listed below to support our Winter Warmer Event:

#### Thursday 24th October - bottles Friday 15th November - chocolates Friday 29th November - an item for class hamper for raffle prizes

We understand that not everyone will be able to donate and there is no pressure at all to do so. The days will be nonuniform for all regardless.

The PTA are keen to organise events that families are interested in attending and supporting. To help us plan future events that best suit our community, we'd really like your feedback.

We would be grateful if you could complete the short questionnaire linked below, outlining what events you'd most like to see from the PTA:

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# Could you sponsor our netball team?

Our netball team are looking for a sponsor to fund their new kit! Could you or someone you know support the team in return for a company logo being included on the front of their kit? If you are interested, please contact Mrs Rae in the school office or email <u>linsey.rae@allsoulsschool.co.uk</u> The team have not had a quality kit for a long time so a new look will be a huge boost! Thank you!



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