



I AM A DISCIPLE FOR YOU JESUS



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ALL OF OUR YEAR 6 CHILDREN

Holy Souls Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

It is obvious in school that the children are settled and enjoying the start to their new year. It is lovely to see our new Reception children settling in so well.

On Monday, you will receive an information sheet specifically for your child's year group. Please do read it and make a note of the important dates. The back of the sheet includes the list of prayers that your child should know by the end of the year. As a family, please do take the time to enjoy learning these prayers and do use them regularly in your daily family worship.

We are delighted with the new safety fence that was installed over the summer. This prevents access to the playground during the day and prevents access to the car park.

Breakfast club – This facility is available from 7:55am until 8:20am. Unlike many schools, we currently do not charge for accessing the club. Breakfast is available - toast 20p, cereal 40p and a fruit drink for 35p or milk 20p. As we do not register the children until 8:40am, it is necessary for you to sign your child into the club. This is a safe guarding requirement and ensures we know who is attending. Thank you for doing this and for using the new entrance. My thanks to the kitchen staff and breakfast club leaders for their hard work.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Last week you received a letter regarding attendance. Every day and every minute matters. Our Family Support Worker and Attendance Office – Miss Celine Finn is available on Mondays to meet with you should you have any queries or questions.

Please be aware that I am UNABLE to authorise ANY HOLIDAYS in term time.

Holiday taken in term time may result in prosecution.



TO BRING GOOD NEWS, TO SHINE FOR YOU.



Sacred Heart and Holy Souls Church

MASS TIMES – Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00pm Sunday Masses 8:30am, 10:00am and 12:00pm.

ALTON CASTLE

Year 6 had a fabulous time at Alton Castle this week. My thanks to the children for their excellent behaviour and participation. A special word of thanks to Mrs Kielstra for organising the trip and to the staff who gave willingly of their own time.

This residential retreat is the beginning of the Y6 pupils' sacramental programme in preparation for receiving Confirmation in July 2020. Please keep them in your prayers.

DINNER MONEY

If you pay for your child's lunch, payments should be made on a Monday morning. Children who are now in Year 3 are no longer entitled to Universal Free School Meals and should make payments on a Monday (£11.75 per week) or provide your child with sandwiches. If you think your child should be entitled to free school meals, please contact the office staff.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Uniform will only be available to purchase from the office on a Tuesday or Thursday before and after school. Thank you for your co-operation.

ATTENDANCE LATES PER CLASS

RTA	100%	0	3WA	99%	0
RTH	98%	2	4PC	100%	3
1K	98%	1	4TH	92%	3
1W	98%	0	5H	94%	2
2B	99%	2	5MS	95%	1
2TF	98%	2	6GM	93%	1
3WO	94%	2	6MC	93%	2

OVERALL ATTENDANCE 97%

STAR ATTENDERS OF THE WEEK ARE:

RTA, & 4PC



Children can you share the Pope Francis 5 Finger Prayer with your friends and families?

Congratulations to Morrisons – Acocks Green who are celebrating their 1st Anniversary of the store being open, thank you for the biscuits which have been delivered for our children.

HOLY SOULS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL DIARY DATES AUTUMN FIRST HALF 2019

DATE	EVENT	AUDIENCE
19/9/19	8:50AM INSPIRE WELCOME WORKSHOP	CLASS RECEPTION TAYLOR
20/9/19	8:50AM INSPIRE WELCOME WORKSHOP	CLASS RECEPTION THOMAS
SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER	10:00AM FAMILY MASS	ALL RECEPTION CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES
25/9/19	8:50AM INSPIRE WORKSHOP MATHS AND ENGLISH	YEAR 6
26/9/19	8:50AM INSPIRE WORKSHOP MATHS AND ENGLISH	YEAR 4
2/10/19	8:50AM WORKSHOP RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	YEAR 5
SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER	10:00AM FAMILY MASS CELEBRATE THE HARVEST	ALL YEAR 5 CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES
3/10 19	A DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT DAY	THE WHOLE SCHOOL
8/10/19	8:50am CLASS 5MS ASSEMBLY	CLASS 5MS PARENTS
9/10/19	FEAST OF BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMANN	WHOLE SCHOOL
10/10/19	MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY	WHOLE SCHOOL—NON UNIFORM—WEAR SOMETHING YELLOW!
14/10/19	NASAL VACCINATIONS	WHOLE SCHOOL
16/10/19	INTERNET SAFETY MEETING	PARENTS
17/10/19	8:50am CLASS 2TF ASSEMBLY	CLASS 2TF PARENTS
18/10/19	SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS	WHOLE SCHOOL
21/10/19	8:50AM KEY STAGE 2 AWARDS ASSEMBLY	KS2 PARENTS
22/10/19	8:50AM KEY STAGE 1 AWARDS ASSEMBLY	KS1 PARENTS
23rd and 24th October	PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS	ALL PARENTS



IMPROVING OUR OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT



During the coming week and months, we will be repainting, repairing and improving our playground.

This is a long-term project that will be led by our children – after all they are the ones who use it!

Our thanks to Mr O’Kane who has already made a wonderful start by varnishing the woodwork in the prayer garden. Our intention is for the School Council and the Gardening Club to explore what the children would like to do on the playground in their recreational time and to look at ways to achieve this. As our playground is used for P.E (Physical Education) lessons, we are unable to install any permanent equipment. This is why the small log huts outside our Reception classes have yet to be installed. We will endeavour to look at ways to add equipment without it effecting the space for lessons. The children do have access to equipment at play times and we are currently replenishing this.

We will be working with Acocks Green Village in Bloom and if you have access to any groups, companies or organisations who would be willing to assist through charitable donations please do come and see me.

OUTDOOR LUNCHTIME LIBRARY

Watch this space as Mrs Kielstra and the Lunch Time Supervisors start working on the lunchtime library. This new venture will see children accessing a quiet area with a range of materials and be organised and led by the children. We will be inviting the librarians from Acocks Green library to help us.

ALDI – SCHOOL PROJECT

Aldi have launched a new campaign regarding school equipment and an opportunity to possible win £20,000! Please look out for a newsletter from the HSSC – Holy Souls School Council next week. But in the meantime PLEASE get shopping and get collecting their reward stickers!

HEALTHY HEART – HEALTHY MIND

Our thanks to Miss Thomas who this year is introducing the Daily Mile for all of our children (and staff!). A daily burst of fresh air and fun at the same time!

Any ideas or any help would be appreciated – thank you !