



I AM A DISCIPLE FOR YOU JESUS



YEAR 2: ALEX & CRISTIA

STAFF MEMBER: ALL STAFF
YEAR 1: SAJID & LILLIE-MAE

RECEPTION: ISZACH & REGGIE

YEAR 3: TAYLOR & ADAM

YEAR 4: PRESTON & ALLANAH
YEAR 6: TYLOR, JOSHUA & OLIVIA

YEAR 5: CILLIAN & JULIA

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Dear Parents, carers, children and staff,

What a very different start to our new school year. We have washed and sanitised our hands many many times, staggered our start and end of the day whilst remembering to follow the one way system and done so with enthusiasm for which we are all very grateful.

It is different and here a little longer than we would like but in supporting each other we can, in faith, hope and love, get through it.

My thanks to all the teaching staff, cleaners, office staff, cooks and Mr O Kane for their hard work. Well done children for a great start to a new year and I hope you enjoyed your treat today.

A big well done to our Reception children who have really settled in well and are enjoying their work and play in school. Thank you to their grown-ups for entrusting them to us, it has been great to get to know you all.

Enjoy watching autumn unfold, stay safe and have a restful half term break.

God bless Mrs R A Girling Head Teacher

This week in school...

Sister Eleanor led Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 in virtual assemblies all about CAFOD. Thank you to Sister Eleanor for her time and information. It was great that Father Jonathan and Father Alex joined us for these assemblies.

We were delighted to welcome back our Year 6 pupils and staff. We heard all about how much you enjoyed your home learning.

We held our virtual Gospel Assembly and Celebration assemblies.

Mr Edwards and the Gardening Gang did a great job of weeding and digging.

Our office staff had their Parentmail training session.

We welcomed back Mrs Kingston who will be supporting our children in Reception and Key Stage 1.



TO BRING GOOD NEWS, TO SHINE FOR YOU.



Sacred Heart and Holy Souls Church – PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN ON THE WEBSITE

MASS IS AVAILABLE VIA LIVE STREAM ON YOU TUBE

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

SCHOOL REOPENS MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER AT 8:30AM

Dear Children and Families,

As we come towards the half-term break I do hope that you have some time to relax after a busy time at school. I thank all of your teachers and the staff for working so hard since the beginning of September to keep you all safe and help you with your learning.

This weekend the clocks go back one hour and it will be darker in the evenings and the days get shorter. In these times it is good for us to remember that Jesus promises to stay with us for ever and that he said, "I am the light of the world." During the holiday try and say a prayer together each evening as a family asking Jesus to stay with you to bless and guide your family. Remember that our beautiful church is open for Mass at the weekend and a safe place for us to come to pray together. There is also a Mass on the weekday mornings at 10am. It would be great to see you.

May God bless you and keep you in his love.



Fr Jonathan

Flu Vaccine

The nurses will be in on Wednesday 4th November to administer the flu vaccine to year 3, 4, 5 & 6 and any children who were absent on the original date.

Parental Consultations

Due to the current pandemic we will be holding our Parental Consultations by telephone.

These will take place on

Wednesday 11th November

from 3:00pm – 6:00pm

or

**Friday 13th November (INSET DAY
SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS)**

from 8:30am – 3:30pm.

You will receive an invitation to book a time slot on the Parentmail system after the holidays.

ATTENDANCE LATES PER CLASS

RTA	96%	1	3HT	96%	0
RTH	98%	4	4PC	99%	0
1KF	90%	0	4W	97%	0
1G	94%	1	5MS	91%	2
2B	97%	0	5F	96%	1
2WM	95%	1	6M	N/A	N/A
3WO	93%	3	6C	N/A	N/A
			6K	N/A	N/A

OVERALL ATTENDANCE 95 %

STAR ATTENDERS OF THE WEEK ARE:

RTH & 4PC

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WELL DONE DISCIPLES!

The challenge for us all this year in school is to follow the call of discipleship. The children are aware of what this means in their lives – both in school, our local community and the wider world. The names that appear on the newsletter are those who have been spotted in school or in the parish during the week showing themselves as true disciples. We have a special book which records the names of the disciples and in our Monday morning Gospel Assembly our disciples are congratulated for living their faith. Well done to those who have been nominated as disciples this half-term.

INTERNET SAFETY



This half term we have reminded the children about how to stay safe on line.

Do you know what apps your child has on their tablet or device?

Are they age appropriate?

How long are they spending on their electronic devices?

Please see the WEB ZONE tab on our school website where you can gain further knowledge and information regarding apps and websites.

Matters regarding social media will not be dealt with in school as they take away valuable teaching and learning time. Thank you.

Poppies

This year many Remembrance Parades are cancelled due to Covid-19. We would like you to decorate, colour and cut out the poppy sent home and put it in your window to show that you are remembering all the soldiers and people that died in the wars. Please tweet your poppy photos @SoulsSchool.

We wear our poppy proudly to show that we remember those that gave their lives for us. We will be selling poppies and poppy stationery after the holiday. Please see the details and prices below.



A GREAT HALF TERM PROJECT!

Competition for primary age children to produce a poster that explains how important it is to follow the coronavirus rules in Birmingham to the theme of 'It's a fact!'

Early years and primary aged children in Birmingham (11 and under) are tasked with producing posters or pieces of artwork that explain to their families, their friends and the wider community how important it is that everyone in Birmingham follows the national guidance as well as the local restrictions that are in place:

- Wash hands: keep washing your hands regularly for 20 seconds.
- Cover face: wear a face covering in enclosed spaces.
- Make space: stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions.
- In Birmingham you must not socialise with anybody outside of your household or support bubble in any indoor setting, whether at home or in a public place.
- Schools remain open and it is really important that everyone respects the measures schools have introduced to keep everyone safe.

Children should be encouraged to reflect on why the rules are in place and how important it is for everyone to play their part in keeping Birmingham safe.

How to enter

- **Children should to produce a poster or painting/drawing that helps communicate the message that everyone in Birmingham should be following the rules together to keep us all safe. These should be sent to the council where a judging panel (including Director of Public Health, Dr Justin Varney) will decide on the winning entries.**
- **Winning entries will be used on the council's social media channels to help communicate the messages about following the rules.**
- **Prizes for winning entries will include vouchers and personalised face coverings.**
- **Entries must be received by no later than Wednesday 4th November 2020.**
- **Entries should be sent by email to education@birmingham.gov.uk (photos or scans should be taken of the entries).**

Competition terms and conditions

1. The competition is open to children in Birmingham aged 11 or under
2. One entry per child will be accepted. There is no restriction on the number of entries received from schools.
3. The closing date for the competition is 5pm on Wednesday 4th November 2020.
4. Winning entries will be those deemed by the judges to have captured why Birmingham needs to follow the rules in the most engaging way.
5. Birmingham City Council reserves the right to reproduce and utilise in whole or in part the entries submitted by children for information and publicity purposes.
6. By entering, each school agrees to secure parental agreement and authorises the use of names of the establishment to which it belongs and the names of participating teachers and pupils in any information or publicity activity linked to this competition.
7. Schools must indicate any entries where there is not permission secured for any aspect of the entry.