



I AM A DISCIPLE FOR YOU JESUS



Holy Souls Catholic Primary School

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YEAR 2: MORGAN & NOAH

STAFF MEMBER: MR HENVEY
YEAR 1: KUBA & JAIN

RECEPTION: PHILLY & BLAKE

YEAR 3: VANESSA & ALFIE

YEAR 4: SIENNA & SIENNA
ELLIS

YEAR 5: GLEESON & DARIA

YEAR 6: NATALIA &

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today is Family Fast Day. Our Young Disciples have been busy organising the Food Bank Collection. We were overwhelmed by your generosity and thank you all very much. We thank Morrisons and former parents and pupils who also dropped food off, for their kind donations. Acocks Green Food Bank will be receiving our donations and we thank them for all of their hard work and care that they provide for our community.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Ms Myra Hill. Myra was a volunteer who helped lead our school hymn practice session every week, attended every school Mass and joined us for our many celebrations. Her talent for playing the flute was truly inspirational and we thank her for sharing this talent with us for over twenty five years. Myra is a huge loss to our community and we remember her fondly and keep her family in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

Wishing you all a very happy and hopefully dry weekend.

God Bless

Mrs R A Girling Head Teacher

(I am not mentioning football!)

This week in school we...

- Enjoyed dance club and football club
- Celebrated Holy Mass with Father Alex – well done to our Y6 pupils who led the Liturgy of the Word
- Got very muddy in Forest School
- Mrs Kielstra attended training on Safeguarding updates
- Mrs Girling joined the local Head Teachers where we all shared ideas that our schools and local community can benefit from.
- Mr Henvey launched the Y6 Lunchtime Football League – Good Luck to you all!
- Mr Iqbal and Sean (Y6) started the Y6 Purple Mash Computing Club
- Mrs Pettigrew attended Safety on line training
- Miss Wood started her Science Leaders course.

NEXT WEEK.....

Kick Boxing Club starts on Tuesday after school for Year 3 pupils.

Miss Finnegan (Y6) will be leading her Y5/6 Multi Sports Club on Wednesday after school.



TO BRING GOOD NEWS, TO SHINE FOR YOU.



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

MASS IS AVAILABLE IN PERSON OR VIA LIVE STREAM

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

Let's Celebrate!!!

RT	Freddie	3M	Gracie & Ethan
RK	Millie	4PC	Gosia & Aaron
1G	Anthony and Yasmine	4W	James & Leyla
1B	Keeva & Lily-mae	5F	Alisha & Nikodem
2WM	Liliana and Ion	5SM	Jayden & Veronica
2K	Teddy and Sofia	6F	Ethan & Julia
3TW	Cristia & Rohan	6M	Sean & Olivia

Leaders for Learning don't forget to collect your special pencil from Mrs Girling!

HAPPY GOLDEN TIME EVERYONE!

THURSDAY OCTOBER 7TH 2021

**DON'T BE LATE AND MAKE SURE YOU
ARE IN SCHOOL!**

We are counting down the days to the

Animal Man!

Our special lunch menu will be all American
Hot Dogs!

If your child usually brings sandwiches and
would like to book a school lunch for this day,
please contact the school office.

I wonder what we will find out about
dementia from our **Birmingham Irish
Association** visitors?

Sports Stars of the Week



Reception – Codey

KS1 = Luca

KS2 = Jordan

ATTENDANCE AND LATES

**OVERALL ATTENDANCE - 90% - We are looking for
improved attendance next week.**

CLASS	%	Number of lates	CLASS	%	Number of lates
RT	80%	3	3M	91%	9
RK	82%	1	4PC	87%	4
1G	88%	5	4W	96%	5
1B	86%	5	5F	97%	10
2WM	86%	3	5SM	99%	2
2K	78%	4	6M	94%	13
3TW	98%	5	6F	85%	1

This week's attendance winners are 5SM – congratulations

"I really enjoyed playing tag tails with you and Coach Colm!"

FAST TRACK TO ATTENDANCE

This week

Miss Finn carried out many home visits this week and will continue to do so for children who are absent. During the week November 1st 2021 we will be holding meetings with parents of pupils who have attendance that is causing us concern.

PARENTS EVENING

As we did last year we will be holding virtual consultations. This consultation is a settling in and target setting report with opportunities for you to share any updates. The consultations will take place from 3:15pm until 4:25pm Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st October. Each appointment is ten minutes. The online booking system will go live at 5pm on Monday 4th October 2021. Mr Henvey will be contacting parents of pupils regarding SEND consultations. This is a great opportunity to celebrate the early success of the children and I thank staff for their preparation and yourselves for attending.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

So sorry – the order has still not arrived. We are chasing it up. Your patience is appreciated.

Car Park

Please be aware that the ANPR Registration recognition system is now used in the Spread Eagle car park. We are aware fines have and are been issued and as previously shared we are unable to assist with this. The Church car park and Social Club Car Park are free. Please do not park on Mallard Close as it needs to be accessible should we require the emergency services. (Blue Badge Holders are exempt and we ask you to please park near Gate C)

Christmas arrives a little early!

Our thanks to Poundland Solihull who this week have donated a wealth of Christmas goodies.

A Prayer for Family Fast Day

Walk beside us, Lord,
in the cool of the day,
in the garden you have created
as our common home.

Walk beside us, Lord,
as the cries of the forest
pierce the dawn,
and flames rip through
our common home.

Grant us courage, Lord,
as we walk beside all those
who struggle to protect
our common home.

Grant us hope, Lord,
and the vision to walk dark paths
in the light of a single sunbeam.

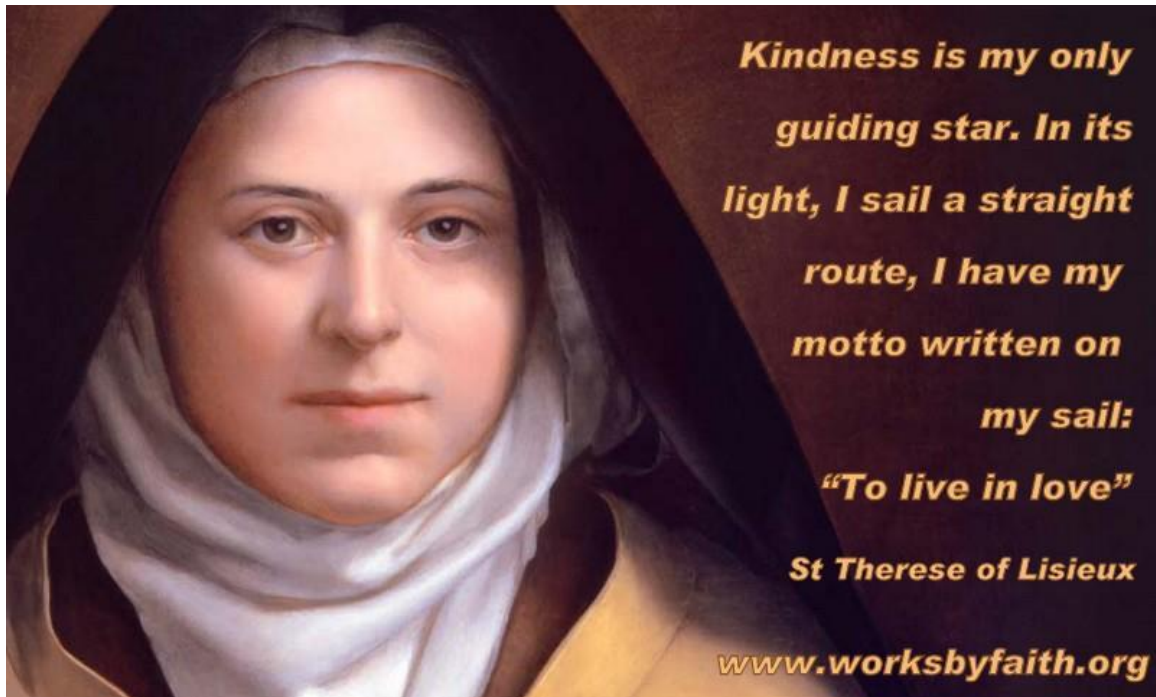
Grant us grace, Lord,
to put the flourishing of all people

and the wonder of your creation
at the heart of all we do,
as we strive to be guardians
of our common home.
St Francis, pray for us.



This week in school we celebrated Little Way Week.

We enjoyed a range of activities that were organised by Miss Trodden and the Young Disciples.



SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

Each week we will be sharing ideas on how to keep safe or sign posting to organisations that may be of help.

A Safeguarding Curriculum at Holy Souls Catholic Primary School.

'**Keeping Children Safe in Education 2021**' reminds us that safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility.

Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families has a role to play. This means that they should always consider what is in the best interests of the child.

At Holy Souls we believe that it is vital for our children to have opportunities to learn how to stay safe both in and outside of school—learning that comes from parents and also the staff at Holy Souls.

Safeguarding awareness & understanding of such things as missing children, child sexual exploitation, bullying, domestic abuse, discrimination, inequality, drugs & alcohol abuse, faith abuse, forced marriage, gender violence, radicalisation, mental health, trafficking etc. all start with the knowledge and skills we introduce at school.

Here are some examples:

- Religious Education lessons reinforce messages of tolerance and respect for others. Opportunity to visits places of worship that are important to different to faiths
- Online safety lessons
- Healthy eating focus in science and technology
- Play partners, Guardian Angels
- Jesuit Virtues
- Assemblies and Circle Time
- PSHE, Jigsaw, RSE and Science curricula
- Links with the NSPCC initiatives
- National Online Safety guides for pupils and parents
- Local community representatives to support the curriculum such as PCSOs, Police, Fire Safety etc.
- Transition work from pre-school settings to Reception, all Year groups and from Year 6 to Year 7
- School website, updated regularly for pupils and parents linked to safeguarding and online safety
- Safeguarding newsletters which create talking points with children and families about keeping safe
- Significant pastoral casework for pupils and families
- Road and rail safety work
- Beatitudes and Anti-bullying throughout the year
- Rights Respecting School work
- School Council learn about different models of democracy and how to ensure we have a safe and productive environment in our school
- Pupil voice groups in all aspects of the curriculum



- Engagement with charities that broaden pupils' awareness, understanding and worldview
- Forest School programme and outdoor learning
- Continual challenge of stereotypes/assumptions in all lessons
- Behaviour policy and practise in school
- Mental Health awareness and support
- Reporting routes—how and who to talk to- Trusted Adults, See it, Hear it, Say it, Stop it.

