Holy Souls Catholic Primary School

Mallard Close, Acocks Green, Birmingham B27 6BN

Head Teacher: Mrs R A Girling

Autumn Term 2022

Friday 25TH November 2022

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Dear Parents, carers and children,

What a wonderful celebration for our Y6 children as they enrolled for the Sacrament of Confirmation at parish Mass last Sunday. It was a delight to see so many of our children and families at Mass who along with our parish family were treated to the wonderful voices of the choir and talents of our musicians. Our thanks to Canon Jonathan and we look forward to many more celebrations.

## Awake, Awake for the Lord is Coming

This week in school our Year 6 children have excelled as teachers! Introducing the season of Advent through prayer, liturgy and song to all the classes we were very impressed by your teaching skills and excellent knowledge.

Well done to everyone for your charitable donations which will help our local Food Bank and it was great to see you in your purple outfits.

Please do make use of the Walk With Me Calendar that has been sent home. We use it daily in school and it has great ideas and suggestions as we await the Birth of Our Lord.

Wishing you a blessed and happy Advent Season.



God Bless Mrs Girling



Savannah & Archie

Receptioni

Year 2: Lois & Oskar

Staff member: Miss Myatt



#### Gifts from God Celebration Assembly

RTA	John & Breah	3W	Sofia & Tendai	
RTR	Sabina & Brandon	4PW	Jay & Sania	
IG	Hugo & Corey	4C	Mannie & Lacey	
lKJ	Oliver & Philly	5F	Olivia & Veronica	
awm	Andrew & Paddy	5SM	Amelia & Elijah	
ak	Sophia & Tommy	6F	Mia & Izabela	
3M	Maddison & Izabella	6M	Jessica & Rosie-Ann	

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

HAPPY GOLDEN TIME EVERYONE!

#### Sports Stars of the Week



Reception KSI

Winter

Aisling

KS2 - Max

# We love to read!

RTA	Maya	3W	Callum	
RTR	Marlo	4PW	Elsa	
IG	Leriah	4C	Kevin	
lКJ	Charlie	5F	Szymon	
awm	Bayleigh	5SM	Jordan	
aĸ	Eniola	6F	Allanah	
3M	Carina	6M	Maddie	

Thank you for hearing your child read and completing your child's Reading Record every evening.

# Attendance Matters



OVERALL ATTENDANCE - 88% A DIP THIS WEEK!

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RTA	75%	3W	89%
RTR	86%	4C	93%
IG	86%	4PW	94%
IKJ	92%	5F	87%
ак	93%	5SM	90%
awm	92%	6F	92%
3M	82%	6M	84%

This week winner is 4PW ~ enjoy your extra PE time with Coach Dylan!

We are disappointed to see that attendance has dipped this week.

Next week Mr Mills and Mrs Kielstra will be analysing attendance data for Autumn Term.

Letters will be sent out to parents whose children's attendance falls below 90% to invite them to a meeting with Mr Mills and Mrs Kielstra to discuss how we can support families to improve attendance.

As a school we liaise closely with the Birmingham Local Authority
Attendance Team who advise us of the legal pathway we have to follow
in order to try to improve children's life chances and attendance at
school is a major part of this.

Sadly, we are seeing more cases where families are facing legal intervention.

Please work with us to give your children the very best chance to have a complete education by ensuring that they are in school every day.



Emails were sent to parents of children who are entitled to free school meals on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November with their unique code to sign up for activities.

Please check your emails. If you have any queries, please contact

Miss Reynolds

#### This week in school we ...

- Enjoyed watching England in their opening match! What a win long may it continue.
- Held our Reception 2023 intake Open Morning and it was lovely to meet you all.
- We heard a few early Christmas carols in hymn practice.
- Our extra-curricular dubs were great fun.
- Mrs McGarry our Foundation Governor called in to have a play in our Forest School
- After Christmas we have some new staff members joining us and we were delighted to welcome Mr Hill and Mrs McGinley to school this week.
- Year I had a great time at the MAC Theatre watching a live performance of The Bear.
- Miss Myatt and Mrs Girling enjoyed visiting all our classes and were impressed by the children in their Maths lessons. Keep working hard everyone!
- Reception and Supertato saved the Unicorn releasing her from Evil Pea and his Year 6 villains!

#### **ALTAR SERVERS**

Congratulations to our 24 children who successfully achieved Altar Server status. We look forward to seeing you serve our Parish family at Mass as a Disciples for Jesus.

Thank you to Pat from the Parish for her excellent teaching and help.

## POPPY APPEAL 2022

We were delighted to receive our certificate from the Royal British Legion. We were flabbergasted to see that donations to the annual Poppy Appeal raised a whopping

£603.56

Thank you children for your amazing kindness and generosity.

### Hoping to improve our facilities!



Thank you to our School Councillors and parents who this week gave up their time to meet with Mr Heaward. We are hoping to look at ways to improve our playground and this is part of an initiative for all schools in The St Teresa of Calcutta MAC. We will keep you updated and well done children and grownups for your wonderful ideas and suggestions!

Mr Heaward shared how animated, courteous and enthusiastic our children were and that they are a credit to our school and their families! Well done HSSC!



We are blessed to have so many staff willing to give up their free time to run our many before and after sports, singing and other exciting activities. Our thanks to all staff for facilitating this. A reminder that a Class Dojo will be sent out if we have to cancel - particularly on wet mornings for outside clubs.

We would ask that once your child has signed up they commit to attending every week. They cannot pick and choose when to attend as it prevents a child on the waiting list to have the opportunity to join in.

## CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Please ensure permission for your child to participate in the Christmas performances is up to date. Only pupils with consent will be able to be visible on camera at Church and seen on the live stream.

In school (Reception and Year 1) you will be able to watch the performance but you will not able to record or take photographs during the performance.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.



## SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

#### What Parents Need to Know about BeReal

A free online safety guide on BeReal.

BeReal is the latest trending social media app. The concept is that people see others in their authentic day-to-day lives, sharing candid photos without editing or applying filters. Each day at a random time, users are simultaneously notified to take a photo of what they're doing at that exact moment. The two-minute window to submit an image means there's no time to select a particularly glamorous or exciting activity. BeReal shares two pictures: a selfie, and an image of the immediate surroundings. Users can only view and react to their friends' photos once they upload their own.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as strangers, location sharing and visible personal data.



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