



I am a Disciple for you Jesus



ALL OF OUR WONDERFUL CHILDREN AND PARENTS AND CARERS

ALL OF OUR STAFF, GOVERNORS AND PARISH - THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND SUPPORT

Holy Souls Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents, carers and children,

Thank you all for a wonderful half term that has been filled with fun, laughter, love, kindness and hard work. We have all acted as true Disciples and can be proud of our many achievements. Please enjoy a well-deserved rest, recharge the batteries.

Congratulations to our 54 Year 3 children, one Year 4 and one Year 5 child and three members of the parish who presented themselves at Mass on Sunday. This was your enrolment Mass in preparation for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

Our readers, the wonderful homily from Canon Jonathan, the choir and musicians who raised the roof and a packed Church made it a truly uplifting and wonderful celebration.

The challenge now is for our children and their families to join the parish weekly in preparing for the receiving of these gifts as you continue to walk on your journey of faith.

God bless

Mrs Girling

**SCHOOL REOPENS ON
MONDAY 27TH FEBRUARY AT 8:30AM**



To bring good news, to shine for you.



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

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

Preparing for Lent

Ash Wednesday - which signals the start of Lent is Wednesday February 22nd
- during half term.

Before it arrives, make a point of stopping and thinking about how you could spend Lent?

There are 3 holy practices which we are called to take on in Lent.

PRAYER - spending some time - just a little each day to talk to God.

FASTING - giving up or staying off something we enjoy or like.

ALMSGIVING (SHARING) - giving what we can, if we can, to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Make a Lenten plan and try to keep to it for a grace filled journey to Easter.

We look forward to walking our Lenten journey together and will be sharing our activities when we return!



Sacred Heart and Holy Souls Church
Ash Wednesday - Wednesday 22nd February

Mass times

10:00am

12:30pm

7:00pm

Progress Meetings

Our thanks to those parents who joined us in school or via the telephone for an update on your child's progress. Working together to achieve the very best is essential and we thank you for your continued help and support. Thank you for your feedback and thank you to our staff for preparing for these meetings.

Attendance Matters



This half term we have achieved an AVERAGE ATTENDANCE of **93%**

This is an improvement on Autumn Term's attendance which was 91%. However we are still slightly below national average which is currently 94%. Let's work hard together next half term to reach or hopefully exceed national average!

How to prevent your child from missing school

You can help prevent your child missing school by:

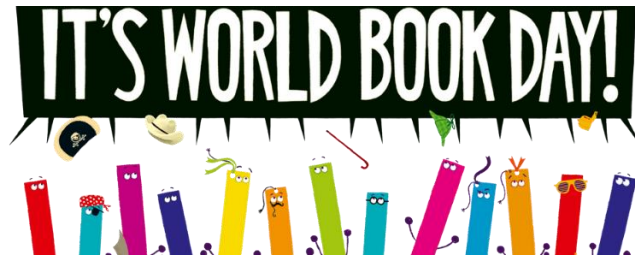
- making sure they understand the importance of good attendance and punctuality.
- taking an interest in their education, ask about schoolwork, support with homework and encourage them to get involved in school activities.
- discussing any problems they may have at school and letting their teacher or a member of the senior leadership team know about anything bothering them.
- not letting children take time off school for minor ailments, particularly those which would not prevent you from going to work.

Acocks Green Library

Year 4 visited the library and once again we were complimented on super behaviour, excellent manners and super reading skills. Thank you Year 4. Why not pop along next week?

World Book Day 2023

Monday 27th February- Friday 3rd March



Dear Parent/carers,

To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March 2023, children are invited to either come to school in their pyjamas or to dress up as their favourite book character on this day.

The theme for this year is 'You are a Reader' and is all about children reading for pleasure and the inspiration we get from reading lots of different books.

During the day, the children will take part in lots of exciting activities based around a book.

World Book Day celebrates the joy of reading and sharing books. To encourage and help them on this journey, every child will receive a £1.00 book token which can be exchanged for one free World Book Day book.

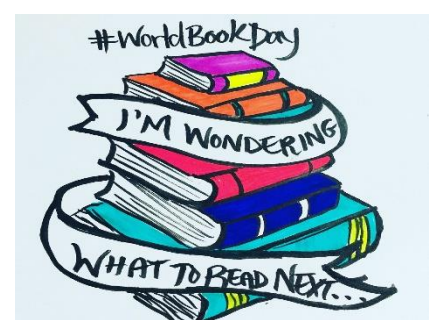
Also, we are asking children to dig deep in their cupboards at home and find a book they have already read and that they no longer need. Children will be asked to bring this book in no later than Wednesday 3rd March for us to take part in a book swap on Thursday 2nd March.

And don't forget, children will have the opportunity to listen to a story around the campfire during the week. Please make sure you sign consent via parent mail for your child to receive a hot chocolate and marshmallows.

I am looking forward to seeing the children in their costumes and maybe some of the staff too!

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Wade



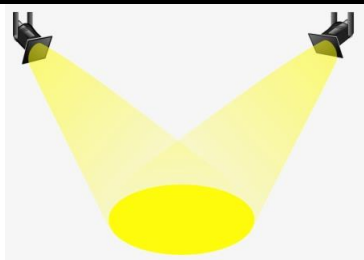
Bring it on again, Brum! For EVERYONE!

As an extension of our incredibly popular holiday activities and food programme, events in sports centres, youth clubs and community venues across Birmingham, offering 12,000 spaces during February Half Term.

Bring it on Brum activities are aimed at children and young people in Birmingham aged 4-16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals, however these February half term events are open to ALL families to try a taste! This includes families with no recourse to public funds, those struggling with the cost-of-living, and those who are new to Bring it on Brum activities.

The events are running from Saturday 18th to Sunday 26th February. They will feature a HUGE range of activities: including sports and games, arts and crafts, cookery, dance and music, as well as information and advice for the whole family. Programmes will vary depending on the type and location of each local sports venue and club, but every day there will be a nutritious meal served up for FREE!

Find out more at www.BringItOnBum.co.uk



Spotlight on Safeguarding

A reminder that on our website (link below) is some very useful and up to date information regarding internet safety, appropriate use of apps and signposting to many useful school related websites.

<https://www.holysoul.bham.sch.uk/esafety.htm>

If you are worried about a child over the weekend contact Birmingham Children's Information and Advice Service on 0121 303 1888 or directly to the Police. Outside office hours, call the emergency duty team 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on: 0121 675 4806 Neglect or abuse of a child is a criminal offence.

SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY