



I am a Disciple for you Jesus



Holy Souls Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter 20

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Year 2: Luca & Halea

Staff member: Mrs McGinley
Year 1: Freya & Colin

Reception: Winter & Elisa

Dear Parents, carers and children,

I hope you had a good half term break and enjoyed some rest and relaxation. I thank the children and yourselves for the way they have returned - smartly dressed, eager to learn and ready for a busy but short half term.

This week we enjoyed celebrating our Lenten journey which included the feasts of Saint David and St Chad.

Mrs Wade organised a week of reading activities as we celebrated our first World Book Week. We enjoyed hearing the bell ring as we took part in **DEAR** - **D**ropped **E**verything **A**nd **R**ead. We searched for clues in book trail, swapped books with our friends, dressed up for World Book Day and as Tommy in Year 4 told his Mum "It was so cool to read stories around a campfire with hot chocolate and marshmallows!" It was indeed very cool and the children really enjoyed listening to their class reading book in the Forest School. Throughout the week we have celebrated the joy and seen the love we all have for reading. Keep it up children and adults! Our thanks to Mrs Wade for leading a wonderful week and Mrs Gill, Miss Mills and Mr Mills for keeping us warm and safe around the campfire.

Walking with one another on our Lenten journey...

As we celebrate the Second Sunday of Lent let us think of how we can pray, fast and share with those around us. Please do pray for Class 3M who tomorrow join the parish for 10:00am Mass followed by receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. Please see weekend Mass times below.

God bless and enjoy your weekend

Mrs Girling

(I am keeping very quiet about football at the moment!)



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

Gifts from God Celebration Assembly

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| RTA | Mylah-Rose & Arlo | 3W | Caragh & Ellie Mae |
| RM | Elsis & Archie | 4PM | Isobelle & Lena |
| IG | Codey & Freyah | 4WH | Maisie & Kevin |
| IKJ | Iga & Samuel | 5F | Lucas & Lewis |
| 2WM | Decent & Alan | 5S | Clayton & Alex |
| 2T | Natan & Harry | 6F | Ethan Stack Williams & Tigan |
| 3M | Chimamanda & Mayah | 6M | Joshua & Gleesome |

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

HAPPY GOLDEN TIME EVERYONE!

Sports Stars of the Week



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| Reception | - | J'Raiyah |
| KS1 | - | Audrey |
| KS2 | - | Max |



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| RTA | Savannah | 3W | Eli |
| RM | Samuel | 4PM | Elsa |
| IG | Aisling | 4WH | Alex |
| IKJ | Millie | 5F | Max |
| 2WM | Paddy | 5S | Dhillon |
| 2T | Amber | 6F | Jolie |
| 3M | Talulah | 6M | Ethan J |

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

Attendance Matters



OVERALL ATTENDANCE - 93%

| CLASS | % | CLASS | % |
|-------|-----|-------|-----|
| RTA | 93% | 3W | 92% |
| RM | 98% | 4WH | 92% |
| IG | 90% | 4PM | 91% |
| IKJ | 99% | 5F | 89% |
| 2T | 95% | 5S | 94% |
| 2WM | 96% | 6F | 91% |
| 3M | 92% | 6M | 96% |

This week's winner is IKJ~ enjoy your extra PE time with Coach Dylan!

We are slowly creeping upwards and this is great. An improvement of 7% last half term.

Remember every minute of every day matters.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta MAC

On Friday 17th February the staff enjoyed an in-service training day with our 350 colleagues from Holy Trinity, St Chad's, The Rosary, Archbishop Ilsley and St Joseph's. We had a great day with Sister Judith Russi who supported us in our faith formation. Our thanks to all who assisted and to Holy Trinity for their wonderful hospitality. Our thanks to Monsignor Menzies and concelebrants Canon Jonathan, Father Alex, Deacon Tim and Deacon Martin for a wonderful celebration of Mass.

Thank you

Thank you to our MAC Central Team for funding our beautiful new reading and chatting den. Our HSSC (Holy Souls School Councillors) decided on the style and colour and we are very pleased with it! The children have named it Mrs Girling's Palace! It is a brilliant addition to our playground and we are looking forward to using it for recreation times and outdoor learning.



A visit to Acocks Green Library



Once again the children were exemplary as they selected their books. Thank you to Year 5 for representing our school so well in the local community. I am not sure what the local community thought may have been happening as they went in character costumes and pyjamas!



The Lent CAFOD Family Fast Day is TODAY - Friday 3rd March 2023. Please use the link below if you wish to make a donation

https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day?gclid=EAIaIQobChMInOu73fy_QIVwsLtCh0SawONEAAYASAAEgLFtvD_BwE

This week in school...

- Year 4 attended Adoration and parish Mass, and Year 3 also attended parish Mass.
- We enjoyed our extra-curricular clubs. Our latest club with Miss Maye - Design and Technology- is going really well.
- We held our first ever World Book Week.
- We had Hot Chocolate with Mrs Girling.
- Y3 enjoyed swimming at Archbishop Ilsley and were congratulated on their outstanding manners, participation and behaviour. Well done Year 3 and thank you.
- Our Y6 pupils found out where their new Secondary Schools will be.

Pupil Progress Meetings

Thank you to our parents who joined us here in school or on the telephone to find out all about the wonderful work your child is doing and how to help and support them. My thanks to the staff for preparing for and leading these meetings. Thank you for completing the highly positive parent questionnaires and your very kind comments.

Extra-curricular opportunities

We are blessed to have so many clubs and booster sessions available for our children. My thanks to all the staff and coaches who lead these.

Following your feedback from the questionnaires regarding after school club opportunities for our Key Stage 1 children, Year 1 will have the opportunity to attend a Thursday afternoon Multi Sports Club with Coach Dylan from 3pm until 3:45pm. Letters will be sent out on Monday.

Year 2 will have the opportunity to attend Irish Dancing Club with Miss C Finnegan on Thursday afternoon 3pm until 3:45pm. Letters will be sent out on Monday.

Our clubs are very popular and we do have a waiting list or rotate the clubs so that everyone who wishes to attend has the opportunity.

Year 3 and Year 4 Thursday Football - the group changes next week and letters will be sent out to those who will be offered a place.

Can I please ask that if you commit to any before or after school club or have received a letter from Year 6 or Year 4 regarding 8am booster sessions that you do commit to attending. Staff give freely of their time to support the children in a range of extra-curricular and additional academic sessions. If you do not attend your place can be given to another child who wishes to attend but may be on a waiting list.

| Day | Club | Time |
|-----------|--|---------------------------|
| Monday | Dance (External Coach) | Until 3.45pm |
| Tuesday | Kick Boxing (External Coach) | Until 3.45pm |
| Tuesday | Soul Singers Choir (Mrs Stephenson) | Until 3.45pm |
| Monday | Netball (Miss N Finnegan) | Until 4.00pm |
| Wednesday | Year 5 and Year 6 Football (Coach Dylan) | 8.00am |
| Thursday | Year 3 and Year 4 Football (Coach Dylan) | 8.00am |
| Thursday | Year 2 Irish Dancing (Miss C Finnegan) | Until 3.45pm |
| Thursday | Year 1 Multi Sports (Coach Dylan) | Until 3.45pm |
| Thursday | Design Technology Club (Miss Maye) | Until 3:45pm |
| Friday | Years 4/5 Basketball Club (Coach Dylan) | 8.00am |
| Friday | Computer Club (Mr Aqbal) | 8.00am |
| Various | Y6 and Y4 Booster Groups | 8:00am |
| Daily | Outdoor Library (The librarians) | Lunchtime |
| Daily | Art and Craft (St Teresa's) | Lunchtime |
| Daily | Lego Club (St Teresa's) | Lunchtime |
| Daily | Forest School | Throughout the school day |
| Daily | The Prayer Garden (Young Disciples) | Lunchtime |
| Daily | Play Partners (Year 5 pupils) | Lunchtime |

PE kits may be worn on days when pupils attend a sporting club. Please ensure it is our expected PE kit and hair below the shoulder needs to be tied back for safety.

Class Dojo

This excellent communication tool is perfect for messages and updates. Please be aware that staff are unable to respond throughout the day as they are in class teaching. Dojo is available from 8am until school starts and from 3:15pm until 4:30pm. Please do call the office to inform us if your child is absent. Thank you.



Spotlight on Safeguarding



The NSPCC has an excellent website which contains lots of practical advice for parents, covering a wide range of topics ranging from how to cope with tantrums to talking about difficult topics.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>

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