



I am a Disciple for you Jesus



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Holy Souls Catholic Primary School

Mallard Close, Acocks Green, Birmingham B27 6BN

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Dear Parents, carers and children,

What a great start to our new school year. We have seen the children arriving smartly dressed for the school day or their PE lesson and their attitude to work, their behaviour and enthusiasm has been exemplary. Thank you and well done children! Keep it up!



Reception Classes 2023

It was a pleasure to meet our newest and youngest children this week. We are looking forward to getting to know you and your families. We thank you for choosing our school for your child's education and we can promise you that we will take very good care of them.



Please do not hesitate to call in and see a member staff if you have any questions, queries worries or concerns. We are here to help you and all matters will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence. The door is always open and the kettle is always on.

Happy weekend.

God bless

Mrs Girling



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.

WELCOME

A warm Holy Souls welcome to Mrs A Jaffery who is teaching in Class 1J, Mrs Joynor Class 5J and Miss McConnell in 3M. We are also delighted to welcome back Mrs Corrigan who will be supporting classes throughout school; and Mrs Curran who returns after her maternity leave.

We wish you a happy and enjoyable time here in our school and will be keeping you in our prayers.

SAVE THE DATE!!! PARENT BRIEFING WORKSHOPS

This year we will be holding our Parent Briefings for each Year Group. This session will be an opportunity to find out what your child can expect this year. We look forward to meeting with you. The office staff will be sending out booking information next week. These briefings will take place in the school hall.

YEAR GROUP	DATE	TIME
RECEPTION	Tuesday 24 th October	2.00PM
Y1	Tuesday 3 rd October	2:00PM
Y2	Tuesday 10 th October	2:00PM
Y3	Monday 9 th October	2:00PM
Y4	Thursday 12 th October	2:00PM
Y5	Thursday 5 th October	2:00PM

Thank you for your response to our survey regarding the timings of our briefings. The majority selected the 2pm slot.

Year 6 - We will be inviting you in for a one to one target setting meeting with the class teacher and your child at the start of October.

ATTENDANCE - EVERY MINUTE OF EVERY DAY MATTERS

100% is our expectation. Mr Mills our Pastoral Manager is also our Attendance Officer and will be using the Fast Track to Attendance programme. This includes supporting families and individuals, looking at attendance patterns and from this academic year we will be issuing fines. A reminder that only the Head Teacher can authorise leave in exceptional circumstances. Holiday requests are not classed as exceptional circumstances and will not be authorised and we no longer use a form for requests. Should you require leave of absence you will need to book an appointment through the office to meet with me.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS UPDATES

Mr Henvey is available on Tuesday and Thursday for appointments. Please book these through the office should you require an appointment. Please see the website for further information regarding special educational needs.

Class Dojo - this superb communication system allows you to contact your child's class teacher and keep us informed of anything we may need to know. Please make sure you are connected with your new class teacher and regularly check messages.

Class Dojo is available Monday to Friday 8am until 4:00pm.

BIRTHDAY TREATS

We are aware that children do like to bring in treats when they celebrate their birthday. As we have an increasing number of children and staff with allergies we are asking that no sweet treats or cakes are brought into school. If you wish to donate a book for your child's class to read and then add to our library you are most welcome. Thank you for your support and cooperation with this matter.

ROAD SAFETY

Thank you for using the social club or church car park. This is for the safety of us all.

SAVE THE DATE

The annual Book Fair arrives on the 9th October 2023.

Thank you for your generosity and maybe you could start your Christmas shopping?

Year 6 - Getting ready for Secondary School!

A message from Mr Clinton Head teacher of our feeder school - Archbishop Ilsey.

"Hello parents and carers. You are invited to our Open Evening on Thursday 28th September 2023 5:50pm until 7:30pm; you will have the opportunity to see our facilities including our library, gym, sports hall, swimming pool, MUGA and astroturf and meet some of lovely pupils and committed teachers. If you haven't ever visited Ilsey, I would encourage you to make use of all 6 of your choices."

It was great to visit Archbishop Ilsey on Thursday morning with 30 of our Year 6 pupils. We will be going weekly at 8am to use the astroturf for our early morning football club. Whilst there I was delighted to see how well our Y6 pupils have settled into Year 7. It was a pleasure to chat with them, hear how excited they are at their new school and to see them so enthusiastic. I must say how impressed I was how smartly dressed they all were! I also spoke to many older pupils who were keen to share how hard they are working and how proud they are of their school. We keep all our former pupils in our prayers and wish them a happy and successful academic year ahead.

ARCHBISHOP ILSLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OPEN EVENING 2023



28TH SEPTEMBER 2023
5:30PM - 7:30PM
HEADTEACHER'S ADDRESS
5:30PM AND 6:30PM

OPEN MORNINGS 2023



3RD OCTOBER: 9:15AM-10:00AM
4TH OCTOBER: 9:15AM-10:00AM

Contact the school on 0121 706 4200 or
enquiry@ilsley.bham.sch.uk by
29th September 2023
Only those who have made an appointment will be
able to attend

Victoria Road, Acocks Green, B27 7XY



SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

We will continue to share ideas on how to keep safe or sign posting to organisations that may be of help.

For our new families in Reception and across school we thought it would be useful to share a few Safeguarding explanations (and a reminder for everyone!)

Who's Who at Holy Souls?

Mrs Kielstra: Lead DSL & SPOC

Mrs Girling: Deputy DSL

Miss Trodden: Deputy DSL

Mr Henvey: Deputy DSL (SEND)

Mrs Brown: Deputy DSL (Pastoral / Early Help)

Useful Acronyms & Vocabulary about Safeguarding

- DSL: Designated DSL Safeguarding Lead
- SPOC: Single Point of Contact (PREVENT) - responsible for preventing children being impacted by extremism
- PREVENT: Part of the Governments Counter Terrorism Strategy to stop people being drawn into extremism
- LADO: Local Authority Designated Officer—who deals with position of trust safeguarding issues
- CEOP: Child Exploitation and On-line Protection Centre
- BSCB: Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board
- KCSIE: Keeping Children Safe in Education (available on the school web pages)
- CAMHS: Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services
- MARAC: Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences
- PPO: Police Protection Order
- CPS: Crime Prosecution Service
- EHA: Early Help Assessment
- SEND: Special Educational Needs & Disabilities