



I am a Disciple for you Jesus



Holy Souls Catholic Primary School

Mallard Close, Acocks Green, Birmingham B27 6BN

Head Teacher: Mrs R A Girling

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Friday 13th October 2023

Newsletter 6

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Year 3: Ella & Ruby

Staff member: Mrs Gill
Year 2: Philly & Keava

Year 1: John & Jacob

Reception: Kion

Year 4: Luke & Colby

Year 5: Szymon & Tommy

Year 6: Niamh & Sam

Dear Parents, carers and children,

I hope you have had a good week. We have been very busy here in school and have enjoyed our learning, our play and a very exciting visit last week from the animals! Please enjoy the gallery!

A wonderful celebration of Mass took place with our parish family last Sunday. Well done to our readers, musicians, choir, altar servers, staff, children, families and parishioners who through our own Good Shepherd - Canon Jonathan made it such a joyous occasion. It was great to see so many of our new Reception children and their families. *Save the date as we celebrate our next parish Mass on Sunday 26th November.*

I hope you have enjoyed reading our recent Ofsted report. We feel this is a true reflection of the hard work, dedication and support we experience day to day as a school family and community. We look forward to continuing to ensure the best education, opportunities and experiences for our children. Thank you for your kind words and congratulations on our report it means so much to us all.

This week we welcomed two new staff to school- Mrs Harkin and Mrs Husbands. It was a pleasure to meet them and they shared how well-mannered and enthusiastic the children are and how they welcome they felt. We look forward to working with them this academic year.

God bless

Have a lovely weekend.

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.

PARENT BRIEFING WORKSHOPS

Thank you for attending our recent Parent Briefings/ We were delighted to see dop many of you and we hope the information shared was useful. The feedback shares how pelased parents were to have the opporuntiy to know the routines for the year, the high expectations and how we can support each other.

Year 6 have their one to one target setting meetings on Thursday 19th October. We look forward to seeing you.

Thank you for remembering.....

Please ensure we have TWO contact phone numbers for your child. This is for safeguarding reasons and in case of an emergency. Also, please remember to inform the office immediately if your contact details need updating.

We would request that matters related to school are shared with us directly. Staff and the leadership are always avaiable to support and assit you.

Uniform - please ensure your child is wearing the full and expected school uniform including appropriate footwear. PE kits ar a white polo or tshirt and navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms. Further details regarding uniform, haircuts and jewellery can be found in the school website <https://www.holysoulbham.sch.uk/>

Animal Man



We had such great fun and learned so much about habitats, caring for creatures and how wonderful creation is.

Progress Meetings

Thank you for completing the progress meeting survey that has been sent out. The survey closes at 4pm on Wednesday 18th October.

Attendance Matters



OVERALL ATTENDANCE 92 %

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RG	82%	4WM	92%
IWK	89%	4F	94%
IJ	95%	5M	93%
2T	91%	5J	95%
2CT	91%	6SC	89%
3M	99%	6PM	98%
3W	96%		

This week's winner is 3M ~ enjoy your extra PE time with Coach Dylan!

It is the Department of Education/Ofsted that dictate attendance below 95% is poor and that **over 19 days absence is classed as 'persistent absence'**. This is roughly equivalent to your child missing 1 day or more every 2 weeks, or around 6 days each term.

The reasons for this have been made clear before; good attendance is vital for the success of pupils and their wellbeing. Our own school data, as well as that issued nationally, makes clear that poor attendance results in poorer outcomes for children.

Gifts from God Celebration Assembly

RG	Aliza	4WM	Igor
IWK	Faith	4F	Riley
IJ	Winter	5M	Isabel
2T	Iga	5J	Ethan
2CT	Taban	6SC	Jasmine
3M	Natan	6PM	Taylor
3W	Paddy	HAPPY GOLDEN TIME EVERYONE!	
Leaders for Learning don't forget to collect your pencil from Mrs Girling!			

Sports Stars of the Week



Reception - Frankie

KSI - Charlie

KS2 - Alfie 5M



RG	Mollie	4WM	Chimamanda
IWK	Krystian	4F	Mayah
IJ	Kain	5M	Edward
2T	Jaxon	5J	Dancee-Rae
2CT	Cailan	6SC	Aiden
3M	River	6PM	Darcie
3W	Toby		
Thank you for hearing your child read and completing your child's Reading Record every evening.			

REPORT CARDS

This year we are introducing a half termly report card. This will be a one page report which will enable you to see how well your child is doing in reading, writing, maths, spelling, grammar and Religious Education. It will share their progress and current attainment. It will also share their attitude towards their learning and behaviour. This half term they will be sent out of Years 1 to 5. Y6 will be having a target setting parent meeting and Reception will be having a settling in meeting.

We hope you find this useful and please do share the information with your child.

Attendance will also be included in the Report Card. You will have seen this in our Ofsted report.

"Improving attendance is a high priority for the school. The school takes swift and effective action to work closely with families to ensure that all pupils and their families know the importance of regular school attendance. However, despite the actions taken by the school, some pupils do not attend regularly enough. **As a result, they are missing out on their learning.**"

Thank you for ensuring your child attends school everyday. Meetings will be held with Mr Mills regarding attendance for those who may be causing concern.

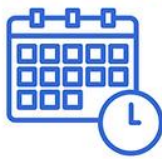
BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair has been a great success and we thank you for your generosity. It was great to see so much enthusiasm for the event.

The money raised from the Book Fair will be spent on supplementing our class libraries- particularly with non-fiction books and poetry books.

ARCHBISHOP ILSLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OPEN EVENING 2023



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

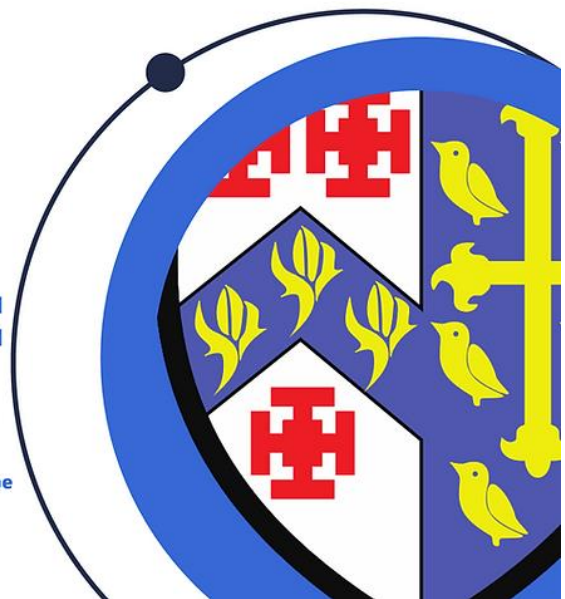
OPEN MORNINGS 2023



24TH OCTOBER: 9:00AM-10:00AM
25TH OCTOBER: 9:00AM-10:00AM

Contact the school on 0121 706 4200 or
enquiry@ilsley.bham.sch.uk by
20th October 2023
Only those who have made an appointment will be
able to attend

Victoria Road, Acocks Green, B27 7XY



Y6 Secondary school deadline is
31st October 2023

RECEPTION 2024 APPLICATIONS

Deadline is 15th January 2024



Open Day



Reception Starters 2024



Thursday 19th October

9am – 10:30am

“The beating heart of the Community” (Section 4-8 Inspection)

Come along and visit our friendly and engaging school.

Children are provided with opportunities to grow and learn in a warm, safe environment,

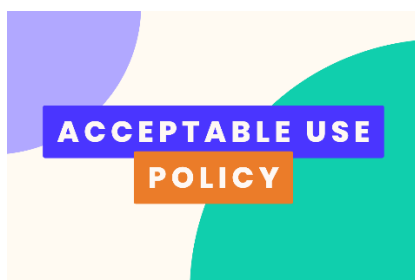
where all children are encouraged to be the best they can be.

Our dedicated staff would love to answer any questions you may have and show you how your child can thrive at Holy Souls School.

Thank you for attending our Parental Briefings over the last 2 weeks. As was explained, the newsletter will contain a section called **SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING** which will give recent information received, guidelines and general advice and issues directly related to Holy Souls.



SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING



If you have a school chrome book for your child to work on at home in exceptional circumstances please would you contact the school office. Following new government guidelines we have a new Acceptable Use agreement that must be agreed to and signed by both parents/ carers and pupils.

Thank you.



<https://lscpbirmingham.org.uk/children-families/parents-and-carers/parent-toolkit>

Parent Toolkit

Our Parent Toolkit is a list of useful websites offering free advice and support on a range of topics, tailored to parents and carers.

Beat: If your child has an eating disorder or who you think might have an eating disorder, Beat can help.

Brook: Struggling to talk to your teenager about sex and relationships? Brook offers free and confidential advice via website, telephone, text and email.

Family Lives: Offers core family support services, working in many different areas and providing tailored support around issues such as bullying, special educational needs, and support for specific communities.

Frank: You probably can't stop your child from coming into some contact with drugs, but by staying as informed as possible, you can help them make the right choices when they do.

Get Safe Online: Advice for parents and carers on how to take a balanced approach to your children's online safety.

Kooth: A digital mental health and wellbeing company working to provide a welcoming space for digital mental health care, available to all.

NSPCC: Support and tips to help you keep your children safe. From advice on children's mental health to staying safe online, support for parents and what to do if you're worried about a child.

Thinkuknow: Thinkuknow aims to help protect children and young people from the threat of online child sexual abuse and exploitation.

YoungMinds: Lots of practical advice and tips on supporting your child - from how to encourage your child to open up about their feelings to dealing with mental health services

Head Pets!

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Please check your child's hair regularly for both eggs and live head lice. We have had several cases reported to us this week. This is an ongoing battle in school and for you as parents. Thank you for your support.

PANATHLON

A group of children represented school at the Panathlon event at Acocks Green Bowl this week. 10 local schools took part and we are delighted to share that our school came 4th! The children were great ambassadors and displayed wonderful manners and enthusiasm.

Thank you to Mr Henvey and Mrs O'Neill for taking them to this exciting event.

