



I am a Disciple for you Jesus



Holy Souls Catholic Primary School

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HAPPY HALF TERM EVERYONE

WELL DONE TO EVERYONE ON A GREAT HALF TERM

Dear Parents, carers and children,

What a busy return we have had to school during these first eight weeks of the new school year. It has been fun filled and enjoyable and the children have developed their knowledge, skills and understanding in all areas of the curriculum. We celebrated this half terms achievements in song, prayer and scripture on Monday in our Awards Assembly.

There were **26** Head Teacher certificates and badges for pupils who were recognised for their dedication and commitment to learning and discipleship.

24 Head Teacher certificates and badges for our 24 Peace Keepers,

4 Head Teacher certificates and badges for pupils who attend our Cub pack and took part in a Night Hike!

2 Head Teacher certificates and badges for Miss McConnell and Miss Joyner for settling in so well in their first term of teaching.

One very special Head Teacher certificate and badge for Mrs Leedham who retires after 25 years of service. The children presented Mrs Leedham with beautiful cards and a keepsake of her time here with us. We thank you for all of your hard work and dedication and wish you a very long and happy retirement. We will be keeping you in our prayers.

A big well done to all of the children and staff for a super half term. Thank you for your support and we wish you all a very happy and restful half term break.

God bless

Mrs R A Girling

SCHOOL REOPENS AT 8:30AM ON MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER



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.

This half term our virtues have been to be generous and grateful. We have all shown this and are grateful for the support we show one another and the generosity we have in kindness and caring for our school family and community.

Thank you Morrisons for their generosity in providing a lovely chocolate chip cookie to all of the children and staff. This was a great way to celebrate our end of half term and recognise our achievements.

Well done to Freddie Y4, Evelyn Y2 and Caitlin Y4 who were presented in assembly with their prizes having entered and won the Coop Harvest Celebration competition. Thank you to the Coop Funeral Care Acocks Green for their generosity.

The SVP Society

We are blessed to have a very active and highly helpful Saint Vincent De Paul Society in our parish. We have benefitted greatly by their generosity and thank them for their weekly foodbank donations and financial assistance.

This week we launched the MINI VINNIES! Miss Trodden and 8 of our Key Stage 2 children and Mr Foley (Deputy Head Teacher) and 12 Archbishop Ilsley pupils met with Michael from the SVP to find out all about the SVP. It was a great meeting where they prayed together and found out all about the SVP. Watch this space as more MINI VINNIE news will be shared very soon!

<https://svp.org.uk/mini-vinnies>

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP)

NEED A VISIT? Are you elderly or housebound? Do you know of someone who is need of a visit? We can reach out to support people in need. FOOD BANK: Donations of non-perishable foods in the box in the porch.

ENQUIRIES: 07983160730

Thank you SVP for all of your kindness and for the wonderful work you all do.

Reception Parent Briefing

Well done to our new Reception children who have settled in superbly and worked incredibly hard during their first half term at school. You have shown wonderful manners, made new friends and had fun with your learning!

Thank you so much to our Reception parents who joined us on Tuesday for your Parent Briefing. It was great to see you and we look forward to many more opportunities when you will join us to support your child's learning.

Year 6 Residential Meeting

Thank you for joining us on Thursday. The children are looking forward to their three day residential at Whitemore Lakes. My thanks to the Year 6 staff, Mr Mills and Mrs Kielstra for planning and leading this opportunity.

Flu consent forms

The nurse will coming into school on Friday 24th November. Can you please return forms by Thursday 9th November.

LEADERS IN SCHOOL

During our Ofsted inspection we were told that,

"The school places a high priority on pupils' personal development. Staff ensure that pupils experience many opportunities to learn beyond the curriculum. Spiritual development is deeply rooted within the school, and this helps pupils to be reflective. Pupils understand, respect and appreciate difference. Pupils learn about human rights and responsibilities. They speak confidently about the importance of healthy relationships and of treating others with kindness. Pupils have plenty of opportunities to develop wider interests or talents. Pupils take pride in their roles as school ambassadors. They work with staff to plan events and fundraising activities."

In our Awards assembly we were delighted to recognise this as we persented

We were very proud to award 54 children in school with ties for their leadership, service and duty. We are very proud of you all. Our child-led groups in school are so important to helping our school move forward and we appreciate the children's time and their dedication. We are so proud of you!



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Well done to the 54 children that received their ties in our Awards Assembly for dedicating their time to be a Head Girl or Head Boy or Climate Hero or Young Disciple or Mini Vinnie. We thank them for their service and hard work [#leaders](#) [#service](#) [#grateful](#) [#generous](#)



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Well done to our Head Boys and Head Girls who received their ties in our Awards Assembly this week. We thank them for their service and hard work [#leaders](#) [#service](#) [#grateful](#) [#generous](#)



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Well done to our School Councillors who received their ties in our Awards Assembly this week. We thank them for their service and hard work [#leaders](#) [#service](#) [#grateful](#) [#generous](#)



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Extra Curricular Opportunities

Our Ofsted report shared with us.....

"Pupils are given the opportunity to attend a wide variety of clubs. Many take up this offer and say that attending such clubs develops their confidence."

Our thanks to Jade School of Dance, Dean Williams from PKA Elite Kickboxing, Mrs Stephenson and Mrs Barresi for Soul Singers, Coach Dylan for Y6 and Y5 football Club and Coach Dylan for Basketball Club. We have over 120 children participating every week in our clubs and we will be introducing more clubs throughout the year.

PUPIL PROGRESS REPORTS

These were sent home with children in years 1 to 5 on Wednesday. Thank you for taking time to go through them with your child and to look at setting targets for next half term. Thank you for your feedback.

Mr Mills will be sending out invitations where necessary to meet with parents and pupils regarding attendance.

MAKING MATHS FUN!



This week we saw Numbot and Timetable Rockstars everywhere! Thank you children for taking part in the TTRS Launch days and your costumes were brilliant and your enthusiasm was superb! We look forward after half term to adding our Numbot and TTRS weekly superstar to the newsletter!

SAVE THE DATE

Helping your child at home with MATHS.

Maths at home helps parents understand more about the different sites we use in school - White Rose, MyMaths and TTRS/Numbots. It helps parents understand how to get the best out of these sites at home and ways in which to help their child with their understanding of Maths.

This year all classes will have the opportunity to come into school and enjoy time with your child working on maths games and activities. These sessions will be led by Miss Myatt our Maths Leader.

Workshops will take place on:

Thursday 9th November for Y6

Thursday 16th November for Y2

Thursday 23rd November Y5

Each workshop to begin at 9am until 10:30am with practical activities for child / grown up. Children to arrive and register with parents to enter through Gate C. We look forward to seeing you.



Attendance Matters



OVERALL ATTENDANCE 91%

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RG	92%	4WM	92%
IWK	87%	4F	80%
IJ	96%	5M	96%
2T	95%	5J	94%
2CT	90%	6SC	95%
3M	95%	6PM	87%
3W	79%		

This week's winners are IJ & 5M ~ enjoy your extra PE time with Coach Dylan

Gifts from God Celebration Assembly

RG	Thaddeus	4WM	Tyler
IWK	Tomasz	4F	Aimy
IJ	Ilinca	5M	Cristia
2T	Tommy	5J	Oskar
2CT	Corey	6SC	Jack
3M	Anthony	6PM	Sama
3W	Toby	HAPPY GOLDEN TIME EVERYONE!	
Leaders for Learning don't forget to collect your pencil from Mrs Girling!			

Sports Stars of the Week



Reception - Ajla
 KSI - Leriah-Rose
 KS2 - Georgina



RG	Leo	4WM	Nina
IWK	Jude	4F	Tendai
IJ	Chimamanda	5M	Dominic
2T	Millie	5J	Vanessa
2CT	Crisbel	6SC	Michelle
3M	Lily-Mae	6PM	Darcie
3W	Bayleigh		

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

**Year 6 - FINAL DATE FOR SUBMITTING
YOUR Year 7 Secondary School application is
Tuesday 31st October.**



SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING

Bonfire Night will be on **Sunday 5th November** this year. It can be one of the most exciting nights of the year for all the family. It is a chance to watch the fireworks, play with sparklers and have jacket potatoes, hot dogs and toffee apples. However, there are many potential hazards with fireworks so it is important to stay safe.

Please remember to keep a safe distance from the fireworks and bonfires. The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents have a section on their website around keeping safe and guidelines for bonfire night:

<https://www.rospa.com/Home-Safety/Advice/Fireworks-Safety>

We wish all our families a fun and safe weekend and bonfire night.



essential SAFETY TIPS for Bonfire Night



Don't build a bonfire too high

Always ensure your fire is built in an open space and not too close to houses, hedges, fences or sheds



Never light a bonfire with petrol

Or any flammable liquid, instead use domestic fire lighters and never throw aerosol cans or tyres onto a fire



Keep a bucket of water nearby

Ensure you have a hosepipe or bucket of water on hand in case of an emergency



Only buy fireworks with the BS7114 kitemark

Be sure to store them in a cool, dry box



Never go near a firework that has been lit

Even if the firework hasn't gone off, it can still explode



When a sparkler goes out, do not touch it

It could still burn you so be sure to place it in a bucket of cold water



Never give sparklers to a child under 5

And teach children to hold them at arm's length

Families

www.familiesonline.co.uk

