

I am a Disciple for you Jesus

Holy Souls Catholic Primary School

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Dear Friends of Holy Souls,

After a busy and hardworking start to the summer term we are ready for a well-deserved rest! Thank you for your support. We wish you all a very happy and enjoyable half term break. Hopefully the sun will shine!

The children have worked incredibly hard and I am very proud of them all for developing their knowledge and skills in all areas of the curriculum. A huge thank you to all the staff who work tirelessly to ensure that the children are receiving the best education whilst developing their spiritual, social and emotional skills.

Music to our ears



It was a delight to see and hear 48 Holy Souls pupils and the other schools in our MAC as for the ninth year running we led the music for the annual Good Shepherd Mass at St Chad's Cathedral. Our celebrant Monsignor Menezes thanked the children for their tuneful singing and excellent engagement and responses in the celebration of Mass. My thanks to Mrs Stephenson and Mrs Keane for organising the music and preparing the choir. Our thanks to Mr Oulton Doris from Holy Trinity who joined us on guitar. There were many schools who attended from across the Birmingham Diocese and the event as a celebration of funds raised for The Good Shepherd Appeal.

This week we welcomed two musicians from The Royal Albert Hall who led a preparation session for ourselves, The Rosary and Archbishop Ilsley in readiness for our visit there on July 9th. It was a wonderful opportunity and great to hear the children singing in many different languages and to see them so enthusiastic. This is a wonderful opportunity and we thank Mr Taylor our School Improvement Partner for organising this opportunity.

Happy holidays!

We look forward to seeing you all at 8:30am on Monday, 3rd June 2024.

God bless

Mrs Girling

To bring good news, to shine for you.

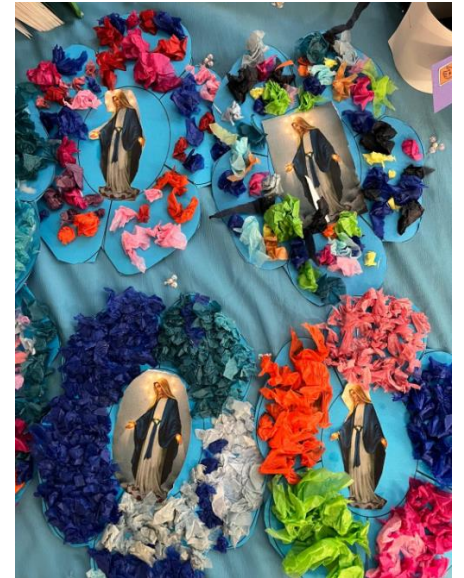
A trip to the farm

On Monday I had a great day at Ash End Farm with our 30 Reception children. We had great fun finding out about the animals and their habitats. We enjoyed a tractor ride where we went on a scarecrow hunt and the animals were glad we visited as we helped feed them their breakfast. The children behaved superbly and were recognised by the staff at the farm for their good listening, great manners and wonderful singing! Well done children and thank you for inviting me. My thanks to Miss Trodden and the Reception team for organising a great day out.



This week our littlest children in school visited Ash End Farm. Reception had a wonderful time at the farm feeding goats, sheep and ducks. They met a baby chick and chose their own egg. They met the new foal called Annie. They enjoyed a tractor ride and looked for scarecrows. They enjoyed the indoor and outside play experience. They had a picnic in the Pony Barn. A wonderful time was had by all!

This week, the children throughout school have taken part in Mary Day. They have learnt about the different mysteries of the rosary, wore blue and made a Mary Altar in their classroom. They have learnt prayers and songs about Mary and taken part in different crafts.



Staffing Updates

We are delighted to welcome Miss Jaffrey (Year 1) and Mrs Gill (Reception) back to school after the break. We have missed you.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we approach the final half term please can I remind you in advance of purchasing new uniform that these are our requirements:

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

With seven school weeks left we do expect all pupils to be in full uniform including school shoes and NOT trainers.

Uniform can be purchased at Midlands School Wear - on the Warwick Road.

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS - DINNER, BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

Would parents please check their ParentMail account and ensure that they are up to date. If you are experiencing any financial difficulties, please call into the office to speak to Miss Reynolds.

Thank you

BREAKFAST CLUB REMINDER

Parents and carers are reminded that all children MUST BE SIGNED IN by an adult when they arrive for Breakfast Club. This is part of the contract that was signed when joining the Club. The area outside of school is not a drop off zone for Breakfast Club so please do not park on the zig zags as you may receive a parking penalty notice. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter and for safeguarding our community.

Recognising and Rewarding our community



Each week we have our *Gifts from God Assembly*. This whole school assembly on Friday afternoon is where we share the names of the children in the weekly newsletter recognising their achievements. The Disciples, Readers, Leaders for Learning and Sports Starts are all congratulated and receive their bookmarks and pencils. This is followed by *Golden Time* where the children have free play (computer time, outdoor play, board games, quizzes etc.) as a reward for doing their best during the week. Head Teacher Certificates are presented in the assembly and during the assembly we also share any awards, certificates, medals and trophies the children may have achieved outside of school.

Class Teachers also use their own Year Group rewards - Raffle Tickets, Secret Student, and Star of the Day on a daily basis.

We feel it is vital that the children are rewarded for their consistent efforts and achievements and well done to those who show it each and every day.



SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING



A reminder to all visitors that our site is a NO SMOKING OR ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE / VAPE zone. Thank you.



PLEASE REMEMBER SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

The **Children's Advice and Support Service** (CASS) provides a single point of contact for professionals and members of the public who want to access support or raise concerns about a child.

We want to keep all children and young people in Birmingham safe from harm. If you are concerned about a child please contact CASS who will listen, assess your concerns and can take action if a child is at risk.

Contact details

Monday to Thursday: 8:45am to 5:15pm

Friday: 8:45am to 4:15pm

Telephone: **0121 303 1888**

Emergency out-of-hours

Telephone: 0121 675 4806

If you think a child is in immediate danger please call the police on 999

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Our aim is to promote the importance of attendance across the school community. It is important that we continue to work together to do all we can to prioritise the children's attendance at school so that they can enjoy their learning and socialising with their peers.

Our attendance has improved compared to the same time last year **but** we still need to work together to improve on this figure.

We are here to help! Please contact Mr Mills if you wish to access any support or seek any advice.



'Holy Souls Olympic Milk Bottle Challenge'

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to our recent 'Milk Bottle Challenge'. Over the last 2 weeks each class have been trying very hard to fill a milk bottle with gold or silver coins.

The winning class was 3W who won a cinema afternoon filled with treats, second were 2T and third was 6SC who all received sweet treats.

A fantastic total of **£761** was raised in the two weeks and this money will fund our Holy Souls Olympic Games and buy new P.E equipment.

We are very grateful to Mrs Corrigan for all her hard work in organising this fund raiser and look forward to the challenges she sets us in our Olympic events!