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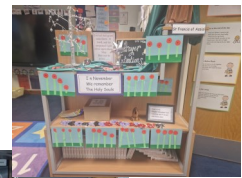
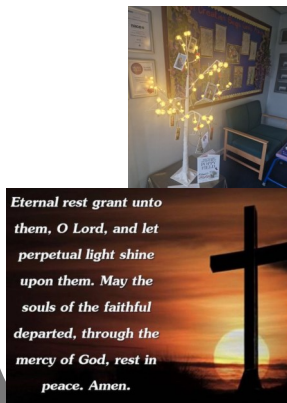
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We live, love and learn together joyfully, in Jesus' name.

The Holy Souls and Remembrance Liturgies

In November, as a Catholic School, we remember the deceased and pray for the repose of the souls who have died most recently. It has been wonderful this week to witness the responses of the pupils in school who have worked incredibly hard to plan and prepare class liturgies. It was a privilege to be present for the liturgies which took place today, I am super proud of the respectful and reverent approaches shown by everyone involved. It was lovely to see the prayer garden being used too and a pleasure to see Year Six pupils taking a leading role with younger pupils.



Stars of the Week!

- Nursery - Abdul & Austin
- Reception – Sienna K & William
- Year 1 - Renaldo Jnr & Amen
- Year 2 - Charlie & Thomas
- Year 3 - Ewurakua & Jacobina
- Year 4 - Melael & Riley
- Year 5 - Safia & Lewis
- Year 6 – Aleigha-Mae & Maisy



Award certificates (not Nursery) will be presented in assembly on November 25th at 2.45pm—parents are welcome.

Attendance Support

Families are reminded of the need for good attendance on a regular basis and I am pleased to see the huge effort that goes in to this. However, there are still a number of pupils whose attendance falls below the national average and are classed as persistent absentees. This week, we welcomed an attendance officer, Mrs Dickens, in to school to support us in addressing the issue of persistent absence. I have employed her to work with families in order to improve outcomes for pupils. She will be with us for one day a week on a Tuesday. Please support her in her role which will involve making contact with some parents.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Class	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
This Week	95.9%	93.8%	94.1%	98.3%	96.6%	97.0%	91.9%	95.3%
This Term	94.8%	95.7%	94.8%	94.7%	93.7%	96.3%	93.9%	94.8%
Whole Year	94.8%	95.7%	94.8%	94.7%	93.7%	96.3%	93.9%	94.8%

Please make sure that pupils aren't coming in to school with muddy shoes!

Anti-Bullying Week

Odd Socks Day

Monday is the start of Anti-bullying week. All the pupils need to do is wear odd socks! It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week! Odd Socks Day is delivered in partnership with CBeebies and CBBC star Andy Day and his band, Andy and the Odd Socks.



On Tuesday this week, all families were emailed a document which detailed help and support that is available to families during these tough times. It is also going to appear on our school website. Please access the document as there is lots of helpful information on there.

FUTURE DATES

Some dates for your diary:

w/c November 14th—Anti-Bullying Week (Odd Socks Day)

November 14th—School photographer

November 15th—Type Onesie Day

November 27th—the start of Advent

December 2nd —non-uniform day in exchange for either £1 or a gift for the Christmas Boutique

December 9th—Christmas Jumper Day

December 13th—Christmas Dinner—Nursery, Reception, Years One and Two

December 14th—Christmas Dinner—Years Three, Four, Five and Six Year One Nativity Play at 2pm

December 15th—Christmas Parties

December 16th—Christmas Boutique, end of Autumn term, school closes, optional 1pm finish

January 3rd—Teacher Day – School closed to pupils

January 4th—Pupils return to school

January 28th—*First Confession after 11am mass, St. Dunstan's Church*

February 7th—**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR BAPTISED CATHOLICS IN Y6 AT ST.DUNSTAN'S CHURCH, 7PM**

February 17th—Pupils break up for half-term

February 27th—Pupils return from half-term break

March 31st—end of Autumn term, school closes, optional 1pm finish.

April 17th -Teacher Day – School closed to pupils

April 18th—Pupils return to school

Healthy Start Entitlement

Despite being eligible, many families in Birmingham are not registering for their Healthy Start food vouchers, entitling them to £4.25 of free food per week. This means thousands of pounds each week worth of free food is not reaching families who need it.

- To qualify for HS applicants must be 10+ weeks pregnant and/or have at least one child under 4 and be in receipt of benefits such as Child Tax Credit or Universal Credit.

- Healthy Start food vouchers can be exchanged for milk, infant formula, fruit, vegetables and pulses.

For more information - Healthy Start Website - [Get help to buy food and milk \(Healthy Start\)](#)

To find your local Healthy Start Vitamin collection site please use our postcode finder

- [Healthy Start vitamin distribution sites | Birmingham City Council](#)



November 15th is 'Type Onesie Day' where we ask children to wear a onesie (or something blue) to raise money for the charity JDRF and show support for those with Type 1 Diabetes. **We are asking every pupil to contribute £1 please.**

Next week, details of a World Cup Quiz will be sent home. It would be great to see lots of pupils participate. We will also be having a World Cup themed day at the end of November. Details to follow.

Remember that the school photographer is in on Monday and the children need to be smart! Head shots will be taken so don't worry about odd socks!



One Life Music Whole School Retreat Let All Creation Sing 10/11/22



The theme of our retreat was 'Let All Creation Sing'.

We began the day gathering in the hall for our whole school liturgy. We sang 'Laudato Si' which means 'Praise Be' in Latin.

It was a pleasure to welcome Dan and Emily in to school once more to work with the children and lead the school in a wonderful day of prayer and reflection. Pupils were delighted when they saw our visitors and gave them a warm welcome. The atmosphere in school throughout the day was joyful.



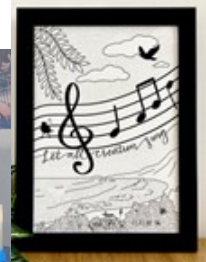
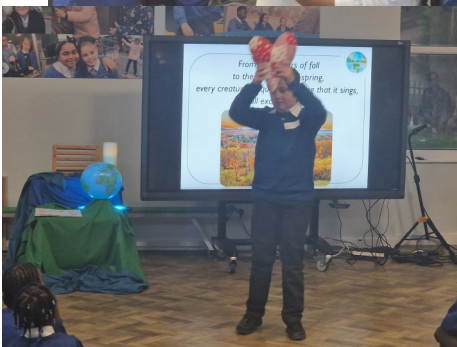
OneLife Music

Pupils learnt some signing to accompany their singing, it was beautiful.

Dan and Emily played some brilliant games with everyone...guessing the sounds of nature was a favourite!



It was a pleasure to witness the Y6 pupils take a leading role in the day's prayer and liturgy. They have taken the message of discipleship from their retreat to Alton Castle and put it in to action in school.



We are looking forward to having Dan and Emily back with us again soon!

Seeing the whole school led in signing whilst we sang was absolutely fantastic!

Fr Philip has asked us to bring a few notices to your attention.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS

- **Family Christmas Afternoon - Sunday 4th December**
Fun for all the children, with refreshments available to purchase from the bar! Polar Express will be shown in the Social Centre, from 2pm. After the film, there will a special visit from Father Christmas. Tickets cost £2.50 for children which includes a small gift from Father Christmas, adults are free. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets are available from both churches this weekend.
- **Christmas Party—Friday 16th December** At the Irish Centre, Wheelers Lane, starting at 7pm. There will be a disco with a range of music including Christmas music. Bring your dancing shoes and be prepared to have a good time. There will also be a bring and share buffet, a 50/50 draw and Christmas Grand Prize Draw! Tickets for the party cost £5 each and are available from both churches this weekend.
- **Christmas Grand Prize Draw** - Once again, we will be having our Christmas Grand Prize Draw! The draw will take place at the Parish Christmas party. 1st prize: £500 2nd prize: £250 3rd prize: £100. Other great prizes Tickets cost £1 each and are available this weekend from both churches. Get your tickets to be in with a chance of winning a prize. You can return your ticket stubs with your money to the Parish Office or to either church after weekend Masses.

