

Dear Parents and Carers,

Harvest Mass

A reminder that we will celebrate our Harvest Festival Mass on Tuesday 23rd October at 9.30am at Our Lady of Lourdes church. The Mass will be celebrated by Father Paul and you are all very welcome. In the past children have brought in food which has then been donated to St Wilfrid's Centre. If you would like to donate food we ask that your child brings it in on the morning of the Mass. Please ensure that the donated food is either dried e.g. pasta or tinned only, so that it does not perish. This year we have decided to split the donated food equally between the St Wilfrid's Centre and a new 'Food Bank' that has opened locally.

SJF PTFA

I would like to remind you that our re-arranged meeting takes place on Thursday 18th October at 3.30pm. You are all very welcome, thank you.

Statement to Live By

For next week our statement to live by is: ***'I try to stand up for myself and others'***.

Time to talk: Together you could explore this statement and what it means. In what ways can this be achieved peacefully? Why is it important? What would happen if it didn't occur?

Attendance

Thank you for all you do to support us in keeping our attendance above the magic 96% mark. The classes with the best attendance for week ending 5th October were:

1. In first place was **Y2** - with a **99.3%** attendance
2. In second place was **Y5** with a **99.0%** attendance
3. In third place was **F2** with **98.7%** attendance

Bobby will visit Y2, Bertie Y5 and Elvis will visit F2. Well done to you all. Who will win next week?

For the week ending 05-10-12 the average attendance was 97.7% which is below our target of 98%.

Educational Visit – Sherwood Forest – Y5

'On Friday 5 October 2012, Y5 went to Sherwood Forest because we were learning about Robin Hood in our literacy topic. In the morning we learnt about Robin Hood and in the afternoon we built wooden shelters. I enjoyed all of it but my favourite bit was making the shelters. It was brilliant! It was very mean in medieval times, your punishments were cutting off your tongue and horrible things. Jackie was our tour guide. She was dressed up as one of her relatives from medieval times.' by Grace Woolhouse Y5

Academy Status

A reminder that you have the opportunity to find out more about conversion to voluntary Academy status from Governors who will be in attendance at both Parent's Evenings on Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th October. If anyone has any questions you will have an opportunity to raise them.

Building Fund

I would like to thank everyone who has donated to this fund already. The more donations we receive, the more favourable our applications will be looked upon by the Diocese. Several parents have asked whether any of the money will be used to improve our building. Let me assure you that our building is a priority of both mine and our Governors. I have already met with the Diocesan Property Manager and discussed key issues and will keep you informed of all developments.

Lost Property

We have a HUGE number of jumpers and cardigans (and other items) in our Lost Property Box – all UN-NAMED. We will leave these out on display at both Parents' Evenings – any remaining after this time will be donated to Rags-R-Us. Please make sure that ALL UNIFORM is CLEARLY NAMED (names do fade after washing!) then we can make sure that any mis-placed items are returned to the correct owner.

Pupil Information Forms

Many thanks for returning these forms duly signed and amended (if necessary). 93.8% of parents returned these by the due date BUT we still await the remainder. We therefore presume that all contact details for these children remain the same as last year. It is very important that contact details – mobile telephone numbers, work telephone numbers and changes of address are kept up to date throughout the year. Out of all the forms returned, 120 children's details needed amending on our database. This is a mammoth task when they all need to be done at the same time – it would be appreciated if you could keep us up to date during the school year with any amendments allowing us to alter the database accordingly – thank you.

Medical/Dental Appointments

If it is necessary to make a medical or dental appointment for your child during the school day, or if you need to collect them before the end of school, PLEASE forward a note to your child's class teacher, at least one day in advance for pre-arranged appointments, indicating the time you will be collecting them from school and if they will be returning to school, the approximate time of return. This note will then be kept in the class register for any teacher who is in class at the time. If the appointment is made during the same day kindly telephone to let us know what time you will be collecting your child. Please bear with us – allow yourself an extra five minutes as we may be busy on a telephone call or in a meeting, therefore you may have to wait until we can collect your child from class. It is not normal practice for children to be sat waiting for parents to collect them – they are much better staying in class to continue with their learning.

School Photographs

You should have received your child's school photographs today. Please note that ALL ORDERS must be in school **BEFORE FRIDAY 19 OCTOBER**

Parents' Evenings

Kindly return your request for an appointment by tomorrow evening (Friday 12 October). All appointment details will be given to your child at the beginning of next week. Please try to be flexible if possible - most of the appointments for the Tuesday evening have now been taken.

Representatives from All Saints Catholic High School will be in attendance at both Parents' Evenings for parents and children to speak to about the education on offer at their school. Anyone can have a chat with them not just our Y6 parents and children!

School Uniform

May we remind parents that our School Uniform logo is copyright protected and should only be used by School Trends, our Uniform supplier. We understand that another local shop/stall has again started selling items with our Logo – this has not been, and will not be, approved by us!

Parking Outside School

PLEASE be considerate of our local residents and respect their grass verges and driveways by not parking on or across them.

PLEASE be vigilant when parking outside school and park safely – allowing children, parents and toddlers to cross the road or walk on the pavements without having to meander in and out of the cars causing obstructions.

The COMMUNITY POLICE have been contacted and will be making unannounced visits - if you are parked illegally you may receive a warning or even a fine!

Have a relaxing weekend!

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Headteacher