

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 Catholic church. The Mass will be celebrated by Father Paul and you are all very welcome. 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 thank everyone who attended the initial meeting yesterday. Even though it was only an initial some great ideas were shared. A second meeting will be arranged after the forthcoming break. I will be inviting someone who is on the committee of a successful PTFA in another school to share ideas and experiences. I would like the PTFA to be run as a charity, registered with the Charity Commission. You are all very welcome to get involved.

Statement to Live By

For next week our statement to live by is: **'I try to be fair and just'**.

Time to talk: Together you could explore this statement and what it means. How does it feel when you are not treated fairly? Why is it important to be fair to others? Why is it important that everyone is treated fairly in our school?

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 12th October were:

1. In first place was **Y5** - with a **98.7%** attendance
2. In second place was **Y1** with a **98.6%** attendance
3. In third place was **Y4** with **97.3%** attendance

Bobby will be back with Y5, Bertie will visit Y1 and Elvis will visit Y4. Well done to you all. Who will win next week? For the week ending 12-10-12 the average attendance was 96.6% which is just above our target of 96%.

Year 2 Visit to the English Institute of Sport

On Thursday, our Year 1 children went to the Institute of Sport and had the best time. Students from Sheffield Hallam University had organised a variety of fantastic activities for the children to take part in – and they did with gusto! By the time we arrived back at school the children were so enthused by the day's events that they couldn't make up their minds which was the best! However, to quote the children's own words, "I liked the hurdles best", "No, I liked the running best", "I thought the relay was better than everything else" and lastly, just to show how much they enjoyed the day they said, **"When are we going back again!"**



Inter-House Sports Festival

Yesterday the girls and boys of Years 5 and 6 came together for an indoor Inter-House athletics festival in the school hall. The event was coordinated by Miss Kipling. The children had lots of fun as they participated in a number of different athletics events. Every child is to be congratulated on their positive attitude and for having a go. Their behaviour was outstanding too. I would like to thank Miss Kipling for coordinating the event; Mr Smith and all the adults who helped to make it so successful. The winning House was Schweitzer.

MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

I would like to thank all the parents, carers and children who made cakes to sell. I would also like to thank all those who came along to support the coffee afternoon and partake of the goodies on offer. The total raised was £41.00. Many thanks.

Parents' Evenings

Everyone should have now received a green slip informing them of their appointment time. A reminder that representatives from All Saints Catholic High School will be in attendance on both evenings.

Achievements Outside School

We have had a few handed in this week – look out for the list on next week's Newsletter
Have a great weekend!

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