

Dear Parents and Carers,

Harvest Mass

On Tuesday we celebrated our annual Harvest Festival Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church. I would like to thank Father Paul for leading this wonderful celebration. I would also like to thank Miss Kipling for coordinating the service; Mr Burt for leading the beautiful music; all the parents, carers and friends of the school who attended to support us and our fantastic children, who were absolutely wonderful.

INSET Days

I would like to remind you that school is closed tomorrow (Friday 26th October 2012). Staff will be joining colleagues from Catholic schools across the city for training on the new "Come and See" Catholic RE curriculum that has recently been introduced.

I have now set the final three INSET days for this academic year. They will be on the following dates:

- Thursday 24th January
- Friday 25th January
- Monday 25th February

Normally the dates for INSET days are set in advance. They were not set for this year to enable me to use them to arrange staff training around specific school development priorities.

School Website

Our website is under construction, and is looking good. Our children have been involved in the design and the aim is for it to include plenty of links and resources that will engage and support them with their learning. Another key aim of the website is to provide you, our parents and carers, with lots of information about the school, including the calendar, prospectus and eventually the weekly newsletter as well lots of useful links. There will also be 'Governor' and PTFA sections. I would like thank Mr Smith for all his work in coordinating this important project. I hope to give you more information after the holiday.

New Contact Information

Please note our new email address for general enquiries is: enquiries@stjohnfisherlearning.co.uk

Please do not use e-mails to inform us of your child's absence – a telephone call between 8.30am – 9.00am enables us to pass information to the class teachers for the start of the day and record the correct details on our registers. As the office is very busy in the mornings we cannot always access e-mails until later in the day.

Statement to Live By

For the first week back after the school holiday our statement to live by will be: ***'I can tell you how I look after myself'***.

Time to talk: Together you could explore what it means to look after ourselves? In what different ways can we look after ourselves? How can we keep ourselves safe and healthy? What could happen if we didn't look after ourselves properly? How can we make sure that everyone feels looked after at 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 19th October were:

1. In first place was **Y5** - with a **99%** attendance
2. In second place was **Y3** with a **98.4%** attendance
3. In third place was **Y4** with **98.3%** attendance

Bobby will be back again with Y5, Bertie will visit Y3 and Elvis will visit Y4. Well done to you all. Who will win next week? For the week ending 19-10-12 the average attendance was 96.8% which is just above our target of 96%.

Shoebox Appeal

Ms Robinson sent home a letter with information on preparing a shoebox for this year's appeal. If you would like to support this important appeal, shoeboxes should be left in the hall on top of the cupboards under the big crucifix and Ms Robinson will collect them when she comes into school.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to everyone who supported our parent's evenings this week. I would like to thank our Governors; Ms Robinson, Ms Wild, Mrs Ludlum, Father Paul and Mrs Ramsden and colleagues from All Saints High School for their support. I would also like to thank Miss D'Roza and Miss Burt for supervising the children in the Year 6 classroom. We received lots of positive feedback about the new arrangements and some suggestions which we will consider for next time. Thank you.

Achievements Outside School

- Abigael Collins – Y3 - has recently made her promise as a Brownie and achieved her Disability Awareness badge which included awareness on sight, hearing and mobility. Well done Abigael!
- Cristiano Pinto – Y3 – plays for Sheffield United Junior Blades Under 8 team and won Player of the Match on Sunday 14 October for playing brilliantly in defence. Well done Cristiano!

Finally

I would like to thank my colleagues for all their hard work during this first term. I would also like to also thank our Governors and all the parents and carers for their wonderful support. I wish you all a very happy, safe and relaxing break. A reminder that school reopens on Monday 5th November 2012. Thank you.

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Headteacher