



School Newsletter

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Dear Parents, we come to the end of our first half term of autumn. A huge thank you parents for your continuing help and support this term.

Here to help !

Nothing is more important than to ensure the happiness, well-being and academic progress of all children in our school. If you have a concern or worry, then please **DO NOT** let them build up. Please come and see us and we will work hard to sort them out for you. We are happy to help and will try to resolve any problems you may have. You can see myself Mrs Hinton Headteacher or Mr Wilkes our Deputy Head teacher. Otherwise, you can make an appointment to see your child's teacher after school. Please be assured that we will endeavour to help resolve any problems or concerns for you.

Dolce Catering Providers

After half term we will be working with Dolce catering services who will be providing our lunchtime meals for our children. *We aim to provide a happy lunchtime experience for all our children in school with lunches that are chosen by the children to enjoy.*

Please check your e-mails for an important message that will allow you to register your child. You will be able to log on to the Schoolgrid website that will guide you to discuss with your child/ren what choices they would like for lunch daily, weekly or half termly. You can also review the recipes and ingredients for each meal, and indicate your child's allergies or intolerances. If you pay for school meals it will also be done through this website, you need to pay for your meals in advance as this is a private company you are paying and no longer the school. If you are having difficulty at any point, please **DO NOT** hesitate to let the office staff know and they will be happy to support.

Our Values for this half term

Our values this half term are **Generous and Grateful** towards others in all that we do—pupils are growing to be grateful for their own gifts, for the gift of other people and for the blessings of each day: and be generous with their gifts, becoming stronger children.

These values are set by the Archdiocese and all Catholic Primary Schools in the Archdiocese focus on the same set of values, which are changed each half term. The values are drawn from the Catholic Schools Pupil Profile, which is on display throughout the school and in the main lobby area by the offices.

School Gateway and new apps

This term we have implemented a new payment and communication app. Payments for breakfast club, after school clubs and uniform should be made using this app. Letters have been sent home explaining how to download the app to your smart phone. Please provide the school with an e-mail address and up to date contact number if you have not already done so by popping into school office where the staff will be happy to help you.

It is important to be aware that the new app will also replace the text messaging service in school. It is vital that we have the correct details for you as we will be communicating with you via email or the app.

School Mass

Every Thursday we celebrate mass, the children lead with the readings and hymns. Mass is at 9:15 am in school during the winter months. Please join us, it would be lovely to see you.



Wednesday reading invitation

We have launched a reading project on a Wednesday morning, where we invite you as parents to come into school with your child from 8:40 am to read with your child in class. This has been a very successful project so far and a huge thank you parents for your support. The children have thoroughly enjoyed having parents in school to read with them.

Parents Evening and questionnaires

Thank you for completing our school questionnaires on parents evening. We are very proud of the positive feedback you gave our school. Thank you.

School Website

Please visit our school website and take a look at snippets of news and our school blog, which has some wonderful examples of school life.

Date	Event
Autumn 2019	
Wednesday 23rd October	Pupils break up for Half Term
Thursday 24th October	Teacher Training Day
Friday 25th October	Teacher Training Day
Monday 4th November	Pupils return to school
Wednesday 18th December	Pupils break up for Christmas
Thursday 20 December	Teacher Training Day
Friday 21 December	Teacher Training Day
Spring Term 2020	
Monday 6th January	Pupils return to school
Friday 14th February	Break up for Half Term
Monday 24th February	Pupils return to school
Thursday 3rd April	Break up for Easter
Summer Term 2020	
Monday 20th April	Pupils return to school
Monday 4th May	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 22nd May	Break up for Half Term
Monday 1st June	Pupils return to school
Friday 17th July	Pupils break up for Summer
Monday 20th July	Teacher Training Day

Year 7 Applications

Closing date for Year 7 applications is the 31st October. If you have not applied for your child's Y7 place please apply on-line through the Sandwell Council website.appointment with Mr Padotan who will be able to help with this.

Sacraments

If you want your child to make the Sacrament of the Eucharist in 2019 and they are baptised Catholics then please look out for a letter coming home before half term. Within this letter it will ask you to make a commitment to enrol your child for the sacraments and then this will follow on to a parent meeting and enrolment mass within the parish on Sunday 24th November 2019.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. Please keep it in a safe place for future reference.

Mrs Hinton