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"With Jesus as our guide; we love, live and learn together."

## Newsletter 8: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents

I hope you were all able to attend parents' evening this week and found the consultations with your child's teacher to be valuable. It has been a very busy half term; I hope that you and your children will have a chance to get some rest next week!

Please remember that next **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** is a Holyday of Obligation as it is the **Feast of all Saints**.

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Staff Training Day:

School will be closed to all pupils tomorrow for staff training.

### Sacramental Dates for 2023-24:

The following dates have been arranged with Father Kuriakose. Please note that there is a special mass of enrolment for our **Y3 and Y6** pupils and their families in church at **10.30am** on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**. All parents whose children will be receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist (Y3) and Confirmation (Y6) **are required to attend**.

Date:	Information:
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2023	Mass of Enrolment for <b>Y3</b> and <b>Y6</b> pupils preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation in church at <b>10.30am</b>
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	<b>Y6</b> Mass with the Rite of Confirmation in church at <b>7.00pm</b>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	<b>Y3</b> pupils will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in church at <b>2.15pm</b>
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	<b>Y3</b> First Holy Communion Mass in church at <b>10.00am</b>

### Holy Souls, November, the Month of Remembrance:

November is the month of remembrance. We would like invite all of our school community to let us know if there someone special that you would like us to include in our prayer intentions in school.

Please follow the link below to let us know:

[HOLY SOULS PRAYER FORM](#)



Eternal rest grant unto them,  
O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine  
upon them.  
May the souls of all the faithful  
departed,  
through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace.  
Amen.

### Rosary Challenge:

Please remember to hand your Rosary Challenge sheet into Miss Edmunds by **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November** to receive a certificate.

### **Goldfinch Award for Jesuit Values and Virtues:**

Congratulations to the following children who have excelled at following the Jesuit Virtues of 'Grateful and Generous' this half term. They will be receiving special certificates in assembly on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November** at **9.05am**. All parents are invited to join us for this assembly.

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Reception</b>	<b>Y1</b>	<b>Y2</b>
Nancy M Caleb J	Lucy C Kian R	Valentine Q Pleasant I-K	Grace F Emmanuel A
<b>Y3</b>	<b>Y4</b>	<b>Y5</b>	<b>Y6</b>
Oscar P Eve M	Emily B Emmie G	Maisie P Joseph	Ava M Ethan S



Well done to you all! You have shown that you are truly living our school mission statement: 'With Jesus as our guide: we love, live and learn together.'

### **Nasal Flu Vaccine – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November:**

The immunisation team will be in school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November to administer vaccinations to pupils whose parents have provided consent. Please check that you have completed the online form to give or decline to provide consent. Please also read the information leaflet which has been circulated with this newsletter. Y3 pupils will receive their vaccination on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December (which is also a 'catch-up' session for any pupils who are not in school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November).

### **New Reception Intake for September 2024:**

There will be an **open morning** in school on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November** at **9.15am** for parents who have children who will be eligible for a reception place in September 2024. Please phone or email the school office if you wish to attend.

### **Reception Parents - Fine Motor and Reading Workshop:**

All of our Reception parents and carers are invited to join us in school from **9.00 – 10.00am** on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** to find out more about how our Reception pupils have been learning to read in school and also to find out how you can support your child with their reading at home. We will also be focusing on developing finger strength to promote a strong pencil grasp to support early writing skills.

### **Library Events:**

A message from Tracy at Great Barr Library:

'I just wanted to get in touch and let you know what we have going on at Hamstead & Great Barr Libraries. I have attached a copy our "What's On" for October which includes: Play Talk Read Storytime, Craft Clubs, Lego Club Author Talks, class visits and much more. I also have added links below with details of lots of exciting events coming up for both adults and children to enjoy as part of our Literature Festival and Black History Month.'

Black History Month <https://heyzine.com/flip-book/650ee576fc.html>

Literature Festival <https://prism.librarymanagementcloud.co.uk/sandwell/assets/-/brochure.html>

To book your tickets <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/sandwell-libraries-and-archiv...>

Please do have a look and take advantage of the wonderful events in on offer!

**[HAMSTEAD LIBRARY EVENTS](#)**

**[GREAT BARR LIBRARY EVENTS](#)**

### **Parish Christmas Fair – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November:**

Our Parish Christmas Fair is taking place in the parish centre on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 1.30pm (after 12.30pm mass). Please see the poster which has been circulated with this newsletter for more details.

**Number Fact of the Week:**

It is really important for our pupils to learn their multiplication facts as quickly as possible. By the end of Y4, it is expected that all pupils will be able to instantly recall all of these up to  $12 \times 12$ .

Every week, Mr Shanahan, our maths leader, will be setting a challenge to learn a specific number fact.

Be prepared: when he sees you around school he will be testing you!

This week's number fact is:

$$12 \times 8 = 96$$

or

$$8 \times 12 = 96$$

**Reception - Y6 Reading Challenges:**

Just like last year, our reading challenges are up and running! It is a great way to ensure your child is reading a range of texts which are age-related (with some challenging texts too!)

To make it super easy to participate, we have uploaded a direct form link accessible on your Marvellous Me accounts. The form is called 'YR RC' / 'Y1 RC' etc and they are also available on the school website – just click:

'Curriculum and Gallery > Reading' and scroll down to 'Reading Challenge'.

Or click on the links: [Y6](#) [Y5](#) [Y4](#) [Y3](#) [Y2](#) [Y1](#) [Reception](#)

Every time your child reads a book from the specially selected list, they just need to complete an entry on the form and they will automatically be entered into a prize draw!

All of these books will support your child's love of reading and further enhance their vocabulary and encourage a love of reading.

**The first raffle will take place on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November (for October).**

**All children should aim to have entered at least once by then. Good luck!**

**Masses next Half Term:**

All **parents and parishioners** are warmly invited to all of our school masses in **school** at **9.15am** or in **church** at **11.30am**.

Date:	Information:
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Y3 and Y6</b> joining the parish for mass in <b>church</b> at <b>11.30am</b>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Infants'</b> mass in <b>school hall</b> at <b>9.15am</b>
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	<b>Y4 and Y5</b> joining the parish for mass in <b>church</b> at <b>11.30am</b>
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Infants'</b> mass in <b>school hall</b> at <b>9.15am</b>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Y3 and Y6</b> joining the parish for mass in <b>church</b> at <b>11.30am</b>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	No classes attending Mass
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school mass in <b>school hall</b> at <b>9.15am</b>

**Diary Dates:**

Date:	Information:
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS – Staff Training Day</b>
<b>Half Term Break:</b>	<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Y2 Archery Club 3.15 – 4.15pm</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Y4 educational visit to Thinktank</b> <b>Y3 &amp; Y4 Archery club 3.15 – 4.15pm</b> <b>Y1 Stories &amp; Sounds Club 3.15 – 4.00pm</b>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Y4 Swimming (AM)</b> <b>KS2 French Club 3.15 – 4.15pm</b>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Celebration Assembly 'Grateful & Generous' in the school hall at <b>9.05am</b>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Y3 educational visit to Frank Chapman</b> Choir Club begins
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Prospective Parents' Open Morning at <b>9.15am</b> for September 2024
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Y1 educational visit to Wednesbury Museum</b>

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Information:</b>
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	<b>Reception</b> Parents' Workshop <b>9.00-10.00am</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Christmas Market <b>3.15pm</b> (immediately after school)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Infant Nativity in school at <b>2.00pm</b>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Infant Nativity in school at <b>9.30am</b>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Last day of term

**Happy birthday to:**

Connor B (Y5), Abdulazeez B, Deen D (Y4), Natnael S (Y3), Rowan Green (Y2), Maja R-A, Sebastien W (Y1), Hania K and Mia M (Reception) who all have a special day to celebrate next week or during the first week back after half term.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

One of the precepts of being a Catholic is to attend Sunday Mass (or the vigil Mass for Sunday) every week and on all Holy Days of Obligation. This weekly commitment gives us the opportunity to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord which is why Sundays are known as the Lord's day.

**Mass at Holy Name Church:**  
**Saturday 12.30pm**  
**Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am**

## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

**Gospel:** Matthew 22:34-40



In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus teaches us that greatest and the first commandment is that we should love God with all our heart, with all our soul and with all our mind.

Let's think quietly for a moment about this. When we love someone we try to show this in the way that we treat them. How do you think you can show that you love God?

We can show that we love God when we pray - by giving thanks and praise to God. And by remembering all that God asks us to do. We can also show our love for God by trying to behave in a way that pleases God. This is where the second commandment comes in. Can you remember what it was?

Jesus asks us to love our neighbour as ourselves. When Jesus asks us to love our neighbour, do you think he just means the person who lives next door? Who else is our neighbour?

Our neighbours are the people sitting next to us right now, as well as all the people in the same street, at school and at church, in our town and in our world. After all, we're all part of the same big global family. And we're all loved by God.

Some neighbours live close to us and some live far away. But Jesus asks us to love them all as we love ourselves. What do you think this means?

Jesus wants us to treat other people as we would want to be treated, to make sure all people are treated fairly, and have what they need. How do you think we can do that?

### **Our Catholic Mission:**

Think about your neighbours close by and those far away. What will you do to help your neighbours and show your love for them in the coming week?

### **Prayer:**

God of life,  
we love you,  
we thank you and we praise you for all that you have done for us.  
Help us to love our neighbours,  
both here and around the world,  
and treat all people as we would wish to be treated.  
Amen.

*Reflection taken from CAFOD Children's Liturgy*