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# NEWSLETTER

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School Prayer

This is our school;  
Let peace live here;  
Let the rooms be full of  
happiness;  
Let love live here.

Love of God,  
Love of one another  
And love of life itself.

Let us remember  
That as many hands  
build a house,  
So many hearts make a

School.  
Amen.



Good afternoon to you all! Another week has flown past and we have already completed 5 weeks of our new school year.

- 1 I have been very pleased with all the children; they have settled into their new classes extremely well and there is a great atmosphere around the school. I love to walk around occasionally during lesson time (when I'm avoiding work!) because it is wonderful to see the children working so hard and enjoying their time with their teachers.

- 1 We held our Reception Welcome Service yesterday afternoon and it was lovely. Thank you to all parents who took time out of their day to be with us. I do indeed feel blessed to have such lovely children in our school.

- 2 Many congratulations to our Eco-Cadets who presented a lovely Mass this morning based around the theme of taking care of the earth.

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2 **Bronze Award—P.E.**

- 2 I am pleased to tell you that we have been awarded the Bronze School Games Mark. As a school we are part of the Sports Partnership and within this partnership we have children trained to be play leaders outside (10 Year 6 pupils) we
- 2 take part in PE festivals and competitions and we participate in training for staff.

- 2 Mrs Baker, who leads PE, ensures that PE provision in school is very good and that all children have access to different sporting events.

We are also part of the Birmingham Catholic Primary Sports Association, of which Mr O'Rourke and Mr Wilson are on the executive committee, and take part in a Swimming Gala, football competitions and cross country.

Two weeks ago a member of the Sports Industry Research Centre came in to audit our work in PE and awarded us the Bronze mark. Something Mrs Baker, Mr Wilson and Mr O'Rourke should be very proud of.



**Eco-School**

As a school we decided last year that we should work harder to be more environmentally friendly. Mrs McKenna led our school, with the Eco-Cadets, on looking at ways that we could make a difference to the environment. As a result of the work that we started last year we have been awarded the Bronze Eco-Award.

However, knowing there is more to be done, we are striving for the silver award this year, spurred on by the eco-cadets and school council. The school council met this week for their first meeting and have requested bins for each classroom for recyclable waste and events such as litter picking to be more frequent. The eco-cadets are meeting soon and I am sure more good ideas will follow.

We will be holding litter picking events throughout the year and will gratefully accept any support you can give us with this. The eco-cadets will be joining the local councillor and community for a litter pick on 15th October.

If you have any ideas about how we can be more eco-Friendly then please do let Mrs McKenna know—she loves A good idea!



**FIVE WEEKS IN... HOW  
MANY ATTENDANCE  
STARS HAVE YOUR CLASS  
GOT**

Year 6—2 stars



Year 5

Year 4—1 star



Year 3—2 stars



Year 2

Year 1—1 star



Reception

**Dates for the diary**

**Monday 7th October**

Year 5 and Year 6—  
school trip

**Tuesday 8th October**

Year 3 Inspire  
Year 6 Swimming

**Friday 11th October**

Year 4 Mass

**Monday 14th October**

Bedtime Story Day  
Book Fair

**Tuesday 15th October**

Year 6 Swimming  
Book Fair

**Thursday 17th October**

Year 5 Assembly  
Book Fair

**Friday 18th October**

Year 2 Mass  
Year 1 Prayer Service  
2:30pm

**Year 3 Inspire**

All parents of Year 3 children are invited to their Inspire Workshop on Tuesday 8th October. We are looking at helping our environment this year so you will be doing an activity in the hall and then going out to plant daffodils around the school. If you have a small spade you could bring with you this would be very helpful.

**NSPCC On Line Safety Workshop for parents**

The NSPCC have come in to work with your children on keeping safe but they also offer an on line safety workshop for parents. We have arranged for them to come in on Thursday 24th October at 9:00am. They will be presenting information to you on how to support your children in keeping safe on line. The workshop is open for any parent.

**Bedtime Story Day!**

To celebrate our book fair we are going to hold a 'Bedtime Story Day!' on Monday 14th October. We ask the children to bring a favourite bedtime story book into school and they can also wear their pj's, slippers and dressing gowns for the day. I can promise you I will be in my PJ's—we held this event a couple of years ago and I have never been so comfortable working in the office as I was on the day I had my slippers and pj's on!

**Book Fair**

Each year we hold a book fair with scholastic. There are books you can buy and the school then get money back to buy books for school. The book fair will be held after school on Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th October. I know that the books are fairly expensive but it is another great way to raise money for the school.

**School Fund**

At the beginning of the year, in my first letter, I told you that we had spent some of the school fund money on books for school, these books were specifically to help our history and geography topics and will be well used. I wanted to keep you up to date with other things that we have bought with your school fund money:

All house badges, all eco-cadet, councillor, librarian and liturgy leader badges, specialist writing pencils and pens, handwriting books for the infants, bean bags and other equipment we are collecting for a calm room, big A3 art books for our SMSVC and Cultural Capital work and our weekly attendance awards.

I want you to know that all money that goes into school fund is spent on your children and the school environment. Not a penny is wasted.

**Mary Holland Funeral**

Mary Holland was a member of the Corpus Christi Parish all her life and was a founding member of the Corpus Christi Help Group. St Cuthbert's has supported The Help Group and Mary came to the school for numerous different functions. She died a few weeks ago after a short illness. Her funeral took place today at Corpus Christi Church and Mr Gallagher, Mrs McKenna, Mrs Parkes and myself took 15 Year 6 children to sing with the children of Corpus Christi. They were amazing and I was incredibly proud of them.

Mary's sister came up to me at the end of Mass to thank the school for supporting the family and she was extremely complimentary of the children. As I said I was very proud of them all.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and I will see you next week.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Hobbs

"So let us learn how to serve  
And in our lives enthrone Him  
Each other's needs to prefer  
For it is Christ we're serving "

