

# St. Modwen's Newsletter

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

Another wonderful week has flown by! I especially enjoyed lunch with Kuzhaima, Sofia, Toby, Emil, Orla, Hanna, Alexis, Ania, Thomas P, Oliwia M, Oliwia R, Roman, Chizaram and Sophia last Wednesday. They were very good with their Gospel quiz knowledge in our after dinner games.

A huge thank you to the staff at Fountains, especially the Head Teacher Mrs Price and the swimming teacher Jo for welcoming some of our learners there this week for their very own swimming and physio regime! A huge thank you to Mrs Pratt, Mrs Mohammed, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Robson, Mrs Arnold and Mrs Harvey for helping the children; Miss Shaw and I were very impressed with the swimming (and the singing!). Thank you to Mr Read, Miss Goodman, Miss Hughes and Miss Innwood for the Y4/5 swimming at Meadowside too, all of the swimmers have been very impressive with their behaviour and enthusiasm!

A huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Ganley who have agreed to host a welcome coffee morning for the new Reception parents next Thursday morning after drop off at the Beacon (a separate text should have gone out to invited parents of Miss Harcombe and Mrs Chadfield's classes, from Mr Heald already). It is an event whereby new Reception parents can get to know each other and meet some of the PTA reps to find out how to get involved. We hope you have a lot of fun.

There have been a couple of issues with Parent Pay, as you are aware! Please bear with our office staff who are in a period of transition: we held interviews for the office vacancy left by Mrs Machin's retirement today and will be able to make some staffing announcements next week. Please also keep Mrs Rooney in your prayers as she is unwell at this time. A huge thank you to Mrs Salt and Miss Downer for keeping the office running as smoothly as possible with support from agency staff whilst we recruit.

Congratulations to Mrs Kirkpatrick who recently gave birth to a baby boy: Lachlan James. We also congratulate Mrs Bennet who is pregnant and will be leaving at Christmas to have her baby- at a similar time to Miss Downer in the office who is also due to go on maternity leave-phew! I think they all sat on the same chair at some point. The governors and I will be able to make an announcement about the arrangements for the Y1 teacher for Mrs Bennet's class from January onwards as soon as possible- watch this space and thank you for your understanding.

## Whole School Attendance

Last Week  
97.22%

**Target - 95.5%**

**362 children  
achieved 100%  
attendance  
Last week.  
Well Done!**

## **Well done to:**

- Reception St Raphael
- Y2B St John and
- Y3A St Faustina

for achieving a massive 100% attendance over the week and for achieving schools highest attendance last week!

Our pupils have been selected amongst a number of schools and organisations for the commemoration of the 100 year anniversary of WW1 ending this November by participating in the 20,000 doves installation at Lichfield Cathedral. The doves have been made this week and will be displayed in November for the public to see. We will let you know when we have a date for this installation to be launched so that you may choose to visit the cathedral as a family. I will also post some photographs on twitter. The doves are symbolic of peace and our children have written prayerful messages of peace on each dove- they have come up with some very thoughtful and inspiring ideas: well done children.

Good luck to all of the school council candidates who have been campaigning this week- voting soon so get your speeches ready! Thank you to last year's school council for helping us to interview the hopeful new office staff today: Dawid, Alexis, Martyna, Oliver, Edward, James, Daniel, Charlie, Haydyn, Isla, Zara and Paula who are getting ready to hand over their badges after a wonderful 12 months of service-congratulations and thank you!

Have a wonderful weekend

**Ms M Gibbs**

### **Attention all car park users:**

The car park at the front of school is for visitors and disabled pupils only. We have a number of pupils with mobility difficulties who are unable to come in to school safely or practically when other parents park in the disabled space. **We ask that you model respect, compassion and courtesy to your own children by leaving the disabled parking spaces for those with high needs.** We have put a pavement in place so that Nursery parents can park further back and walk up to the front door. The front car park was never designed to be a Nursery car park. Once all children have been dropped at Breakfast Club, we should not see any parent cars in the visitor area at drop off or collection time unless you are parking because you have a pre-booked appointment with a member of staff.



### *Virtues Certificates*

Reception St Raphael – Poppy and Emily  
Y1JH St Matthew – Oskar  
Y1AB St Mark – Aubre  
Y2AS St Luke – Lennie  
Y2JC St John – Nathaniel  
Y3TB St Faustina – Thierry  
Y3TG St Paschal of Baylon – Stas  
Y4DR St Josephine Bakhita – Dylan  
Y4HG St Theresa of Calcutta – Jenisha  
Y5NH St Maxmilian Kolbe – Gasper  
Y5LP St Alphonsa – Connie  
Y6 DQ Blessed John Henry Newman – Freya  
Y6 JD – Blessed Dominic Barberi – Keeley

### *Inspirational Quote of the week:*

**All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them.**

**Walt Disney**



## Reconciliation and First Holy Communion (All in Church)



Meeting	Date	Time and Place
Meeting 1	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	7pm in church
Enrolment Mass	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	11am in church
Meeting 2	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	7pm in church
First Confessions	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	10am in church
Meeting 3	Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	7pm in church
Listening Mass	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	11am in church
Meeting 4	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	7pm in church
FHC Mass Y3 T Brassington	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	11am in church
FHC Mass Y3 T Gilmore	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	11am in church

## Confirmation Meetings and Enrolment (All in Church)



Meeting	Date	Time and Place
Meeting 1	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	7pm in church
Enrolment Mass	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	11am in church
Meeting 2	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	7pm in church
Handing on the Light of Faith	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	11am in church
Meeting 3	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	IN SCHOOL
Confirmation Mass DQ	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	7pm in church
Confirmation Mass JD	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	7pm in church

## Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	4-7pm	Parents Evening
26 <sup>th</sup> October 2018	2:45pm	Year 3 Class Assembly
16 <sup>th</sup> November 2018	2:45pm	Year 2 Class Assembly
7 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	11am	Choir Christmas Concert – Chestnut Grange
W/C 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	TBC	KS1 Nativity
W/C 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	TBC	EYFS Nativity
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	7pm	Year 5/6 Carol Service
23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2019	7pm	Young Voices Concert
1 <sup>st</sup> February 2019	2:45pm	Year 5 Class Assembly
29 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	2:45pm	Reception (Mrs Chadfield) Class Assembly
24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	2:45pm	Reception (Miss Harcombe) Class Assembly
14 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	2:45pm	Year 4 Class Assembly
21 <sup>st</sup> June 2019	2:45pm	Year 1 Class Assembly

**LETTINGS** -Our school hall is available for lettings. For more information is available on the school website or by contacting Mrs Salt in the school office.



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