



ST MARY'S THE MOUNT
NEWSLETTER
17th October 2014



Dear Parents

Important Dates:

Week Beginning 20th October 2014	
Monday 20 th October	Toddler Group 3pm Class Prayer – Year R Orchestra to 4pm FLUTES ONLY French Club to 4pm 7pm - Aerobics
Tuesday 21st October	Bags to School – Front of School by 9.00am 7pm – Zumba
Wednesday 22nd October	
Thursday 23rd October	2.30pm Class Mass Year R/1 Year Y3/Y4 Football
Friday 24th October	Mufti - £1 Year 6 - 8.10am – Netball Club Year 5 assembly Y5/Y6 Football Club School closes for half term at normal time.

Week Beginning 3rd November 2014	
Monday 3rd November	Toddler Group 3pm Class Prayer – Year 6 Orchestra to 4pm French Club to 4pm 7pm - Aerobics
Tuesday 4th November	7pm – Zumba
Wednesday 5th November	Year 6 visit to St Chad's Cathedral
Thursday 6th November	Year 3 to visit Balaji Temple 2.30pm Class Mass Year 5 Year Y3/Y4 Football Parent Consultations
Friday 7th November	Year 6 - 8.10am – Netball Club (this will be the final session) Mufti - Bottles for Parish Fair Year 6 Assembly Y5/Y6 Football Club

Other Dates for Diary

6th November - Parent Consultations

23rd November – Feast of Christ the King – Family Mass 11am

11th November

This is a very special day for our school. John Carless V.C. and a former pupil of St Mary's School, during the reign of Queen Victoria, will be especially remembered on this day. His family (some of whom are parishioners) have asked that the Memorial Stone, which has been commissioned by the Government to mark the anniversary of the 1st World War, be placed on the school grounds. WHAT AN HONOUR! The stone will be placed on a plinth at the Infant Entrance and unveiled, after a Mass on the 11th November, to which the Mayor and the family and friends of John Carless are invited. Please try to come along to Mass which is in school at 9.15am on that day.



School/Parish Mass

It was wonderful to see so many families at our school/parish Mass. Thank you to all of you who were able to join us. The children were, as always, very well behaved. Congratulations to our Year 3 pupils who were enrolled for their First Holy Communion. We will remember you and your families in our prayers.

Attendance Week Beginning: Monday 6th October

YR: 100% Y1: 96% Y2: 98.7% Y3: 93.7% Y4: 99.3% Y5: 99.7% Y6: 99.3%

Well done Year R

Bags to School

Please bring your filled Bags2School bags on Tuesday 21st October by 9am. They need to be left under the canopy in front of the main reception doors. Thank you.

Music Lessons

There are NO brass music lessons next Tuesday (21st October) as Mr Bennett is unavailable. Time owed will be made up to pupils. Lessons as usual after half term.

School Fund

Could I ask you all to consider carefully the contribution you are able to make towards School Fund. In a time of restricted budgets (school as well as our personal ones!) we know that every penny does count. School fund enables us to provide for the children the treats and 'extras' which the school budget cannot fund. In the past we have used school fund to support school visits, buy leavers' gifts and other seasonal gifts. We can only continue to do this with your support - please try to do your best. Please send your donation in an envelope marked School Fund. A very big thank you to those 15 families who have already made a contribution.

100+ Club

Thanks to those who have paid their subscriptions – and good luck! For members who still need to pay – could your subscription (£7. 50 for half a year, or £15 for the full year) be handed into the office by Friday 24th October.

Talk to Us!

If you have concerns regarding your child then please do speak to your child's teacher. We know that even 'little worries' can soon become bigger ones if they are not resolved. Your child's teacher will always be more than willing to take time to talk to you.

Deanery Visitations

Our parish is to receive a visit from Archbishop Bernard Longley and Bishop David McGough during the weekend of 6th and 7th December. This will be a very special and wonderful occasion and we hope that many of you will be able to meet them. Sunday 7th December at 11am is the enrolment Mass for our confirmandi and Archbishop Bernard will be there to celebrate with us. Our Parish Fair is to be held on Saturday 6th December 12- 3pm. The Archbishop and Bishop will be there to see our wonderful choir perform.

Fancy Dress Zumbathon

For Birmingham Children's Hospital Teenage Cancer Trust
Saturday 25th October 2014 in school Starts at 10.00am
£4.00 fee to take part - There will be raffle prizes/refreshments
Contact Sharon Small – 07747 754595

Autumn is here!!!!!!

A reminder that every child needs a coat to wear at playtimes and lunchtimes. Unless the weather is wet the children do go out to play and need to be wrapped up warm during the colder months.

Help us win £100

Asda at The Wharf have chosen us as one of their 3 charities for the month of October. Shoppers will be given a green token to put into a charity box at the front of the store, every time they visit. If we accumulate the most tokens then we will get £100 for our school. (Asda will give us £25 even if we don't win). Please visit Asda at The Wharf and encourage your friends and family to visit and vote for us whenever they shop there.



Morrisons– 'Let's Grow' Vouchers

We are collecting these – so please send them in – ask family and friends for theirs too!



Prayer Intentions

Blessed are you Lord God,
From eternity you have called us to your people,
and to sing your praise at all times.

Bless us in our work and prayer,
and grant that our lives may give you glory
through our words, our witness
and our worship.
Amen

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