

St Fidelis Catholic Primary School

16th September 2016 Newsletter



SCHOOL MASS

Our first school mass of the academic year will take place this Sunday at 10:30am. Our new Parish Administrator, Br Martin, will lead us in this mass as we pray for success in the year ahead. I would like to register my thanks to the parish for the generous donation of £3000 towards the cost of our beautiful new big blue bus. The bus will hold our books and artefacts on the various other faiths our children learn about downstairs, whilst we are using the upstairs as a prayer and reflection space.

BUILDING WORKS

If you have been on our playground at the end of the school day this week you will have seen lots of activity as we have an additional studio being built where the old wooden gazebo used to be. This will provide the school with an additional learning space where groups of learners can work comfortably and various meetings can take place. It means that it is more congested on the playground at the end of the school day, but the short term inconvenience will be worth it soon.

EARRINGS

Some children have come back to school with their ears pierced. I would be grateful if these could be removed before coming to school each day. Where a child has only recently had their ears pierced (in the last six weeks), children should come to school with simple small stud earrings.

MUSIC AFTER- SCHOOL CLUBS

Unfortunately there will be no steel pans, choir practice or orchestra after school clubs this half term (September and October) as Mr Robinson is recuperating following surgery.

MUSIC TUITION

Music tuition lessons start from next Monday 19th September, for those pupils who have made payments and returned slips– details have now been finalised and the timetables will be on the music noticeboard in the KS2 area. No further places are available for this term.

THANK YOU

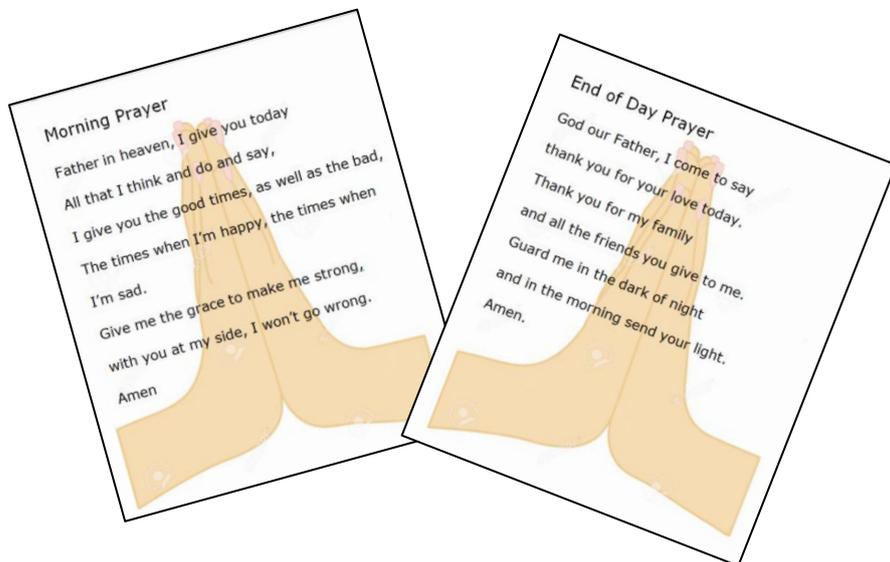
Thank you to all the families who have already returned their forms indicating children's nationality and country of birth. We are being asked as a school by the government to collect this additional information in order to allow the Department for Education to more accurately track the performance of different groups of pupils across the school. We would be grateful if these forms could be returned soon as it is a big job for the school office to input this additional information. Thanks in advance for your help in this matter.

CONTACT INFORMATION

From time to time, some parents need to travel away from home – please ensure that the school is aware of this and that we have up-to-date contact information for whoever is looking after your child. If any contact details have changed over the school holidays, again please let the school office know so that we can update our computer records.

PRAYERS

Mrs Tylee, our Religion Leader, thought it would be helpful to remind everyone of our morning and end of day prayers, in case families also wanted to use these at home too.



CLASS ASSEMBLIES

During the school year each of the classes leads a whole school assembly and the parents and carers for the pupils in that class are invited to come along to be a part of the school community at this time. Please note that different class assemblies will have different start times.

Friday 23 rd September	3pm	Yr 6 Owls
Friday 30 th September	3pm	Yr 5 Flamingoes
Friday 7 th October	3pm	Yr 4 Hawks
Friday 14 th October	3pm	Yr 3 Penguins
Friday 21 st October	3pm	Yr 5 Kestrels
Friday 18 th November	3pm	Yr 4 Puffins
Friday 25 th November	2:45 pm	Yr 6 Ashford assembly
Friday 2 nd December	2:45pm	Yr 5 Sayers Croft assembly

DENIM DIAMOND BALL

Our second School and Parish Denim and Diamond Ball in joint support of St Fidelis School and Cancer Research takes place on Saturday 8th October in the Angelus Centre next door from 7pm to 11.30pm. Tickets are £25 each and there are a few places still available. Posters with full details are on the school noticeboard and at the back of the church.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

All children should be in winter uniform by **Monday 26th September** please.

HOLIDAYS

Just an early reminder that the first half of the autumn term ends at the normal time on Friday 21st October. Pupils should return on Monday 31st October. There is no school for the pupils on Friday 4th November, which is an INSET day.

The second half of the autumn term ends at the normal time on Thursday 22nd December. Pupils should return on Wednesday 4th January. Full details of all the term and holiday dates are available through the school website.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Hannon
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