

# St Fidelis Catholic Primary School

## 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016 Newsletter



### LEARNING CHALLENGE

Our first Learning Challenge of the new academic year is here. We would like you to create a piece of art linked to peace about one of these two themes: A world without conflict or my role as a peacemaker. Use whichever type of media you would like and bring your art work to school on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October** and not before! Remember your **name** and **class** on each entry.

### EATING HEALTHILY AND SAVING THE PLANET

Elliott, one of our Year 4 pupils, wrote to me recently because he was concerned about an important global issue. He thinks it would be a good idea if we all ate less meat, for example by only having one meat meal a day. There are several reasons this might be a good idea. Firstly if we eat less meat and more vegetables it will cost much less to do our weekly shopping. In addition, there would be more land available to grow extra delicious vegetables. Finally if there were more plants this would reduce the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. So, if you can, please try to eat less meat, less often- it might be easier than you think!



### E SAFETY

The positives of the digital world overwhelmingly outweigh the negatives, but as parents we need to keep that watchful eye on our children regardless of their age. A big factor when it comes to risk is 'coping strategies'. What I mean by this is that things will happen; no matter how large or how small the risk, children have to know how to cope with particular situations, and if they don't know how to cope they have to be able to turn to somebody for help. That may be a friend, a telephone or online helpline, but most important of all, it's the parents or carers.

Don't be worried, be curious. As a parent you have that instinct to know if something is wrong, or if something has changed in the behaviour of your child. If there is a change in behaviour what has sparked this change? This change in behaviour could be a range of things, for example are they spending too much time on a particular game? Another reason may be that they are getting nasty or unwanted contacts from others and may not want to tell you for a number of reasons, principally that you may take away their access or that they are embarrassed or scared.

Are your children using social media? If so what are they using, who are they talking to, who are their 'friends', is it age-appropriate, what type of information are they sharing, do they (and you) know how to use the security and privacy settings, and do they (and you) know how to block and report someone? If you have any concerns you can find help online at <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

### MIDDAY SUPERVISOR VACANCY

We are currently advertising for a new Midday Supervisor- application packs are available on the school website and from the school office.

### READING DIARIES

One of our school development priorities this year is to further improve our children's reading abilities. One way that we can all help with the development of this really important skill is to encourage our children to read each and every day. Reading diaries should be used every day to record the reading that our children have completed as this helps us all to check on the progress they are making. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

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## TWITTER

If you haven't already done so you really should join our 300+ followers on Twitter where we upload photos and pieces of work each day from across the school. It is an excellent way to see some of the exciting things that are happening across the school. Follow us at:

**@headstfidelis**



## NURSERY STAY AND PLAY DATES

The Nursery is once again running stay and play sessions for parents to attend. The sessions will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 14<sup>th</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup> December and will run from 9.00-9.30am for Wrens and 12.30-1.00pm for Doves.

## PARENTMAIL

We currently have 85% of parents who have signed up to Parentmail – please make sure we have an e-mail address for you as we send lots of important messages and last-minute information by this method.

## READING CAFES

Our weekly reading cafés have now restarted for pupils from Reception to Year 6. Simply come along on a Thursday morning before 9:00am to the main reception area. The café lasts just 15 minutes until 9:15am and we know the children love to welcome visitors to their classrooms. If you have been before then you know what to expect- if you haven't then come along- it is really enjoyable!

## CHRISTMAS EVENT DATES

It isn't that long till December, so here are some of the key events in school at that time:

Yr 1 & 6 Advent Mass	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 10am
Yr 3 & 5 Advent Mass	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 10am
Yr 2 & 4 Advent Mass	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 10am
Nursery (Wrens) & Reception Christmas Play	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 10am
Nursery (Doves) & Reception Christmas Play	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm
Yr 1 & 2 Christmas Play	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm
	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 10am
Yr 3, 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Service Our Lady of the Angels	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm
	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 7pm

## 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 7 <sup>th</sup> October	3pm	Yr 4 Hawks
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	3pm	Yr 3 Penguins
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	3pm	Yr 5 Kestrels
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	3pm	Yr 4 Puffins
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	2:45 pm	Yr 6 Ashford assembly
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	2:45pm	Yr 5 Sayers Croft assembly

Yours sincerely,  
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