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The next Newsletter will be issued on Friday 14th October.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance since the last newsletter is:

Rec	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
97.1%	98.5%	99.0%	98.9%	97.9%	95.2%	96.4%

Congratulations to **Year 2** who are our winners this time - well done. School Target is 96% Overall attendance since the beginning of the year is 95.1%.

Please ensure that all medical appointments are made outside of school hours whenever possible.

If your child is unable to attend school due to sickness, please telephone the school office on 0121 464 5500 before 9.15am.

Late marks since the last newsletter are:

Rec	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6
5	11	0	9	8	12	8

Congratulations to Year 2. Children's learning is affected even by arriving a few minutes late and children are often embarrassed at having to enter the classroom after the rest of the class. This level of late marks is unacceptable and cannot continue.

Children MUST be on the playground by 8.50am in readiness to be collected by their class teacher at 8.55am.

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR VACANCY

We are looking to appoint a caring and observant person to join our well-established and committed lunchtime team.

You will be responsible for the safety and welfare of the pupils during lunchtime, both inside and in the playground. You will also be involved in the organisation of play for the children to ensure that they have a positive lunchtime experience.

You will need good interpersonal skills, and must be trustworthy, reliable, punctual, and enthusiastic about working with children. Previous experience, although desirable, is not essential.

Full application details are available to download from the school website

www.stmartindepordes.org.uk Closing Date: Friday 14th October 2016

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

We are holding a coffee afternoon in support of Macmillan Cancer Research. This will be taking place on **Friday 7th October** at 2pm in the school hall. Any donations of cakes will be appreciated and we do look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Guitar Lessons

A reminder to children in years 3 and above who take guitar lessons after school that these have re-started. The next lesson will be on Wednesday 5th October so please ensure that guitars are brought into school. They can be stored for the day in the school office. If your child is interested in starting lessons, there are a few places still available. Please see Mrs Sullivan for further details.

Irish Dancing

Irish Dancing lessons will commence on Tuesday 11th October. Lessons take place after school until 4.20pm and are open to children in Year 1 and above.

Please see Mrs Sullivan for a consent form if you wish your child to attend.

Year 6 - Secondary School Application

A reminder of the **31st October** deadline for making your application.

Information can be found online at
www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

DIARY DATES:

- **Tues 4th Oct** – Year 5 Mass. 9.30am – all welcome
- **Wed 5th Oct** – Year 2 trip – Sea Life Centre
- **Thurs 6th Oct** – School nurse drop in session 1.30pm – 2.30pm
- **Fri 7th Oct** – Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 2pm. All welcome
- **Tues 11th Oct** – Year 6 Mass. 9.30am – all welcome
- **Fri 14th Oct** – Year 6 class assembly. 9am – all welcome
- **Tues 18th Oct** – Year 3 Mass. 9.30am – all welcome
- **Thurs 20th Oct** – School nurse drop in session 1.30pm – 2.30pm
- **Fri 21st Oct** – SCHOOL CLOSSES 3.15PM HALF-TERM
- **Mon 31st Oct** – SCHOOL RE-OPENS
- **Tues 8th Nov** – Year 2 Mass. 9.30am – all welcome
- **Tues 8th Nov** – Parents' Evening early appointments
- **Wed 9th Nov** – Open Morning 9.30am – 11am
- **Tues 15th Nov** – Year 1 Mass. 9.30am – all welcome
- **Thurs 17th Nov** – Parents' Evening late appointments
- **Fri 18th Nov** – Year 5 class assembly. 9am – all welcome
- **Tues 22nd Nov** – Year 6 Mass. 9.30am – all welcome
- **Tues 29th Nov** – Year 5 Mass. 9.30am – all welcome
- **Sat 3rd Dec** – Parish Fair Ss John & Martin Church 12-2pm
- **Tues 6th Dec** – Year 4 Mass. 9.30am – all welcome
- **Tues 6th Dec** – KS1 Christmas Production 2.00pm
- **Wed 7th Dec** – KS1 Christmas Production 9.30am
- **Thurs 8th Dec** – KS2 Christmas Production 2.00pm & 6.30pm
- **Fri 16th Dec** – SCHOOL CLOSSES 3.15PM CHRISTMAS
- **Tues 3rd Jan** – SCHOOL RE-OPENS

Sports News from Miss Haydon

Both the football and netball seasons are now underway. Our defense of the League Netball Title started well this week with a victory over St Bernard's School. Our boys' football team has been undefeated in both of their matches to date and also came runners up in their first tournament of the season. Well done to all of our players and thank you to parents who have supported us. Miss Haydon's Sport Newsletter will be published at the end of this first half-term with full updates and sports news. Please ensure that children are collected promptly from after school clubs and that any school kits are returned after matches. Thank you.

School Uniform

Children in Reception, Year 1 & 2 should be wearing a white polo shirt with a round neck school logo sweatshirt.

Children in Years 3,4,5 & 6 should all be wearing a white shirt with a tie (non-elasticated), and boys a v-neck jumper, girls a school cardigan or jumper.

Our full uniform policy is available to view on the school website

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Afternoon Tea

Each week we hold an afternoon tea to celebrate the excellent attitude and behaviour of a child from each class. Congratulations to the following children who have been chosen so far this term:

Year 1 – Adyan, Alishba, Yusuf S **Year 2** – Alia, Havana, Abdul Basit
Year 3 – Amelia, Sohail, Bo Bo **Year 4** – Tane, Ayman, Satnam
Year 5 – Armaan, Hashim **Year 6** – Lewis, Himat

Kingswood

Our Year 5 & 6 children had great fun and were impeccably behaved on their recent adventure to Kingswood. Well done to you all – you were a credit to the school. Thanks also to Miss Rafferty, Mr Clark, Mr Gray, Mrs Sullivan, Mrs Banks & Miss Haydon who were with the children all weekend.

You all deserve a well-earned rest this weekend!

Open Morning

Our open morning for children due to start Reception in September 2017 is being held on Wednesday 9th November from 9.30am until 11am. If you have, or know anyone who has a child due to start school next year, please put the date in your diary.

There are details of a School's Poppy Day Hat competition on the reverse of this Newsletter – deadline for entries is 14th October.

Finally, it has been wonderful seeing just how quickly our Reception children have settled into their first full week of school life. Well done to you all.

God Bless