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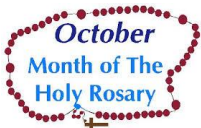
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"Through Jesus we achieve our very best."

Newsletter No 2 - Friday 28th September 2018

Attendance & Punctuality since the beginning of the school year. Congratulations to Year 3 & Year 5!

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance	97.4%	96.7%	91.8%	95%	90.8%	98.4%	91.3%
No of Lates	11	11	12	11	13	7	11
Whole school attendance this year			94.3%	School Target			96%



October is the month of the **Rosary** when we contemplate the main events of Jesus' life while reciting the Our

Father, Hail Mary and the Glory Be prayer. We begin on Monday at 2.45 in the School Hall. If you are able to, please come and join the children in this beautiful, centuries old form of prayer.



We are very happy to announce that our School House will now be opened to parents every Tuesday morning before Mass for coffee and a friendly chat. The side gate being locked, please come through the school reception.

DIARY DATES:

- **Mon 1st** - Year 5/6 Bishop Challoner (BC) Hockey Competition - Queensbridge School - 4pm
- **Tue 2nd** - Year 5 Mass - 9.30am - All welcome
- **Thu 4th** - Year 3/4 BC Dodgeball Competition - Moseley Secondary School Sports Hall - 4pm
- **Tue 9th** - Year 3 Harvest Mass - 9.30am - All welcome
- **Tue 9th** - Boys Football League Match v Acocks Green - Yardley Wood Playing Fields - 4pm
- **Mon 15th** - Year 5/6 BC Basketball Competition - Bishop Challoner Sports Hall - 4pm
- **Tue 16th** - Year 6 Mass - 9.30am - All welcome
- **Tue 23rd** - Year 2 Mass - 9.30am - All welcome
- **Thu 25th Oct** - **SCHOOL CLOSSES 3.15pm** Half-Term
- **Fri 26th Oct** - **SCHOOL CLOSED** - TEACHER TRAINING DAY
- **Mon 5nd** - Feast Day of St Martin de Porres
- **Tue 6th** - No Mass
- **Tue 6th** - Open Evening - Details to follow



May we remind parents that there should only be water in the children's water bottles. Thank you



Blessing Of Pets

On Tuesday 2nd October, our Mass, led by Year 5, will be dedicated to St Francis of Assisi. Children are invited to bring in pictures of their pets and Fr Dominic will be available to bless them after Mass.



News from our PTA

The PTA runs a raffle called **Club 49** which has a weekly prize of £50.

To become a Club 49 member, you buy a number between 1 and 49.

You pay £2/week for this number. The winner is the person who has the same number as the bonus ball from the Saturday National Lotto draw. If all 49 numbers are taken, Club 49 raises £2,500 for the school each year. Due to last year's Year 6 moving to secondary school, some numbers have become available. If you are interested in buying a number, please leave your details with Mrs Sullivan at the office.

The PTA would love to welcome new members. If you are interested, please come to their next meeting at 2pm on Friday 19th October.

News from our Governing Body

The Board of Governors has elected Mr Chris Packham as Chair, and Mrs Farah Zafar as Vice-chair for 2018-19. The Board also welcomes Mr Peter Tikimo as a new Foundation Governor. We also say farewell and thank you to two governors who have resigned after many years of service to the School: Mr Richard Marsh was Chair until the start of this term, Sister Christina McCann was a teacher at St Martin's many years ago as well as being a governor. The Governors look forward to working with Mr Gray and his colleagues during this school year. There are vacancies for governors. If interested, could you please contact Mrs Barwell, Clerk to the Governors.

HARVEST FUNDRAISER

Next Friday (5th Oct), we are collecting donations of food/money for the fantastic Anawim Centre in Balsall Heath. Anawim have been supporting women, in very vulnerable situations, reach their potential since 1986. In return for a donation of either food (non-perishable) or money, your child may exchange one item of uniform for something bright eg a school tie for a brightly coloured tie or dickiebow or school tights for brightly patterned tights.

Years 1 to 6 will again be taking part in



To receive their badge each month, your child must do at least one active journey a month. This can be walking, scootering or cycling. If you come by bus, get off a stop earlier and walk the rest of the way. If you come by car, park a couple of streets away and walk the rest. We are aiming to increase the number of active journeys the children in school take so please support us with this.



ALL DAY BREAKFAST

On **Thursday 4th October**, Mrs Guiden will be cooking an "All Day Breakfast" lunch. This will consist of sausages (Quorn option available), omelette, hash brown, baked beans & toast, served with orange juice or apple juice. **If your child normally brings a packed lunch to school but would like lunch on this day, please bring £2.30 to the school office no later than Monday 1st October.**



Just a reminder that all packed lunches should be **HEALTHY**. Crisps and chocolates should only be in boxes on a Friday. Thank you for your support with this. If you wish to have a copy of the Packed Lunch Policy please ask at the office or visit the school website.



On Wednesday 26th September, 12 Y5&6 children spent the day with Miss Haydon at Billesley Tennis Centre. They were trained there to become playleaders. This scheme is set up, organised and funded by Bishop Challoner School Sports Partnership to teach children fun active games which they will use to get our children active and having fun at lunchtimes.

Congratulations to the following children who have celebrated their hard work and excellent behaviour with an afternoon tea!

Year 1 – Lilly, Noah & Maya

Year 2 – Mariana, Ammarah & Kassim

Year 3 – Lucas, Yusuf S & Kaiden

Year 4 – Raees, Taiyah & Mary

Year 5 – Theo & Kianna

Year 6 – Kaysaan & Aisha



Our brand new playleaders are Isa, Esa, Ayman, Yafate, Kaysaan, Catilin, Iman, Satnam, Safiya and Maryam - Year 6; Amelia and Theo - Year 5.