Our Lady’s Catholic, Alcester

Newsletter — 3.11.17

“United together as one family in Christ.”

Teresa of Avila

Christ Has No Body

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,

Our Gospel values for this half term are
Learned and Wise

Our Lady’s Catholic Primary School
Open Day, Thursday 9th November
10am until 2.30pm.

Come and join us and see how we love to learn!

Holy Family Catholic Academy
After a restful half term (I hope!) Year 3 and 4 have come back with lots of energy and enthusiasm and have already shown excellent work! We have been focusing on poetry this week in English. We looked at poetry linked to remembrance as we prepare for our assembly. The children looked at metaphors, similes, alliteration and rhyme. Then they wrote the most fantastic poems! We can't wait to share some of them with you during our assembly next Friday which we are practising very hard for!

This week in Reception we have been learning about 2D shapes. We know that they are flat and have sides and vertices. We used 2D shapes to make a house for an alien. Here you can see how proud Philip is of his work!

We have had a fantastic week back at school! We have been learning about measurement in Maths. The children received an email from Paddington asking them to complete a range of measuring activities. They needed to find something in the classroom that was a particular height, length and width.

The week children in year 5/6 have started working on aspects of their story that they will be writing in a couple of weeks. Children have been focusing on settings and how to write an effective setting description. We have had some excellent metaphors and similes! In maths children in year 5 have been focusing on line graphs and measured each other's heights to compare height and age. Here is a picture of year 5/6 planning their next science experiment.
GOLD AWARDS

In our “Celebration” assembly the following children received Star of the week certificates.

Noah — Reception — for a fantastic attitude to learning

Jeevan — Year 1 — for excellent Phonics work.

Jasmine — Year 2 — for work on non-chronological reports

Alex — Year 3 — for being reliable and mature

Kobe — Year 4 — for a more mature attitude to his work

Summer E — Year 5 — for thoughtful answers in mass.

Angel — Year 6 — for being a good friend

HOUSE OF THE WEEK — ST. ANTHONY

Non uniform day 17th November for donations for tombola stalls at our Christmas Fayre.

Key Stage 1— chocolate donations
Key Stage 2— bottles.

Please can you keep children off for 48 hours after experiencing sickness or diarrhoea. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Reminders— Can you please ensure that your child/ren do not play on the playground equipment after school. Many thanks.

We would like to remind you that dogs are NOT ALLOWED PAST THE SCHOOL GATE. Thank you for your co-operation.

CLUBS ARE REMAINING THE SAME FOR THE NEXT HALF TERM AND WILL RUN FOR 6 WEEKS ONLY, STARTING, WEEK BEGINNING 30/10/17 AND ENDING ON 7TH DECEMBER 2017.
## Dates for the diary

### November

- **7.11.17** Parents Evening 4pm-7pm
- **9.11.17** Open day 10am to 2.30pm — times have changed.
- **10.11.17** Year 3 and 4 Assembly, 2.45pm
- **17.11.17** Non uniform day for donations for Christmas Fayre tombola stalls. Reception, year 1 and year 2 chocolate donation please and for years 3, 4, 5 and 6 a bottle please
- **18.11.17** Cross Country
- **20.11.17** Fire Service — Year 1
- **21.11.17** Immunisation, Reception, year 1, year 2, year 3 and year 4
- **22.11.17** Fire Service — Year 5
- **23.11.17** Mental Health and Well Being for your and your family at St. Benedict’s (details on page 5)

### December

- **1.12.17** PTA — Christmas Fayre
- **6.12.17** Church event — school choir 5.45-9pm
- **10.12.17** Advent Mass in church, 10.30am
- **12.12.17** Key Stage 1 Christmas Play — 2pm
- **12.12.17** Key Stage 2 Carol Concert — 6pm
- **13.12.17** Key Stage 2 Carol Concert — 2pm
- **13.12.17** Key Stage 1 Christmas Play — 6pm
- **14.12.17** Weight, Reception & Yr 6
- **15.12.17** Confession in school
- **22.12.17** PTA Christmas Jumper Day
- **22.12.17** Break up

### January

- **8.1.18** Back to school
- **13.1.18** Cross Country — 11am
- **28.1.18** Mass in church — New Year 10.30am, all welcome

### February

- **2.2.18** Candlemas — School, 10am
- **9.2.18** Year 1 and 2 Assembly — 2.45pm
- **10.2.18** Cross Country — 11am
- **14.2.18** Ash Wednesday Mass — 10am
- **15.2.18** Disco
- **16.2.18** Break up — Teacher Education Day, no children in school.
- **26.2.18** Back to school

### March

- **2.3.18** Bikeability — year 6, 9-3pm
- **3.3.18** Cross Country — The Croft
- **9.3.18** Bikeability — year 6, 9-3pm
- **11.3.18** Mother’s Day Mass — 10.30am
- **16.3.18** St Patrick’s Day Dance, 5.30-7pm
- **23.3.18** Year 5 and 6 Assembly 2.45pm
- **26.3.18** Confessions 10.30am
- **29.3.18** Break up for Easter

### April

- **16.4.18** Back to school

### May

- **4.5.18** Bikeability — year 5, 9-3pm
- **10.5.18** Mass, 9.15am
- **11.5.18** Bikeability — year 5, 9-3pm
- **14.5.18** SATs week
- **18.5.18** EYFS Assembly — 2.45pm
- **24.5.18** Break up for half term
- **25.5.18** Teacher Education Day, no pupils in school.

### June

- **28.5/1.6.18** Half term
- **4.6.18** Back to school
- **29.6.18** Mass in school — 9.15am
- **6.7.18** Leavers mass in church 10am
- **20.7.18** Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- **20.7.18** Break up for holidays
If you are interested please contact the office.

Warwickshire County Council

Mental Health and Well Being in you and your family

This is an hour long course for parents and Carers
Provided by Warwickshire Educational Psychology Service

Venue: St Benedict’s High School
Date: 23rd November 2017
Time: 1.45pm – 3pm

Please book a place with your school, as places are limited

This is a collaboration between St Benedict’s High School, Alcester Academy and Our Lady’s Primary School.

Aims of the course
- To consider mental well being and mental health needs
- To consider 4 commonly experienced mental health needs
- To explore ways to assist young people experiencing mental health needs
- To explore ways to promote mental well being in yourself and your family.

89% of attendees would recommend this course
Participant comments include:
“Gained knowledge to help my family and friends”
“Lots of information – very interesting subject”
“Very clear and relevant, I will share these ideas with my children and grandchildren”
“I will be using it to help my children face the stressful phases of life”
“There are things I can put in place now to help my children cope with challenges”
“Good to talk about a subject that is met usually with negativity”
“It really helped me learn some things – I will put it into practice and talk more about this with my family”.

Please complete the slip below and return to school

Mental Health and Well Being in you and your family
Thursday 23rd November 1.45pm – 3pm

I would like to attend this event (tick) □

Parent/Carers Name: ____________________________

Student Name: ____________________________ Year Group: ____________________________
10 October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing today to make you aware of changes planned for the summer of 2018.

You will be aware that the school has seen changes to the Senior Leadership Team over the past few years. Part of this programme was to ensure stability, continuity and the best educational outcomes for your children through the appointment, in agreement with the Archdiocese of Birmingham, of Mr Gibson as Interim Headteacher until the end of the summer term in 2018. Mr Gibson has successfully guided the school through this period and I am sure you will have noted the outstanding improvements in GCSE, IB and BTEC results this summer.

We now have to prepare for a new Headteacher to take over next September and I would like you to know that this process will begin shortly. The Governors, supported by the Directors of the Holy Family Catholic Multi Academy Company, current staff and pupils, will be involved in ensuring that we recruit a Headteacher who understands the Catholic ethos that is symbolic of St. Benedict’s. The person appointed will have the ability and experience to continue the leadership and development of the school for the future.

I ask for your support and prayers for a successful outcome in this key appointment for the future education of all our children.

Yours sincerely

Al Delany

Mrs Ann Delany
Acting Chair of Governors