



2020 Newsletter

*'Live together, pray together, learn together
and grow together in Christ'*



In the month of November, we traditionally remember the dead and pray for the bereaved and we have been doing this in school. We continue our prayers as we say...

O Lord, we thank you for the gift of our loved ones who have died and who we are remembering during this month of November.

We remember especially all those who have died during the past eight months; those who died from COVID-19, those who died from other natural causes and those who died tragically.

We thank you, compassionate God for walking with us in all the dark moments of our grief and loneliness.

Even when we find it hard to see you, we know and trust that you are beside us, and in the resurrection of Christ, Your Son, Our Lord, you give us a reason for living; a reason for hoping. Lord, continue to be a light for us, giving us direction and courage in this difficult time.

May we live our lives treasuring the memories of those special people we have known and loved and may you help us, Lord, to bring light and hope to others.

We make this our prayer through Christ our Lord, **Amen**.

Thought for the Month

'God loves each one of us as if we were the only one': St Augustine

A big THANK YOU to all our parents and carers who continue to support the school by following the procedures we have in place to keep all our children and staff safe and adhering to Government guidelines.

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REMINDERS

1) TIMINGS

Reception, Y2 and Y5 **8.45am** and **2.50pm**
Nursery timings are **9.00am** and **3.00pm**
YEARS 1,3, 4 and 6 timings are **8.55am** and **3.00pm**

Children in a family unit ie. who have siblings in other classes may all enter together for the timings of the first child. Siblings must wait with their parent/carer until it is their time to go to their waiting areas.

2) MASKS

We are strongly encouraging parents and carers to wear a mask or visor for the short time you are on our school site in the mornings and afternoons. Thank you.

3) SOCIAL DISTANCING

Please do not meet and socialise by the school gates or on the school playground. Once you have dropped off/picked up your child/ren then please make your way out of school using the one way system.

4) SOCIAL DISTANCING

Please do not turn up unannounced at the School Office. If there is an issue please phone the school first or see Miss Cairns on the gate in the morning/afternoon. Only parents with a pre-arranged appointment will be allowed inside the school building.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Reminder: This Friday- 20th November is a Teacher Day.

Children are not expected to be in school. See you again on Monday 23rd!

16th - 20th November: Anti-Bullying Week

23rd - 27th November: Attendance & Punctuality Focus Week 1

Friday 18th December - End of Term

****School will close at 1.30pm. Children should be collected at this time.****

School reopens on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

PARENT PHONE CONSULTATIONS

A big THANK YOU to all the parents/carers who took the time to speak with our staff for this different style of consultation. Staff have said that it was lovely to speak to so many parents/carers. There were lots of positive messages from both school and home.

HARVEST CELEBRATION SERVICES

Thank you very much for your contributions at our Harvest celebrations. These were gratefully received by St Chad's Sanctuary.

MACMILLAN RAFFLE

Many thanks for supporting our raffle for the Macmillan Charity - a change from our usual cake sale in light of COVID 19. In total we raised £115.00

A great effort for this charity - well done!

WINTER CLOTHES

It is good to see most of the children wrapped up with coats as the weather is starting to turn colder and wetter! Hats, scarves and gloves are also advisable as our playgrounds are quite exposed.

Please make sure all items of clothing are named!

Quite a few children have the same or very similar coats and this causes a problem when coats are not labelled. Also we understand that in poor weather the children may wear wellingtons or other types of boots but please provide a pair of shoes to change into at school as wellies and boots are not suitable to wear around school all day and can cause children to trip over.

LUNCHBOXES

We have been a little concerned about the content of lunchboxes that some children have been bringing to school. In some children's boxes there are a number of items with high sugar content and/or artificial flavourings. We are always being advised to promote healthy options and follow guidelines as we have to do with our school meals. This is the link for the NHS 'Change 4 Life' lunchbox information- <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>. There are some great suggestions/lunchbox tips for quick, easy, healthier lunchbox ideas. Also please find attached 'Love Your School Lunch'. We will continue to monitor lunchboxes and speak to individual parents if necessary. We will appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

BAD WEATHER

In the event of heavy snow/extreme weather over the next few months please listen to the local radio stations to find out if the school is open. **However, the School will endeavour to make early contact using our text messaging service. Hopefully we have everyone's up-to-date number!!!**



RECEPTION ADMISSION 2021

If you have a child born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 he/she will be admitted into Reception Class in September 2021. The easiest way to apply is online at:

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

You should have received a booklet and application form in the post or via your doctor. If you have not, please phone 675 0555 (Option 1). These application forms need to be submitted by **16th January 2021** to: Admissions and Appeals Service, Margaret Street, Birmingham, B3 3BU.

As well as completing the city's application form parents will have to complete the school's application form (available from the School Office). Please bring with you your child's Birth Certificate and Baptism Certificate (if applicable)