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Dear Parents and carers

Non Uniform Day - TOMORROW, Friday 22nd March 2024

All Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Birmingham have been encouraged to raise funds for Father Hudson's Care. You can find out more about their work at [Father Hudson's Care](#)

The Archdiocese are asking each school to aim to raise £1 per child for this cause.

With this in mind we will hold a non uniform day tomorrow, Friday 22nd March 2024, which is the final day of term.

We are be asking for voluntary contributions for Father Hudson's Care via ParentPay.

I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE A NUMBER OF PARENTS WHO HAVE ALREADY CONTRIBUTED SUBSTANTIALLY TO THIS CAUSE. THANK YOU SO MUCH. WE APPRECIATE THAT MONEY CONTINUES TO BE VERY TIGHT FOR EVERYONE. THANK YOU

Sacred Heart Church

Keep up to date with what's going on in your parish [HERE](#) Please see below for exciting information about how our parish will be marking Lent this year:

Actions during Lent

There is a lot of encouragement this year to simply know God better through prayer. We always have fasting and almsgiving too, but this year there will be a special emphasis on prayer. Here is what is on offer:

- Nightly rosary, prayed on the parish Youtube channel at 8pm every evening - just 15minutes each night for Lent.
- An excellent prayer app called Hallow. The parish has paid for all parishioners to get this through Lent. We have paid £200 so that you will get it for just 75p each. It offers all sorts of ways of helping us pray, with daily reflections too.
- Daily Mass, plus Friday Lenten soup lunch in support of CAFOD - 12 noon Mass at St John's.
- Homilies on prayer for the first Sundays of Lent in which we are encouraged and taught how to pray.
- Walk With Me Booklets.
- This year we will also have Bible Alive booklets available with more scripture and prayer.
- Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings.



SCHOOL
MEMBER



Headteacher: Mr J P Hayes BEd Hons NPQH
Deputy Headteacher: Mr W Bright BA PGCE

School Meal Price Increase from Monday 8th April 2024

We have been advised by our caterers, Edwards and Ward, that there will be an increase to the price of a school meal. From Monday 8th April the price for a school meal will be £2.95 per day. This increase will not affect children in Reception and KS1 or children on Free School Meals, who will continue to receive a free school meal. Thank you.

Measles

Cases of measles are rising across England, including among children. It's an infection that spreads very easily, especially in nurseries and schools if children are not vaccinated. It can be a very unpleasant illness and, in some children, can be very serious and lead to hospitalisation - and in rare cases tragically can cause death.

There's no specific medical treatment for measles, so it's important to get vaccinated as it's the best protection against becoming seriously unwell and helps prevent the spread in the community. The measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine is one of the [routine childhood vaccinations](#), so most children are already vaccinated against measles. If your child has received both doses of the vaccine, they are unlikely to have the virus.

We are calling on all parents and carers to make sure their children are up to date with their 2 MMR doses. To see if your child is up to date with their MMR vaccines, check your child's personal child health record, known as the 'red book', or contact your GP practice.

Children who are unvaccinated and come into contact with a case will need to stay away from school or nursery for up to 21 days.

It is never too late to catch up. The MMR vaccine is free, whatever your age. If anyone has missed one or both doses of the MMR vaccine, contact your GP practice to book an appointment.

Measles is a highly infectious viral illness, so to prevent the illness spreading further, anyone with symptoms is advised to stay at home and phone their GP or NHS 111 for advice, rather than visiting the GP practice or A&E.

Measles usually starts with cold-like symptoms, followed by a rash a few days later. Some people may also get small spots in their mouth. Find out more on the [NHS website](#).

CAFOD Walk Against Global Poverty

Are you ready to change your life and transform someone else's this Lent? This Lent CAFOD are launching their Walk Against Global Poverty campaign:

Challenge yourself to walk 200k this Lent and help stamp out Global Poverty, one step at a time. You can walk, roll, skip or stroll your way to 200k. You can boldly go it alone and take it on 5k a day for 40 days, or you can smash the target all at once as a team.

There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. So, this Lent, challenge yourself to conquer 200k, and help give Global Poverty its marching orders.

If you would like to find out more about Walk Against Global Poverty please visit:

<https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>



Reader of the Week

This week's Readers of the Week are:

RJC	Kornelia
RHK/AD	Harrison
1KG	Khloe
1NH	Ellie
2LG	Austin
2NT	Bruno
3CC	Karol
3SO	Mason
4HB	Lauren
4LM	Helena
5VN	Ivy
5SM	Gian
6AC	Emily
6BF	Nikola



**Well Done Readers of the
Week!**

X (Twitter)

IF YOU HAVE NOT TAKEN A LOOK YET, DO PLEASE VIEW @GabrielsPrimary on X formerly Twitter for a range of moments capturing school life. If you have a phone please follow us. Thank you.

Parking

Parking continues to be an issue, please be reminded of the following:

- *Please do not park on or block Wilnecote Lane and the school driveway.*
- *Please continue to be aware of the need to park responsibly in the local area and around the school. Parking is not allowed in front of the school gates.*
- *The yellow lines and zig zags are there to stop people parking there and to protect and keep all of our children safe.*
- *Please never park up on the footpaths in the surrounding roads.*
- *You are asked to please show consideration to local home owners and do not block garages and driveways. Please do not become abusive to local home owners.*
- *Please do not park on the Industrial Estate.*

Local councillors continue to be involved and taking an active interest because of irresponsible driving behaviour by a small minority. Thank you to the majority of our parents and carers who continue to park lawfully and sensibly.

JULY

Tues 2nd SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - Sacred Heart 7.00pm led by Canon Paul McNally

Fri 19th Mass for End of Term in School Hall 9.15am
School closes for end of academic year
NOTE school closes at 1.30pm by decision of School Governing Body

Mon 22nd INSET DAY 5 - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS

Wishing you all a happy and Holy Easter time.

*Christ was humbler yet,
even to accepting death, death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name which is above all names.
Amen.*

God Bless

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John P Hayes".

John P Hayes
Headteacher