



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 10th February 2017

Good afternoon everyone,

This week it has been the turn of Year 5 and Year 6 to welcome their parents into school and it was wonderful to see so many of you take up the opportunity to work alongside your child. There are certainly some budding artists among the children and parents alike in Year 5, who captured the feelings and atmosphere of the Baptism of Jesus, using pastels to produce some stunning art work. Year 6 parents meanwhile were called upon to become detectives and solve a Murder Mystery Maths problem. A huge thank you to all our teachers for their tireless work every day in ensuring the children in our school get a rich and varied curriculum and for the time and effort they put in to planning and delivering lessons which inspire, challenge and excite. I know the children have enjoyed sharing their learning experiences with you and showing off their classrooms.



'The class workshop was amazing, because my Dad got to take a good look at our classroom. It was so fun working with my dad. It felt weird having my parent sat by me in class, but I still loved having all the parents here. I liked having everyone around me complimenting my dad for his art skills.'

Barney H.

'I really liked our workshop. I would like to have more of them in our class. I really enjoyed that our parents got to see what we have been learning about and help us with the art.'

Laila F

'I liked it because parents could see our art skills and see what we do in lessons'. Callum E.

'It was interesting for my Mum to see what we get up to in school and how hard it can be!' Ruby N.

'I found it easier doing the work with my Mum by my side because when I was stuck she was able to help me.' Keiran N-H.

'It was really fun to have my Dad in school to help me solve the clues; I think he enjoyed it more than me!' Maddie M.

As always we welcome your support and thank you for all the positive comments.

This week you have received a flier requesting support for FOSAS (Friends of St Ambrose's—our school PTA). The work they do is invaluable as all the money raised goes towards providing enrichment opportunities for the pupils in school. Unfortunately, without new members this support will cease to exist. Any help you can offer however small will be gratefully received. If you haven't yet returned the slip it is not too late.

It is another busy week for Year 5 next week. On Wednesday the Junior SVP will be hosting a Bingo and Coffee morning. Bingo cards will be available: £1 for 3 cards. All monies raised will go to Father Hudson Society. On Thursday they will be performing on the stage at Birmingham Town Hall. The children have worked hard all term on their set and it is always a wonderful evening of entertainment. Everyone is welcome so please come along and support our children. Tickets cost £10 and are available from the school office. A coach will also be provided at a cost of £3 return.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Stewart.



Attendance: Target = 96%.

	LAST WEEK	THIS HALF TERM	THIS YEAR
YR	91.0%	94.4%	94.5%
Y1	95.1%	95.8%	95.8%
Y2	97.0%	97.3%	96.7%
Y3	90.7%	96.5%	96.2%
Y4	91.3%	94.2%	96.7%
Y5	91.7%	93.1%	95.6%
Y6	95.2%	94.7%	95.7%



Mass Times

St Ambrose's
Sunday 11am & 6pm

Confession Times

St Ambrose's
Saturday 11.45am—12.45pm, and by request.

Mass will be led by Year 5 on Wednesday.

All Welcome.

Altar Servers

W/C 13/02/17—Thomas B & Matty C.

W/C 20/02/17—Luca B & Jacob H.



After-school Clubs



Monday—Cheerleading
3.15—4pm



Wednesday—WBA Football
3.15—4.15pm



Thursday—Badminton
3.10—4.10pm



Friday—WBA Netball
3.15—4.15pm

MESSAGES

HAGLEY PYRAMID— WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND THE PYRAMID CONCERT EXPERIENCE TO ALL OF OUR PARENTS. YOU CAN PURCHASE TICKETS FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE. PLEASE SEE LEAFLET ATTACHED TO NEWSLETTER.

VIOLINISTS DIARY DATE— There will be a travel and space themed concert for our violinists on Tuesday 4th April at Kidderminster Town Hall 6.30-7.30pm. More details to follow.

PAYMENTS— Just to reiterate, we will not accept any payments if they are not in an envelope with your child's name and year group. This is due to the volume of money we have coming in and to avoid discrepancies.

FASHION HAIR ACCESSORIES— Fashion hair bows/accessories are **not** to be worn to school as they not part of the school uniform.

SPARE UNIFORM— Can we please ask for any donations of spare uniform for KS1, especially socks and tights.

SCHOOL DINNERS— Class Catering have asked that you make payment for your child's hot dinner a week in advance.

BADMINTON— Mr Garvey still has spaces for the KS2 badminton club. Please come to the office if you would like your child to attend.

WORLD BOOK DAY— Watch this space for information on how we will celebrate world book day on Thursday 2nd March.

Y6 PIONEER— Can we please remind you that the deposit for the Pioneer trip needs to be made by Friday 17th February

FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL OF OUR CHILDREN WE ASK THAT YOU DO NOT PARK IN THE CAR PARK AT DROP OFF AND COLLECTION TIMES.

Thought for the Week



A Notice From School Council



REMEMBER: Crisps, sweets and chocolate are **NOT** to be eaten at playtime. **ONLY** fruit or a healthy snack.
Thank you.

Volunteer Appeal



An appeal for any parents and grandparents who can spare an hour a week to hear children read. We need your help. Please leave your name at the office if you are interested. Thank you.



Superstars



Antonio C, Alfie B, Sam B, Cian L, Lily O, Andrea S, Elle F, Oscar S, Thomas B, Katie H, Lacey L, Adam C, Jacob R, Luke C, Edward M, Emily M, Thomas B, Thomas W, Finn R, Luca B, Brandon B, Nabil C, Georgia N, Alannah M, Connor V, Ruby N, Lola H, Tyler L.

Diary Dates



FEBRUARY

Sunday 12th— Family Mass 11am.

Monday 13th—Year R parent's workshop 2pm.

Monday 13th— Father Hudson Assembly 11am.

Tuesday 14th—Year 3 Parent workshop 2pm.

Wednesday 15th— Year 5 Bingo and coffee morning 10am.
Year 3 Swimming.

Thursday 16th— Year 5 Hagley Pyramid Concert.

Friday 17th— Break up for half term.

Tuesday 28th—Pupils return to school.

MARCH

Wednesday 1st — FHC meeting 6.30pm.

Thursday 2nd— World Book Day

Year 4 parent's workshop 2pm.

Friday 10th—Year 5 Tag Rugby.

Tuesday 15th—Year 3 & Year 4 SNOMAC athletics.

Friday 17th— School group photo's.

Wednesday 22nd— Year 2 parent's workshop 2pm.

Wednesday 29th— FHC meeting 6.30pm.

Father Hudson Boxes

Thank you to those who have already returned the Father Hudson boxes. Please feel free to keep the boxes to fill them during Lent.
Many thanks.

KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS



KHFitC will be holding their regular holiday football sessions. Courses are open to boys and girls aged 5-14 years.

Please see the KHFC website for more information and to book a course for your child or call them on 01562863821.

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