

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 6th October 2017

Howdy/Good Afternoon,

I thought Howdy was more appropriate this week after the wild west day. What a fun week!

Little Way Week

On Monday morning Mrs Stewart led and delivered a superb assembly launching this year's, 'Little Way Week.' Little Way Week is inspired by St Thérèse of Lisieux. As a child St Thérèse dreamed of being a missionary. With age she understood that very few of us are called to make big and radical gestures, but that through small, loving actions we too can deliver God's love to the world everyday. This week we have all enjoyed delivering God's love.

Harvest

Our theme of thanksgiving for all of the wonderful things that God has given us was celebrated through our Harvest Mass on Thursday and the wonderful Assembly led by Year 4 today. We were incredibly proud of all of the children for their prayerful participation and joyous singing! Thank you again for all of your generous donations of packets, tins and fresh fruit and vegetables which were distributed to the local community by our year 6 children today and Thursday. Well done for receiving lots of praise for your good manners year 6!

Phonics

Well done to everyone in Year 1, it was great to visit your class on Tuesday morning with Miss Brewer. We were very impressed with the phonics sessions and the hardworking children and staff. Next half term we will be inviting Year 1 parents to sign up to a phonics workshop with your son or daughter during the school day.

Wild West Day

On Thursday all children and staff took part in a Wild West Day so for one day it was a busy day at the ranch. The school was full of cowboys, cowgirls and sheriffs who enjoyed a hearty lunch of burgers chips and beans. Thank you for your very generous support of the 'Once Upon a Smile' charity. We have raised around £150.

Confirmation

Our Year 6 Confirmandi group and their parents will be making their commitment to making the Sacrament of Confirmation at Mass on Sunday at 11am. It is a very special time for the children and their families as they will be embracing the catholic faith and deepening their relationship with the Church.

Push Notifications

If you are not receiving the push notifications please pop into the school office and a member of staff will help you set up your phone. We will have a member of staff from school life at the parent evenings for key stage 1 and 2 available to check everyone is receiving messages and solve any problems. Thank you for informing us about any difficulties you have encountered.

This weeks shining lights!

We are so proud of all our shining lights this week.



Wild West Day



Attendance: Target = 96%.

	THIS WEEK
YR	94.2%
Y1	95.0%
Y2	100%
Y3	99.1%
Y4	98.2%
Y5	97.5%
Y6	91.2%



Mass Times

St Ambrose's
Sunday 11am & 6pm.

Confession Times

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

Altar Servers

W/C 9/10—Luke V & James V.
Mass will be led by Year 4 on Wednesday 11th
October. All welcome.



After-school Clubs



Monday
Multi-Sports 3.15-4.15pm



Monday
Sportsleader—3.10—4.10pm



Tuesday
Netball—3.10—4.10pm



Thursday
Choir—3.10—4pm

As you will recall, we had our Ofsted inspection on Tuesday 19th September. As I am sure you are aware we are not allowed to tell anyone about the outcome until the official publication of the Ofsted Report. You can now view it on the school website and at <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk> by searching for the school's name. I am pleased and proud to say that Ofsted had many positive things to say about Saint Ambrose's and we have been rated as a good school. We are sending a copy of the Ofsted report home today (one per family) and I hope that you will enjoy reading it and feel proud of the school your children attend.

"The school has a clear culture of caring for every pupil and providing opportunities for their academic, personal and spiritual development."
Ofsted 2017.

MESSAGES

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO BROUGHT IN THEIR £1 DONATION FOR THE WILD WEST DAY. IF YOU HAVEN'T YET BROUGHT IN YOUR £1 PLEASE DO SO ASAP.

HIGH SCHOOL INTAKE 2018/2019— The application for high school places needs to be completed online by 31st October 2017.
RECEPTION INTAKE 2018/2019— For anyone whose children are due to start school in September 2018 you must make your application online by 15th January 2018.
IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET YOU CAN CALL 01905822700 FOR ASSISTANCE.

ASSEMBLIES— After listening to feedback from parents, after half term we will be moving the awards assembly from Friday morning to Monday morning. Messages will still be sent to you on a Thursday and each child who will be receiving an award will bring a note home from their teacher.

SCHOOL PLACES— We have places available in Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 & Year 6. If you know of anyone who would be interested please refer them to the school office in the first instance. Many thanks.

HAGLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL—Mrs Horan has asked me to pass on an invitation to the Year 5 and 6 pupils to visit the Whole School Open Morning at Hagley Catholic High School which takes place on Saturday 14th October from 9am-12pm. Here you will be given a well-informed tour of the school by the pupils, who will be able to answer any of the questions you may have.

VACANCY— We currently have a vacancy for a 1-2-1 teaching assistant for Reception. This is a part-time post for 17 hours a week. If you are interested or know anyone who might be please speak to the school office. 01562823568.

SCHOOL LIFE— We are aware of the issues with 'School Life' and would like to thank you for bringing them to our attention. If you have any problems or concerns please speak to the school office.

KIDDERMINSTER HARRIERS— Please see the flyers that went out with your child for the Harriers half term football club.

Y1-Y6 PARENTS EVENING—Sign up sheets for Parents evening will be available in the school office from Monday morning. Please see the diary dates for details of when parents evening will be taking place.

Diary Dates

October

Sunday 8th—Confirmation Commitment Mass 11am.
Wednesday 11th—Year 3 swimming.
Thursday 12th— First Confirmation meeting.
Saturday 14th— Hagley High School Open Day 9am—12pm.
Monday 16th—Friday 20th—Y6 Bikeability.
Wednesday 18th—Year 3 swimming.
Key Stage 1&2 Parents Evening—5-7.30pm.
Thursday 19th— Key Stage 1&2 Parents Evening 3.30—6pm.
Friday 20th—Break up for half term.
Monday 30th—Pupils return to school.

November



Thursday 2nd— School photographer. Individual photo's. If you have younger siblings not yet at school you can arrive from 8.30am if you wish them to be in the photo.
Friday 10th— Year 5 Assembly 9.10am.
Wednesday 15th—School Open Day 1.30—3pm.
Thursday 16th—School Open Day—9.30—11.30am.



December

KS1 Nativity—**Tuesday 12th**—9.30am
Wednesday 13th—2pm

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

10.11.17	Year 5	9.10am
9.2.17	Year 3	9.10 am
23.3.18	Year 2	9.10 am
11.05.18	Year 1	9.10 am
15.6.18	Year R	9.10 am
17.7.18	Year 6	9.10 am

 **Congratulations to Father Lamb on his dedicated service to the Parish of St. Ambrose's for the last 25 years. Also, the school would like to thank him for all of his help and support during this time.** 

 **READING FOR PLEASURE AT HOME** 
All classes have been given logins for 'Oxford Owl', a website where they can read books online for free. www.oxfordowl.co.uk
Please encourage your child to use this resource to read a wide range of books at home.
HAPPY READING!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus told the people, 'Love God in every way you can.' This is the first and most important instruction. The second instruction is like the first: 'Love all the people around you as you would like to be loved.'
Matthew 22:37-39.

