



## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8th September  
2017

*Good afternoon everyone,*

Welcome to the new school year. As this is my first newsletter as Principal of Saint Ambrose's Catholic Primary School, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the school community as a whole for the warm welcome that I have received. Whether it has been through support from our fantastic team of staff, Academy representatives, members of the Parish and enthusiasm from the pupils who have been keen to chat and help out, or kind words from the parents that I have had the chance to meet. Everyone has contributed to making the start of my career at Saint Ambrose's a very enjoyable and exciting one.

I am very much looking forward to getting to know all of our families over the coming weeks, months and years and I hope that I will have the opportunity to meet you personally in the near future.

Although it may seem like a long time ago now, I hope that you had a successful break with your children - their teachers and teaching assistants have enjoyed hearing about their summer experiences in recent days.

Over the last few days, I have been pleased to see all the children settling into their new school year groups and classes. I would also like to welcome all pupils who have joined the school in Reception, Year 1 and Year 5. I wish them a happy and successful association with our school and sincerely hope that all pupils and staff have a productive and enjoyable year.

School has been a hive of activity once again this week!

We already have safety squad experts in Reception and I am looking forward to joining Year 4 next week at their prayer service as they will be using the beautiful prayer stones they have decorated.

We look forward to more fantastic developments this year!

Enjoy your weekend!

*Best wishes,*

*Mrs Brocklesby*

### Attendance: Target = 96%.



	THIS WEEK
YR	96.7%
Y1	99.1%
Y2	96.3%
Y3	96.4%
Y4	96.5%
Y5	92.2%
Y6	100%



### 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 11/09/ - Matthew C & Maximilian C.  
W/C 18/09—Luca B & Lewis K.  
There will be a whole school Mass on  
Wednesday 13th September at 9.30am.  
All Welcome.



### After-school Clubs



WE WILL NOTIFY YOU OF AFTER  
SCHOOL CLUBS SHORTLY

### MESSAGES

**SWIMMING—** It will be the turn of Year 3 to go swimming. They will be going every Wednesday. Please make sure that they have the correct swimming kit in school on this day.

**E-SAFETY—** Please see the hand-outs that have gone out with your child today regarding e-safety. We require you to read and sign the declaration and send back to the school office asap. Many thanks.

**DATA COLLECTION—** Please return your child's data collection form to the school office asap. Thank you.

**PUPIL PREMIUM—** Please see the Free School Meals application form that was sent home with your child. If you believe you are entitled to this then please fill out and return the form to school. Free School Meals means that your child may be entitled to financial assistance and additional learning support for your child.

**SCHOOL MEALS—** Please can we ask that you send back a completed menu form if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. This allows Class Catering to prepare the correct amount of meals.

**HIGH SCHOOL INTAKE 2018/2019—** Please note that letters for your child's application to High School were sent out on Wednesday. The application 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.**

**CAR PARK—** Please can we remind you not to park in the car park at drop off and pick up times. This is a particularly busy time and our children's safety is our priority.

**WE HAVE PLACES AVAILABLE IN YEARS 2, 3, 4 & 6 IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO IS LOOKING FOR PLACES IN A CATHOLIC SCHOOL.**

### Diary Dates

#### September

Wednesday 13th— Year 3 swimming.

Wednesday 20th— Year 3 swimming.

Saturday 23rd—Multi-National Parish Community Celebration.

Wednesday 27th— Year 3 swimming.

#### October

Wednesday 4th— Year 3 swimming.

Thursday 5th— Wild West Day. Own clothes and special lunch menu. More details to follow.

Wednesday 11th—Year 3 swimming.

Wednesday 18th—Year 3 swimming.

Wednesday 25th—Year 3 swimming.

Friday 20th—Break up for half term.

Monday 30th—Pupils return to school.

### PARISH EVENT



The Church will be hosting a Multi-National Community celebration on Saturday the 23rd



September at 7.30pm in the Borremeo Hall. You are encouraged to come in national dress and to bring a cold ethnic dish to share and you are welcome to introduce a song or dance and even one that everyone can join in with. You can supply your own music or ask for help and there will also be musicians to support your performance. The bar will be open and there will also be a raffle. They are hoping to have Syrian families from Kidderminster attending as special guests and there will be a collection to support their financial needs. There is no entry charge however, due to space the hall is limited to numbers. If you would like to attend please sign the form at the back of Church asap indicating how many people will be in your party. Everyone is welcome.

## E-Safety News for Parents

We all know that online safety is very important but it is sometimes difficult to know how to ensure children remain safe when using the internet.

Everyone at Saint Ambrose's is working hard to ensure all members of the community understand the school e-safety rules so please read, discuss and sign the rules with your son or daughter if they are in Years 1,2,3,4,5 and 6. If you would like to discuss the rules with a member of staff please contact the school office.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*Our church family is a circle of strength and love. With every new connection, the circle grows. Every joy shared adds love. Every crisis faced together makes the circle stronger.*