

## Weekly Newsletter

Friday 15th September  
2017

Good afternoon everyone,



### First Full Week

I would like to start by saying thank you as it is wonderful to see all of the children arriving every morning looking incredibly smart and eager to get to their classrooms and start their day.



### Mass for Years 1-6

In Mass Father Lamb spoke about all of the things that were 'new' about the start of the school year and the opportunity that it gives us to learn lots of new things. The whole school has now been inspired to achieve great things this year. We will be inviting you soon to Parent Evenings to hear about our great achievements.



### New Developments

We are very excited about the completion of phase 1 of the creation of our new Reception Classroom in school and the new interactive whiteboards and laptops in classrooms— watch this space for an invitation to see the new IT in action and visit the new classroom before it is opened in January 2018!



### Attendance

Good attendance at all times of the year is important to your children's education. Participation in all school events is a vital life skill to learn and makes children feel part of a community. We would like to thank you for all your support. Our attendance was 96.1% for last year and by working together I know we can beat that target this year. I will keep you updated on our progress.

### This week

#### Reception Children

We are incredibly proud of our new Reception children, along with children who have joined the school this year, for settling in to school life so quickly – thank you to parents and family members for your support in ensuring such a smooth transition process.

#### Year 3

Year 3 had their first swimming session this week and it was wonderful to hear how sensible the children were travelling to and from the swimming pool. They were fantastic ambassadors for Saint Ambrose's.

#### Year 6

This week the children have immersed themselves in Legends. They have been intrigued by the great deeds performed by the heroes and have taken on the characters personalities. I have been impressed with the cursive handwriting and the language used to describe a characters personality or mood.

Here is a short extract from Barney's piece of writing,

" Happily, he watched over his kingdom, as the citizens lived their poor little lives short of food, water and overall joy."

Keep up the hard work Year Six!

Enjoy your weekends!

Best wishes,

Mrs Brocklesby

### **Attendance: Target = 96%.**



#### THIS WEEK

YR	100%
Y1	100%
Y2	98.1%
Y3	99.1%
Y4	99.1%
Y5	96.2%
Y6	99.5%



### 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 18/09—Luca B & Lewis K.  
W/C 25/09—Sebin J & Christopher P  
Mass will be led by Y6 on Wednesday 20th  
September at 9.30am. 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

**COMMENCES 28TH SEPTEMBER**



## MESSAGES

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

**PUPIL PREMIUM**— Please come to the school office if you think that you are entitled to Free School Meals.

**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.**

**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.

**P.E. KITS**— Thank you to everyone for making sure P.E. kits are in school and thank you to parents who have asked about earrings. For everyone who has enquired, to maintain the excellent standards of appearance shown by pupils at St Ambrose's the wearing of jewellery is discouraged unless it is a watch or stud earrings. P.E Kits should include: Black shorts, maroon round neck t-shirt with embroidered badge, p.e. pumps or trainers and a suitable bag to hold the kit.

**OWN CLOTHES DAY**— On Thursday 5th October we will be holding a wild west day. A special menu will be handed out next week. We are asking for £1 and children can come to school dressed as a cowboy/girl. All proceeds will go to the charity 'Once Upon a Smile'.

**RULES**— Please can we remind you that all of your child's uniform should be clearly labelled and they are to only have water in their bottles.

**DOORS**— Can we please remind you that at drop off and collection your children must be supervised at all times and can we ask that they refrain from playing with the electric doors by the office. Many thanks.

**CHOIR**— Please note the change to choir it will now commence on Thursday the 28th September.

**UNIFORM**— Please ensure that children are wearing the correct school uniform. Both girls and boys should be wearing grey socks with their winter uniform.

## Diary Dates

### September

Wednesday 20th— Year 3 swimming.

Saturday 23rd— Multi-National Parish Community Celebration.

Wednesday 27th— Year 3 swimming.

### October

Sunday 1st— Animal Blessing in the Rectory garden at 4.30pm.

Wednesday 4th— Year 3 swimming.

Thursday 5th— Wild West Day. Own clothes and special lunch menu.

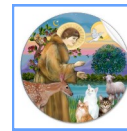
Wednesday 11th— Year 3 swimming.

Wednesday 18th— Year 3 swimming.

Wednesday 25th— Year 3 swimming.

Friday 20th— Break up for half term.

Monday 30th— Pupils return to school.



### SERVICE OF ANIMAL BLESSING

In anticipation of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Father Lamb will be holding an animal blessing in the rectory garden on Sunday the 1st October at 4.30pm. You are warmly invited to bring your beloved pets to receive a priestly blessing in honour of St. Francis of Assisi. There will be light refreshments afterwards in the Adams Lounge.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



Wyre Forest and Hagley project are running courses for parents.

**Positive Parenting**— 2nd Oct.—4th Dec held on a Monday 12.30—2.30@ Bewdley Primary School.

**Nurture Programme**— 19th Sept—5th Dec held on a Tuesday 9.30—11.30 @: St George's C.E. Primary School, Kidderminster.

TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE CALL 01562 851292