



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 7th July 2017

Good afternoon everyone,

The week began with a day long retreat organised by Dan Callow and Emily Clark from Onelife Music with the theme of 'We Will Go Out.' It was a fitting end to our Vocations Week and the children all enjoyed singing and worshipping together before working in their classes to produce a class 'Disciple Book' each. The day concluded with a chance for children to reflect on their own calling led by a Liturgy team of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. It was a wonderful uplifting day of music and prayer and laughter and we look forward to another retreat day booked for Lent next year.

Reception— 'It was funny when Dan kept making mistakes and we liked the actions to the silly songs it was funny when Dan was ringing the Archbishop on his phone.'

Year 1—'We loved jiggling and wiggling to the silly songs! It was fun when we drew around our partners feet, but it was smelly!'

Year 2—' We really enjoyed the singing and it was so funny when Dan kept making mistakes.'

Year 3—'We enjoyed the Dan Callow day because we learnt new songs and some sign language. We had fun playing the 'who, what, why?' game to find out more about Jesus' disciples. Finally we liked drawing around our feet to make our own footprint for Jesus.'

Year 4—' We enjoyed being altogether as a school for the day. We learnt a lot from Dan and Emily about following in the footsteps of Jesus. It was fun to learn songs altogether too.'

Year 5—'We really enjoyed Monday as the singing was amazing and Dan and Emily were really funny. We liked the silly songs and when Dan made a mistake.'

Year 6— 'Dan and Emily came in and we sang lots of different songs and played the 'who, what, where' game. We learnt all about how we can live out our faith as Jesus' disciples and it was a lovely end to our vocations week. We all particularly enjoyed face-timing Archbishop Bernard.'

On Wednesday Year 6 visited Hagley for a Transition day. I bumped into them at lunchtime as I was coming out of a meeting I was attending there also and they were still smiling, if not rather weary after all the walking around school and full timetable. They survived to enjoy a game of rounder's after school with their new classmates from the other feeder schools though.

It has been a busy week for Year 6 as yesterday a group of them visited The Islam Experience as part of their Other Faith study. The children were commended by all the staff there for their 'impeccable behaviour' and 'thoughtful questioning' and 'lovely manners' and how 'it was a pleasure to have us.' The children came back loaded up with goody bags to help them with their study of the faith as well as chocolates. The children really enjoyed the morning but I'll let them tell you what they thought themselves (please turn over to see photo's and read comments).

Thank you to everyone who bought a book on our Africa day, the school certainly looks colourful with all the African Artwork and £145 was raised. There are still books available if you missed out just ask at the office.

Finally the sun shone down on our School Fete and over £1200 was raised on the day with the Grand Raffle still to be added—tickets will be on sale at sports day on Mon 17th July. It was a wonderful day—thank you to FOSAS and everyone who contributed in any way to make it the huge success it was. There is a long list of projects waiting for the money to be spent on.

On Thursday 13th July Mr Mallinson's 50's Band will be entertaining us—so dig out those outfits. Friday is the long awaited Green Party's Aqua day—watch out for their information sheet about the day on Monday. There are not enough days in the week!

Best wishes,

Attendance: Target = 96%.



	LAST WEEK	THIS TERM	THIS YEAR
YR	99.3%	96.1%	94.6%
Y1	93.7%	95.9%	95.7%
Y2	93.3%	92.7%	95.6%
Y3	90.7%	94.3%	95.7%
Y4	98.0%	98.4%	97.0%
Y5	91.7%	94.4%	95.7%
Y6	95.9%	95.5%	96.0%



Mass Times

St Ambrose's
Sunday 11am & 6pm.

Confession Times

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

Alter Servers

W/C 10/7/17—Luca B & Matty C.

Mass will be led by Year 4 on Wednesday 12th July.
Everyone Welcome.



After-school Clubs



Tuesday—R.E. Art Club— 3.10—4.10pm



Wednesday—WBA football—3.15—4.15pm



Thursday Rounders—3.10—4.10pm



Friday—WBA netball—3.15—4.15pm

Islamic Experience

In my opinion, it was really interesting learning all about a different religion and the trip was lots of fun. Amelia L.

It was very educational and it was a good experience learning about a different faith. My favourite part was discovering how big the mosques actually were and that over 4 million people can fit into one at a given time! Kieran N-H.

I enjoyed the Islam Experience because all the presenters were really kind and willing to share their knowledge with us. I particularly enjoyed looking at the models and completing the activities which showed us all about Islam. Annabel H.

I enjoyed learning about the differences between our faiths and it was fascinating finding out that they are actually quite similar. It was interesting finding out that our number system comes from Islam. Ruby N.

I would love to go again because it was such a great trip learning all about Islam and we found out lots of information that you can't find in a book. The dome can fit so many people in and lots of people go to the mosques abroad to worship. Jan K.

At the Islam Experience, I enjoyed learning about the Islam faith, which means 'peace'. We had the opportunity to try on different Islam outfits and learnt all about family life. Madison P.

The trip was really good. I saw lots of Qu'rans' translated in different languages and got to touch braille version. I saw the different Arabic letters and learnt how to write my name in Arabic. I think Year 5 will really enjoy the experience next year. Aidan M.



MESSAGES

HOT WEATHER—Can you please apply sun cream to your child during the hot weather and also send them with a hat and plenty of water.

KEMP—Kemp bracelets are still on sale from the school office for £1.

SAFETY—Please can we ask that scooters/bikes/roller blades etc are not used in the car park or playground before or after school.

MUSIC LESSONS AUTUMN TERM 2017—You will need to purchase or hire your own instrument for your child's lesson. This can be done via the severn arts website. However, we do have a limited number of flutes and violins to hire through school at a cost of £15 per term. Please see the school office for more information.

SPORTSDAY— Do any parent's have gazebo's that we can borrow for the children on sports day? Any assistance with setting them up would be greatly appreciated.

BIKEABILITY— If you would like your child to leave their bike at school during Bikeability please speak to Miss Holtom to arrange this. Bikes will be left in the staffroom at your own risk.

APOLOGIES—We would like to apologise for teething issues with our communications platform. We are aware that several parent's have not received messages. Until the end of term we will be using both parentmail and schoollife to eliminate any further issues.

Diary Dates

JULY

Monday 10th—Friday 14th—Y6 Bikeability.

Monday 10th—Y6 production rehearsals 3.10—4.15pm.

Wednesday 12th— Year 4 Mass.

Thursday 13th—Hagley band performance—50's dress up day.

Y6 production rehearsals 3.10—4.15pm

Friday 14th—Transition day (am)

Aqua day (pm) - Mufti day wear something blue.

Monday 17th—School sports day.

KS1—9.30am.

KS2—1.15pm.

Tuesday 18th—Y6 Leavers production 7pm.

Wednesday 19th—Y6 Leaver's Mass 6pm.

Friday 21st—End of term.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

