



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 3rd February 2017

Good afternoon everyone,

Where did January go! This week we have certainly been singing in the rain—quite literally as our mighty choir descended on the Genting arena to take part in the Young Voices Concert on Monday. Having been lucky enough to take part in the event last year, I know what an amazing opportunity it is for our young people to be part of a live show and it is an experience that they will remember long after they move on from St Ambrose's. Many thanks to Mrs Sherwood, Mrs Fish, Mrs Lloyd and Mrs Joyner who planned and conducted the trip with military precision. I know it was a long and tiring but exciting day for all.

After a day of rehearsals our children joined with more than 6400 children from all over the Midlands to form the world's largest choir. Not only that but they got to perform alongside The Beatbox Collective, Tabby Callaghan from the X-Factor and Natalie Williams. Mrs Sherwood I am sure is not alone when she says: "It was definitely worth the late night." She added, "The children all worked very hard and were singing and dancing the night away—I was very proud of them all." Congratulations to all who took part and it was wonderful to be treated to a sample of the songs in assembly this morning.



It was lovely to see so many parents in school this week, firstly sharing in congratulating our 'Shining Lights,' at Celebration Assembly on Friday; then back in the classroom working alongside your children on an RE activity on Tuesday. Next week it is the turn of Y3, Y5 and Y6. I am sure you will find it a rewarding and interesting experience. We welcome your feedback as always. Thank you also to Father Lamb who was welcomed by Year 3 this week before being put in the 'hot seat' and interviewed about his vocation. I know Reception are eager to ask him to help explain Baptism to them next!

Best wishes,

Mrs Stewart



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



Attendance: Target = 96%.

	LAST WEEK	THIS HALF TERM	THIS YEAR
YR	95.9%	94.4%	94.5%
Y1	99%	96%	95.8%
Y2	97.7%	97.3%	96.6%
Y3	97.9%	96.3%	96.1%
Y4	95.7%	94%	96.7%
Y5	94.7%	92.6%	95.5%
Y6	95.5%	94.6%	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 6 on Wednesday.

All Welcome.

Altar Servers

W/C 6/02/17—Thomas W & Connor V
W/C 13/02/17—Thomas B & Matty C



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.

TERM DATES— Please see the attached term dates for the 2017/18 academic year.

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.

Y3's Visit from Father Lamb



'I thought it was a good idea having Father Lamb in class because it made us learn what a vocation is' - Max C.

'It was a good idea because it's nice when we get visitors. We were able to ask Father Lamb questions and get to know more about him.' - Millie C.

YOUNG VOICES QUOTES

'I thought it was very nice for children to take part in that sort of thing. It is a big opportunity for children to sing in front of an audience.' - Sophie S.

'I was happy at Young Voices 2017. I was very excited to go there.' - Emma O

'I was very excited about the concert because I knew it was going to be great. We had practised for hours and couldn't wait to showcase our talents. The concert itself was amazing!'
Sasha B.

'I loved Young Voices it was really good. I loved the beatboxers. The best day ever!' - Millie M.

'I really loved Young Voices. I loved the rappers the most, I think they were the best.' - Jade H.

'The Young Voices concert was a fantastic event. We went to the NEC and I enjoyed it very much especially the pop medley.'
Connor V.

Diary Dates

FEBRUARY

Monday 6th—Year 3 parent's workshop 2pm.

Tuesday 7th—Year 5 parent's workshop 2pm.

Wednesday 8th & 15th— Y3 swimming.

Wednesday 8th—FHC meeting at 6.30pm.

Thursday 9th— Year 6 parent's workshop 9am.

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

Sunday 12th— Family Mass 11am.

Monday 13th— Father Hudson Assembly 11am.

Thursday 16th— Y5 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—Y5 Tag Rugby.

Tuesday 15th—Y3 & Y4 SNOMAC athletics.

Friday 17th— School group photo's.

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

Wednesday 29th— FHC meeting 6.30pm.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



A Notice from the School Council



Last term we asked the children in our classes about what we should be allowed to have to eat at playtimes. The majority of children voted for the fruit we get free or a healthy snack, therefore as a School Council we would like to say:
Crisps, sweets and chocolate are **NOT** to be eaten at playtime.
ONLY fruit or a healthy snack. Thank you.