



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 29th September
2017

Good afternoon,

Operation Christmas Child



In our assembly this week we introduced Operation Christmas Child. This is a way we can show God's love to children around the world. We learnt about how we can help by packing a shoebox and sending it with love to a community. All children today have received a leaflet detailing how to pack a shoebox gift. We look forward to receiving your shoeboxes by November 3rd. If you would like more information please visit www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/. If you need a shoebox please pop into the school office as we have a limited number available at 50p.

Year 1 Weather Watchers



It was been wonderful this week to visit the year 1 scientists who have been discovering the differences between Autumn and Winter. They are also very excited about their science investigation which involves them measuring how much rain has fallen with a rain gauge. Mrs Leek tells me everyone wants to collect the results!

Phonics Meetings



It was wonderful to see so many Reception parents at the two phonics information meetings on Tuesday 26th September. At the meetings we all had great fun playing some phonic games led by Miss Brewer and already parents have told me they have been playing the games at home with their children.

Harvest



Our theme of thanksgiving for all of the wonderful things that God has given us will be celebrated through our Harvest Mass for the whole school on Wednesday. Please join us at Church for Mass which is at 9.30am. We look forward to receiving donations of packets, tins and fresh fruit and vegetables which will be distributed to the local community. Please send in your donations.

School Council



We have been busy voting for our school councillors this week and we look forward to telling you who they are next week. The first school council meeting will be taking place soon and I know the councillors have some fantastic ideas for school improvement.

Junior Saint Vincent De Paul Society



Today the Junior Saint Vincent De Paul Society helped to run the Macmillan Coffee morning in the Parish Hall. It was wonderful to catch up over a cuppa with the parishioners and enjoy some gorgeous treats. Thank you children for your hard work!

Hagley Open Day



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.

Blessing of the Animals



To prepare for the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on the 4th of October, 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.



This weeks shining lights!

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



Attendance: Target = 96%.

THIS WEEK

YR	96.2%
Y1	87.9%
Y2	95.6%
Y3	92.5%
Y4	99.1%
Y5	96.6%
Y6	98.3%



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 2/10—Aidan O & Thomas W.
 W/C 9/10—Luke V & James V.

There will be a whole school Harvest Mass on Wednesday 4th October 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

MESSAGES

LOST RING— A member of staff has lost a ring. We would kindly ask that if you find it you return it to the school office. The ring is gold with 3 diamonds set into the band.

WILD WEST DAY— Please send your child dressed as a cowboy/ girl and we kindly ask for a £1 donation. Also, if you have not yet ordered a special cowboy meal please come to the school office.

RECEPTION— Sign up sheets for parents evening are now displayed in the main foyer.

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.

P.E. KITS— Thank you to everyone for making sure P.E. kits are in school. 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.

UNIFORM— Please ensure that children are wearing the correct school uniform. Both girls and boys should be wearing grey socks with their winter uniform. Also there are a number of children who are wearing their own alternatives to the school jumper. Please note that this is not regulation uniform.

ANIMAL BLESSING— Parishioners are warmly invited to bring their pets to receive a priestly blessing in honour of St. Francis. It will take place in the Rectory garden at 4.30pm on Sunday 1st October. Light refreshments will be offered in the Adams Lounge afterwards.

SCHOOL PLACES— We have places available in Year 2, Year 3 & Year 4. 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— There will be an open day on Saturday 14th October for Y5 & Y6 pupils to have a look around and meet the wonderful staff.

THANK YOU— We would like to say thank you to the Y6 parents who sent in cakes for the Macmillan morning in the Parish Hall. It was a great success.

SCHOOL LIFE— Please speak to the school office if you haven't already registered for School Life. This is our website and communication platform and all information regarding your child and school life will be sent via this system. Please see the hand out given to your child today.

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.

Diary Dates

September

Friday 29th— Celebration Mass for Father Lamb's 25 years of service to the Parish.

October

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

Wednesday 4th— Year 3 swimming.

Reception Parents Evening—3.30-6pm.

Whole School Harvest Mass 9.30 in Church.

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

Reception Parent's Evening—3.30—6pm.

Friday 6th— Year 4 Assembly.

Wednesday 11th— Year 3 swimming.

Saturday 14th— Hagley High School Open Day 9am—12pm

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.

Wednesday 15th— School Open Day 1.30—3pm.

Thursday 16th— School Open Day—9.30—11.30am.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



It has been agreed that the Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday 8th October during Mass at 11am. Please see the flyer at the back of Church.



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.



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

