



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 17th March 2017

Good afternoon everyone,

The corridors have been crammed with eager readers this week jostling to buy books at the book fair. A huge thank you to everyone who bought a book; the commission means that every class will be able to purchase books for their reading corners. Well done to all the winners of our World Book Day writing competition last week, who all won a £5 voucher to spend at the fair.

Parents evening this week provided a chance to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. It is very much a team effort and the home—school partnership is essential in helping your child succeed. The children I have spoken to certainly seemed happy with what their teachers had to say about them and they are proud of the progress they are making. Our focus is handwriting, spelling and times tables and your support with helping your child with their homework is greatly appreciated. Reading is essential and we encourage every child to read at least 5 times a week. In class 50 house points can be earned for the house with the most children to have read at least 5 times. There is an extra 50 house points for the winning house across the school, with the most children to have read five times.

House points can also be earned from this week for the class with the best attendance for the previous week, with 50 house points for the winner and 100 house points for any class with 100% attendance.

Student voice is an important feature of school. Last week I spoke about the wonderful contribution are Y6 Liturgy Leaders make in helping other children develop their faith, this week it is the turn of the School Council. They meet fortnightly with Mrs McCormack and myself and are instrumental in ensuring that the children in school have a say in the issues that affect them.

'In School Council we have been considering children's ideas about all sorts of things. We have toured school to do an audit of Catholic Life, we have also introduced a suggestion box in the school entrance that is looked at at every meeting. At the moment classes are choosing which saint they want as their class saint.' Aidan M (Chairperson)

FOSAS UPDATE:

Thank you to the parents who supported the meetings which were held to find out more about the work of FOSAS. We are pleased to announce that we have members who are interested to accept the key roles, which means that thankfully school will be supported for another year. As FOSAS is a registered charity they are obliged to hold an AGM, where the key positions will formally be filled via an election. In order to conform to regulations a minimum of 12 people must be present at the meeting, therefore we need your support. As you can see the new nets funded by FOSAS have arrived and we are all very excited. A huge thank you to FOSAS for spending over £700 to enable our children to benefit. Please support them at the AGM so that together we can continue to provide enrichment opportunities for the children in our school.



The AGM meeting is being held on Friday 31st March at 3.15pm—4pm. Child care is available free of charge and there will be Coffee and Cake. Please support this event and find out more about the events which are being planned to provide family fun for all. We are not just about fundraising!

Best wishes,

Mrs Stewart

Attendance: Target = 96%.



	LAST WEEK	THIS TERM	THIS YEAR
YR	94.0%	94.8%	94.7%
Y1	94.8%	96.3%	96.0%
Y2	95.3%	96.8%	96.6%
Y3	96.1%	96.3%	97.6%
Y4	96.9%	96.0%	99.7%
Y5	95.9%	95.1%	97.7%
Y6	95.9%	95.5%	95.5%

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 20/03—Thomas B & Matty C.
W/C 27/03— Aidan O & Sebin J.
There will be no Mass on Wednesday 22nd March.

After-school Clubs



Wednesday—WBA Football 3.15—4.15pm



Thursday—Badminton 3.10—4.10pm



Friday—WBA Netball 3.15—4.15pm

MESSAGES

NEW WEBSITE— Our new website is live for you to look at. Please go to stambrose.sch.life. Please see the attached letter and fill out the information required and send back to the school office. You will then be sent your login details at a later date once all information has been collated.

R.E. SURVEY— If you did not complete a Parent R.E. Survey at parent's evening please see the attached form or collect one from and return to the school office. Many thanks.

PARKING AND CAR PARK ISSUES— Can we please re-iterate that parents are not allowed to use the car park for dropping off or picking up. Can we please also ask that you do not park on the yellow zig zags directly outside of the school gates as this restricts access for emergency vehicles and bin collections.

SKOOLS OUT VACANCY— Our before and after school club 'Skools Out' have a job vacancy 7 hours over 2 afternoons. NVQ level 2/3 is desirable but not essential as free training can be given onsite. An immediate start is required and the contract will be term time only. If you are interested in the position please contact Sara on 07960516509.

P.E. KITS— There are a number of upcoming sporting activities during school so could we please ask that your child's p.e. kit is in school at all times. Thank you.

UNIFORM— Can we remind you that the winter uniform is: grey socks, grey skirt/dress/trousers and black shoes NOT boots,

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. Please check your child's violin case for further information.

EARRINGS— Can we remind you that earrings MUST be removed before school on p.e. days or if ears are newly pierced they should be covered with medical tape or plasters.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



Diary Dates

MARCH

Tuesday 21st— Y6 Tag Rugby training.
Wednesday 22nd— Y2 parents workshop 2pm.
Thursday 23rd— YR and Y6 height and weight check.
Tuesday 28th— Y3 Golf.
Wednesday 29th— Y3 & Y4 SNOMAC athletics.
Y3 second group trampolining @ Hagley. Socks required.
Y3 WILL NOT BE SWIMMING ON THIS DAY.
FHC meeting 6.30pm.
Friday 31st— Orienteering Festival.

APRIL

Monday 3rd— Y5 Tag Rugby finals @ Hagley.
Y6 Tag Rugby training.
Y3 Golf.
Wednesday 5th— Y6 Tag Rugby @ Kidderminster Carolians.
Friday 7th— School breaks up for Easter.
Monday 24th— Pupils return to school.
Wednesday 26th— FHC meeting 6.30pm.

BOOK CLUB

Please can any book club orders be purchased online through scholastic. All orders will be delivered free of charge to school.

We will no longer be accepting orders through school.

Please go to:

<https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/schools/st-ambroses>

Many thanks.

