

Newsletter



Saint Nicholas Owen
Catholic Multi-Academy Company



As a Catholic school, St Wulstan's seeks to enable each child to walk in faith with Christ, loving Him and each other. With the help of our families, our parish and our local community, we will do our best to use the gifts that God has given us to make our world a richer place.

29 September 2017

Dear Parents

Last Friday evening we welcomed back our Year 6 children from Alton Castle. Again all the staff were highly complementary of the children's reverence, manners, behaviour and enthusiasm. Well done Year 6! They had enjoyed a wonderful few days which I am sure you will enjoy seeing at the end of the newsletter.

A reminder that at 6.30pm this Tuesday October 3 we will be holding a Year 6 Information Evening at school. At this meeting Mrs Warnett will explain the aims and expectations for our Year 6 children, SATs assessment, preparation for high school, attendance etc and how through school and family we can support our children as they move onto the next stage of their lives. I am delighted to say Mrs S Horan, Principal of Hagley Catholic High School will join us for this meeting. Mrs Horan will give a short presentation on Hagley Catholic High School and answer any questions you may have. I would encourage all Year 6 parents to attend as previous years feedback informs us that parents find the meeting extremely useful and informative.

Next Friday 6 October we will be holding our annual Harvest Mass in school at 9.15am – please join us if you can. As usual our harvest gifts will be sold and the proceeds donated to the Father Sunny Trust – a charity supported by both school and parish. We would be very grateful for any food items that can be donated for this on the Friday morning. Thank you.

We would like to invite all our families to join us in St Wulstan's Church next Sunday (8 October) to celebrate 10.00am Mass. For parents new to our school our school Masses are always lovely occasions and all are welcome. The children can sit near the front of church with their friends and the staff or sit with you if happier to do so. Our older children lead with the singing and the readings. It is a lovely opportunity for families, school and parish to come together. We look forward to seeing you there.

On Monday 16 October the Friends of St Wulstan's/PTA will be holding their Annual General Meeting in the Brinton Arms at 7pm. The Friends had a very successful year last year and worked very hard, but are very keen to listen to all new ideas and welcome all new parents whether they are new to the school or have just not been to Friends' meetings before. For our our parents, who are new to the school, the Friends' meetings are a good way to get to know other parents and to socialise whilst supporting the school. There is no pressure to take a leading role so please do come along – the more people who get involved the better!

Parents' Evenings will be held on Tuesday 17 October 4.00-7.00pm and Wednesday 18 October 5.30 - 7.30pm. Please sign up for an appointment and class appointment sheets will be available in the school foyer from Monday afternoon.

We will be holding our 'Open Morning' on Saturday 11 November and all current parents and prospective parents are invited to visit, chat to staff and look around the school. There will be tea and coffee in the hall providing an opportunity for prospective parents to chat more informally with myself and other staff. Please feel free to come along and take advantage of this opportunity and encourage any friends or neighbours with school age children to come along too. As I have said before there can be a misconception that only Catholic children can apply to our school. We welcome applications from all families of all or no faith. If you know of any families who are presently applying for a school place please encourage them to attend the Open morning or contact me to arrange a visit and tour of the school. Applications for Reception Class 2018 must be completed online by 15 January 2018.

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Principal
Mrs KE Savage

Hagley Catholic High School will be holding their annual Open Day on Saturday 14 October from 9.00am to 12.00pm. If you have a child in Key Stage 2, it is never too early to start thinking about High Schools. The vast majority of our children transfer to Hagley at the end of Year 6, so do take this opportunity to take a look at the school. Our Year 6 children have now received their High School transfer forms. If you have any queries regarding transfer please do not hesitate to speak to us.

On Thursday 12 October our school photographer will be in school to take individual photographs of every child. We will ensure photographs with siblings are also taken. We would ask that the children wear winter uniform of white shirt /blouse and tie .If you would like a photograph of your child with their baby or pre school siblings please come into the school hall at 8.30am for a group photograph.

On Thursday 19 October the day before we break up for the half term holiday the Friends of St Wulstan's are holding a 'Neon Disco' for all children from 6.00 – 7.30pm priced at £2 per child or £5 for a family of 3 or more. The children are invited to dress up, look out for posters in the playground for more details. As always parents of our younger children are very welcome to stay. Can I just remind parents that only children who are pupils of our school are able to attend these events. Thank you.

It has been lovely to see how happily and quickly our new Reception children have settled into school life. They are full of energy and enthusiasm and are already grasping their phonics and show such an eagerness to learn. It is opportune now for Mrs Edwards to offer more guidance of how you, as parents, can support with your children's learning. There will be a Reception Class Information Evening on Thursday, 12 October, at 6.30pm in the School Hall where Mrs Edwards will explain for example, the phonics programme we use, reading system and number support. We look forward to seeing you then.

We are still awaiting the return of several Data Collection Sheets. If you have still not checked and returned yours could you please do so by Monday. This information is vital both from medical information but also so we can contact you in the case of an emergency. If you have mislaid yours please contact the office and Mrs Purcell will provide a new copy. Thank you.

It has been a very busy start to the term with residentials, visitors and Ofsted already. We hope to be able to send out the Inspector's Ofsted letter next week so please look out for it in your child's reading bag.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding your child's academic, social or emotional needs please do not hesitate to contact me or their class teacher. Many thanks for your continued support and we hope you enjoy your weekend.

KE Savage



We are always pleased to hear of children's achievements and successes. This week we celebrate our Year 6 pupils who competed in the Nottingham Mini-mon and mini KYU Championships. The children competed as a team entry from Samurai judo club each competing in their weight and belt categories. Mateo and Scotty won silver positions in their category and Joseph won the Bronze place in his. Lola competed in her girl's weight and belt category and won 5th place just missing out on a medal, this was her first completion away from the club and so should be very proud of her achievement. It proved to be a very tough competition and the children performed at their best whilst gaining an amazing experience.

Dates for your diary

Monday 2 October	Harriers Football club 3.45-4.45pm
Tuesday 3 October	Year 6 Information Evening - Mrs Warnett and Mrs Horan
Thursday 5 October	Reception Class Information 6.30pm
Friday 6 October	Harvest Mass in school hall at 9.15am
Sunday 8 October	School Mass in St Wulstan's Church 10.00am
Thursday 12 October	Individual school photographs
Saturday 14 October	Hagley Open Day
Monday 16 October	PTA AGM Brinton Arms at 7.00pm
Tuesday 17 October	Parents' Evening 4.00 - 7.00pm
Wednesday 18 November	Parents' Evening 5.30- 7.30 pm
Thursday 19 October	School Neon Disco 6.00-7.30 pm
Friday 20 October	End of half term
Tuesday 31 October	Year 6 Confirmation meeting
Wednesday 1 November	Whole school Mass
Monday 6 November	Year 6 Confirmation practice at St Wulstan's Church
Tuesday 7 November	Year 6 Confirmation Mass
Friday 10 November	Year 5 Class Mass
Saturday 11 November	Open Morning at St Wulstan's School - 9.30-11.30am
Friday 17 November	Year 4 Class Mass
Sunday 19 November	School Mass at St Wulstan's Church 10.00am
Friday 24 November	Year 2 Class Mass
Thursday 30 November	Christmas Fayre
Monday 11 December	KS1 Nativity Play afternoon performance
Tuesday 12 December	KS1 Nativity Play evening performance
Thursday 14 December	KS2 Advent Service at St Wulstan's Church TO BE CONFIRMED

Year 6 on retreat at Alton Castle



My retreat reminded me of a quote I keep in my room 'God does not require you to succeed, He requires you to try'.



I LEARNED THAT JESUS IS ALWAYS THERE FOR YOU. MY FAITH HAS BECOME STRONGER AND I KNOW THAT YOU ARE NEVER ALONE, ALWAYS SAFE.

Alton Castle is a great retreat. I feel that while I was there I became closer to God, in my faith and in my mind. It was an opportunity to open my heart and let God help me through things and help me to persevere.