

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.

6 October 2017

Dear Parents

Thank you to all the Year 6 parents who attended our Information Evening this week, with many of you have saying how useful and supportive you found the evening. We would be grateful if you could complete the questionnaire and return it to school as your feedback is always valued. Thank you to Mrs Warnett and Mrs Horan for their presentations and to Mrs Tyrrell for her support with transport information. As you now complete your applications for transfer to High school if you have any questions or would like some guidance please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Warnett. **Closing date for applications is 31 October 2017.**

A reminder that 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.

Many thanks to all the parents who attended our Macmillan Tea and Cake afternoon last Friday. We were delighted with the number of parents, grandparents and parishioners who joined us and we raised over £165 which far exceeded our expectations. There was a lovely atmosphere in the hall and we were also so pleased to hear all the compliments regarding our Year 6 children, who served and chatted with our visitors. They are a credit to you as parents and to our school.

This morning we celebrated our annual Harvest Mass in school. It was as ever a lovely occasion with extremely generous donations of fruit and vegetables. Thank you very much. As usual our harvest gifts were sold and the proceeds donated to the Father Sunny Trust – a charity supported by both school and parish. I am very pleased to say we raised over £230.00. Fr Sunny is well known in the parish and works with the poor and disadvantaged in the Garo Hills region of North East India. If you would like to find out more about Fr Sunny log onto www.thesunnytrust.org.uk

We would like to invite all our families to join us in church this 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.

Our next ever popular PTA children's cake sale will restart this term. The first will be held on 17 October. Letters will be sent out soon requesting donations from specific classes. My thanks for both donations and to all the mums who organize and run these sales. For families new to the school a guide to cake sales! Every half term our wonderful mums organize a sale of cupcakes, cake bars etc. Each class in turn receives a letter requesting donations of cakes on a particular day. The children can bring in 30p on that day to purchase a cake at playtime. It is extremely popular with the children and raises funds towards the extras that the school budget cannot cover. An example of this is the bank development in the big playground. Several years of summer and Christmas fayres, discos and many cake sales enabled us to develop the bank with its outdoor classroom, pathways, storyteller's seating and planters. We are extremely grateful for the hours spent fundraising. We aim now to fundraise for phase two of the playground development this year.

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Principal
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Next week our school basketball team will be competing against St Ambrose's team. Good luck to our players who I am sure, as well as trying their best to succeed, will show great team spirit and sportsmanship. Good luck children.

On Monday, Year 5 are off to the Malvern Hills as a finale to their work on mountains which began with our visit from Mollie Hughes. We look forward to hearing of their expedition on their return. The Malverns today... Everest tomorrow !

Next Thursday afternoon 12 October, we have a very special afternoon planned as we welcome MandM theatre company, who will be performing 'Sleeping Beauty'. To see live theatre in any form is always an exciting and valuable opportunity and I am sure the children will gain much from the experience. The performance is suitable for all the children so it will be lovely for the whole school to participate together in this treat.

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 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' Evening 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 in the school foyer.

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 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.

We will be holding our 'Open Morning' on Saturday 11 November 9.30 am - 11.30 am 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.**

Please remember if you ever have any concerns regarding your child, academic, social or emotional please speak to me or any member of the teaching staff so we can work together to solve them.

We look forward to seeing you at school Mass on Sunday morning.

K E Savage
Principal

<i>Dates for your diary</i>	
Sunday 8 October	School Mass in St Wulstan's Church 10.00am
Thursday 12 October	Individual school photographs Reception Class Information 6.30pm
Saturday 14 October	Hagley Open Day
Monday 16 October	PTA AGM Brinton's Arms on the Bewdley Road 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	School closes at 3.30 pm for 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
Wednesday 13 December	KS2 Advent Service Practice
Thursday 14 December	KS2 Advent Service - 6.30 pm at St Wulstan's Church
Monday 18 December	Party Day
Tuesday 19 December	Whole School Mass 9.15 End of Term

Just a few pictures from this week at school





Attendance and lates

Week Commencing 02.10.2017

Year	Lates	Attendance
Reception	5	93.3%
Year 1	4	96.4%
Year 2	1	97.5%
Year 3	6	96.2%
Year 4	3	95.0%
Year 5	3	93.1%
Year 6	3	98.0%