

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.

Dear Parents

15 September 2017

Having finished our second week at school, it is lovely to see how quickly the children have settled in to school life again. Reception Class have made an excellent start to their time at St Wulstan's and they should be very proud of the way they have come into school confidently and happily. I am sure though, they will sleep well this weekend!

On Sunday Year 5 returned from their residential trip to Manor Adventure. They had a wonderful time and faced new challenges with great courage and enthusiasm. Once again the children were complimented on their excellent behaviour, manners and attitude. We were extremely proud of them. It was especially lovely to see how the children supported each other, not only when facing challenging activities but in every aspect of being away from home and organising themselves throughout the weekend. I would like to thank Miss Checketts, Mrs Warnett, Miss Hill and Mr Tasker for accompanying them and giving up their weekend to take the children on this trip. It is no mean feat to work all week, take children away for the weekend and then return to work on Monday with no break. I think the children will enjoy a more restful weekend as well!

Next Wednesday we will see Year 6 depart for their residential retreat to Alton Castle where, as well as taking part in some challenging and adventurous activities, they will have the opportunity to learn more about their faith. We look forward to hearing more on their return next Friday.

Year 5 have started their preparations for the annual Pyramid Concert at Birmingham Town Hall on Thursday 15 February 2018. The theme this year is "Schools of Rock" and promises to be as much fun as previous years. More details will follow regarding ticket sales but please make a note in your diaries. It is a wonderful experience for both the children and the audience!

Thank you to everyone who attended our 'Open Classrooms' on Wednesday to meet their child's teacher and see their classroom. Teachers have posted their 'Class Information and Welcome' letters on the school website which will give you information on their routines and curriculum in their new class. Please remember if you have any concerns or queries contact your child's teacher or myself so that they can be resolved speedily.

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 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. If you know of any families who are looking for a Reception Class place for September 2018, please encourage them to contact me and arrange a visit to the school. Similarly there are some places available in some other year groups. If you know of any parent who is interested in such a place for their child please encourage them to contact me. Thank you

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Principal
Mrs KE Savage

As I walk around the school it is lovely to see how smart all the children look in their new uniforms. I appreciate your support in adhering to the school uniform and haircuts policy. We have lost count of the number of times we as a school are congratulated on the smart appearance of your children and this does have a very positive impact on their attitude and behaviour. Thank you.

On Monday we have a very exciting visitor coming to school to present an Assembly and then work with Year 5. Mollie Hughes is a mountaineer who at 26 years of age has twice reached the summit of Everest. She will lead an Assembly to both inspire and challenge our children, whatever their personal vocation may be. We are very much looking forward to meeting her and will share her visit with you next week.

As you are aware, on Wednesday we received an OFSTED Inspection led by one of Her Majesty's Inspectors. The outcome of the inspection will be shared with you as soon as the letter is published. But I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud I am of your children, their behaviour, their attitude and their manners. Also to all our staff and Academy Representatives who worked so hard both before and during the inspection. We are very grateful to all the parents who contributed to Parents View and for their constant support. Thank you

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.

KE Savage (Mrs)

<i>Dates and times for the week ahead</i>	
Monday 18 September	Mollie Hughes visit to school Y6 Confirmation Meeting 6.30pm
Wednesday 20 September	Y6 Alton Castle Retreat departs 1.00pm
Friday 22 September	Y3 Class Mass Y6 return from Alton approximately 4.15pm

Principal



Year 5 Manor Adventure: reaching the summit of the Long Mynd!