

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.

20 October 2017

Dear Parents

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended Parents Evening this week. We appreciate the time taken to complete feedback questionnaires and your extremely positive comments are very much appreciated. Thank you.

Our ever popular, PTA children's cake sale was held on Tuesday. Thank you to all the Reception Class and Year 1 parents who donated cakes so generously. A fabulous £60.25 was raised, so a massive thank you from the children to everyone who made it such a successful and enjoyable event.

Our Friends of St Wulstan's/PTA held their Annual General Meeting in the Brinton Arms on Monday. It was lovely to welcome many new parents and to look forward to planning the exciting events for this year. A new committee was elected with Kim Ball (Chairperson), Karen Griffin (Vice Chairperson), Hannah Gariff (Secretary) Mandi Crummey (Treasurer) and Mrs Edwards (Teacher rep). We also have a strong and enthusiastic sub committee who will organize events from a practical point of view. We are very grateful to everyone who is offering their time. 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!

Last night the annual Autumn Disco took place in the school hall. With a 'Neon' theme, there were some fabulous costumes and make up and all the children had a wonderful time. Many thanks to everyone who came and especially to the PTA/ Friends who worked so hard for the children. I am delighted to say the disco raised approximately £299.05. Again, many thanks to everyone.

This afternoon your child will come home with a leaflet explaining about our annual charity appeal for Samaritan's Purse, 'Operation Christmas Child'. As many of you know for many years it has been traditional at St Wulstan's to support this charity. On Monday in Assembly we watched a short film which showed the children the journey of their shoebox from school to orphanages in war torn areas where the children literally have nothing. It was extremely humbling to see the pleasure and excitement that one gift can bring to children who could well believe that the world had forgotten them. I am aware that there are many financial demands on families, especially coming up to Christmas. Please though, take a moment to read the leaflet as a shoebox can be filled quite cheaply - a toothbrush and toothpaste, a comb, some hair bobbles, a cheap notebook and colouring pencils and a tennis ball would bring so much happiness. We will collect the shoeboxes for several weeks after half term and hopefully will surpass our highest number ever of 125 boxes. Thank you.

When we return to school after the half term break, we will be selling poppies in school as part of the British Legion's annual appeal. If you would like your child to purchase a poppy please send them into school with a donation that week.

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Principal
Mrs KE Savage

We will be holding our 'Open Morning' on Saturday 11 November 9.30 - 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 any 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.

A reminder that after half term all children will all need to wear full winter uniform. This consists of white shirt and tie and trousers for the boys (red polo shirts are only for summer). The girls' winter uniform is white blouse and tie and grey skirt or pinafore. Can I just remind parents that culottes or trousers are not part of our girls' uniform and should not be worn. I know many parents will take their children for haircuts over the half term break. Again we remind you that extreme haircuts are not allowed. Several parents have asked what the permitted cut is and we request a Grade 3 is the shortest. Several children have had extreme haircuts recently and once grown out we request that you adhere to our uniform policy. Thank you for your support and to the many parents who double check with me before taking their child to the hairdressers. Several parents has asked for recommendations for good quality stick on name labels, STIKINS are currently being used by members of our staff, and are available from either Amazon or www.stikins.co.uk/name-labels-new.php.

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. If you are unable to see me at school or wish to arrange a meeting please contact me via email at secretary@wulsev.worcs.sch.uk or telephone **01299 877808**.

Thank you again for all your support and we hope you have a lovely half term holiday with your families. We look forward to seeing the children on their return to school on Monday 30 October.

K E Savage
Principal



Year 5's trip to the Malvern Hills- a great time was had by all!

<i>Dates for your diary</i>	
Friday 20 October	School breaks up for half term
Monday 30 October	Children return to school
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 6.30pm
Monday 18 December	Party Day
Tuesday 19 December	Whole School Mass 9.15 am End of Term
Thursday 4 January	Children return to school

Attendance for week commencing 16 October 2017.

Reception Class	93.8%	
Year 1	97.1%	
Year 2	98.8%	
Year 3	95.8%	Congratulations to Year 5 on their very good attendance this week.
Year 4	96.5%	
Year 5	99.3%	
Year 6	96.3%	