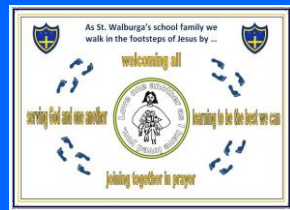


St Walburga's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



Friday, 20th October 2023

Number 7

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made it to half term! I do hope you get a chance to relax with your families over the next week – I know that all the staff are ready for a break and I am sure most of the children are too! Thank you so much for all your kind donations this week – to the Food Bank on Wednesday and for our Cafod mufti day today. The children have really enjoyed being able to make a difference to our local area and to the wider world community. We had a lovely day celebrating Harvest on Wednesday – with the KS1 children joining together for a liturgy in the morning, and Father Anthony joining us to celebrate Mass in the afternoon.

School Photographer

The School photographer is coming in on **Monday, 30th October** (the first day back after half term). Every child will be photographed individually. **Children must wear (winter) uniform on that day, even if it is a usual PE day or club day, please could they bring their uniform or PE kit in with them.** If you would like your child to be photographed with a sibling who does not attend our school, please come to the school hall at 8.00am.

School Mass at the Annunciation

Following the success of our 'school' Mass at the Annunciation in July, we would like to invite you and your children to join us for the Parish Mass at 11.00am on Sunday, 26th November. The children should attend in school uniform. If your KS2 child would like to read or take a ministry role in the Mass, please complete the form here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/CKFia7jFSB>

Road Safety

We had a visit from the road safety team this week, every class had a workshop, and as always, the children enjoyed it very much. Harrison in 3BM writes: *'We learnt where to stand when you cross the road, and to look right, look left, look right again. We played a game at the end.'* Ella in 3BM writes: *'I liked the bit when we played the game about traffic and had to answer some questions in a quiz.'*

Life Education Visit

In the week after half term, the Life Education team will be visiting school as part of our Healthy Me week. The children love attending the sessions, and meeting the team (including Gerald the Giraffe!) It's a costly resource, but one which is such good value for money given the engagement of the children, and the quality of the information they are given about keeping safe in a variety of situations. We would be very grateful if you could pay a contribution of £3.50 per child via WisePay. Thank you in advance.

Reception children

After half term, the Reception children should come into school via the Key Stage 1 playground gate – it will be lovely for them to have a chance to play in the playground before the school day starts. The gates open at 8.25am – I would ask that you drop your child and leave promptly, as the area outside the gate can get congested and we need to be able to keep an eye on all the coming and going.

Pantomime

Well done to Maggie (6PM) and Elsie (3NL) who have been chosen to perform in the pantomime 'Snow White' at the Pavilion theatre! There are performances throughout December, so I hope some of you will get to see them dancing!

Year 6 parents

Just a reminder that the deadline for applications to secondary schools is 31st October, and you must ensure you have completed all your forms and returned any supplementary information by then.

Lunches

The hot meals deadline for the week after half term has passed – if you have not ordered lunches for your child, please ensure you send them in with a packed lunch.

Poppies

We will be selling poppies in school after half term. Please send your child in to school with a minimum donation of 50p if they would like to buy one.

Christmas!

We are making plans for our Nativity and Advent performances this year. I am giving you plenty of warning of the dates in the hope that you will be able to book time off work if necessary, and make child care arrangements to avoid bringing younger siblings. Places will be limited to three per family, if you have no choice but to bring a preschool child with you, this will count as one of your places, even if they sit on your lap. We will be issuing tickets, again in order to keep an eye on numbers. If you are unable to come to the date assigned to you, you are welcome to arrange a 'swap' with a family from another date. The groups have been divided according to children's surnames:

Reception:

Performance 1: Wed 6th Dec, 9.30am - Child's surname A - G

Performance 2: Thurs 7th Dec, 9.30am – Child's surname H - Z

Year 1 and 2 (Joint performance!)

Performance 1: Wed 6th Dec, 1.30pm – Child's surname A-E

Performance 2: Thurs 7th Dec, 1.30pm – Child's surname F- M

Performance 3: Fri 8th Dec, 1.30pm – Child's surname N- Z

Year 4 Advent service will take place in the Annunciation Church on Monday 11th December at 6.30pm – more information to follow!

Mission Statement hero

As October is black history month, we chose local hero, Lilian Bader, as our Mission Statement hero – she was one of the first black women to join the RAF, and worked throughout the Second World War checking aircraft instruments. After the war, she retrained as a teacher and settled in Moordown!

Well done to our Stars of the week!

Super Role Model: RP: Rosalie; RJ: Jude; 1JC: Aria; 1WH: Caitlyn; 2NW: Isabella; 2ML: Lola; 3BM: James; 3NL: James; 4CY: Jared; 4CR: Nicholas; 5RD: Esther; 5RH: Mabel; 6KB: Noah; 6PM: Esme.

Learning Champion: RP: Freya; RJ: Izzabelle; 1JC: Zac; 1WH: Sheyn; 2NW: Antonia; 2ML: Umut; 3BM: Hanna; 3NL: Ariana; 4CY: Isla; 4CR: Cora; 5RD: Eliza; 5RH: Bella; 6KB: Aiden; 6PM: Ava R.

Well done to all of them!

Dates for your diary:

Mon 30 th Oct	8.40am	Children return to school
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Thurs 9 th Nov	3.30-4.30pm	Stay & Play session for children due to start September 24 (and their parents)
Thurs 9 th Nov	1.30pm	5RD Class Mass
Tues 14 th Nov	1.30pm	Year 6 Remembrance Service – parents invited – more info to follow
Thurs 16 th Nov	1.30pm	5RH Class Mass

Wishing you a lovely half term break.

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