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# NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th March 2023

Newsletter No 25

Interim Executive Headteacher : Mrs H Milligan  
Interim Head of School : Mrs L Husted



We strive to follow Christ example , to always do our best

## Mrs Milligan and Mrs Husted's Message

Another wonderful week in school, with our children using their God Given talents to excel!

We held our parent consultations this week and we hope that you were happy to learn about the progress that your children have made so far. We thank you for your support for their learning so far this year and thank you, in advance, for your support with their next steps in learning.

Congratulations this week go to Hadia and Adiyy, from Year 5, who took part in the Our Lady and All Saints Catholic Schools' Debate at Solihull Council Chamber on Tuesday. Speaking eloquently, they presented a case for **'School uniforms are very expensive and are old fashioned. The time has come to abolish school uniforms and allow pupils to wear what they wish.'**

This event provided a great opportunity to promote citizenship and democracy, as well as developing literacy skills and **we are delighted to announce that Hadia was awarded, by the Mayor, the accolade of Debater of the Day!** We are extremely proud of both Hadia and Adiyy- maybe we have some future politicians on our hands...let's hope so.







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## The God who Speaks

This week, we heard the miracle story of when Jesus healed a blind man—Bartimaeus. We chose to listen to the account recorded in the Gospel of Mark because we thought it reminded us that Jesus not only gave the man his sight back, he opened his eyes to the love of Jesus and reminded him to have faith.

We talked about noticing signs of faith all around us at school, from the way others act to the signs we see on our walls, in our corridors and in our classrooms...our faith is ALL AROUND US!

Our mini mission was to find these signs and remind ourselves that everything we do, we do because we are following the example of Christ!

'Go', said Jesus, 'your faith has healed you!' (Mark 10:52)

## Virtues Award

### Infants

### Juniors

Hadia (5P)

Adiyy (5W)

## Right of the Week



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### Article 28 (right to education)

Every child has the right to an education.

What a wonderful gift it is, being able to come to school!

What did you hear about at Parents' evening that made you really proud? Tell your child.



## Virtues of the Half Term



## Learned and Wise

We became more LEARNED this week about the signs of Catholic Life all around us and remembered that it is this that we base our MISSION on—

'We strive to follow Christ example...'

Our junior children attended confessions this week also—Father Vitalis and Father Biju supported them to see that they could learn from their mistakes and so they have moved forward wisely to make well thought out decisions in the future.





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## Dates For Your Calendar

Date	Event
Spring 2	Lenten Acts of Service - see page below
EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT	NON UNIFORM TO RAISE MONEY FOR CAFOD and FATHER HUDSON'S CASH PAYMENTS PLEASE—£1 PER CHILD EACH WEEK
Tuesday 28th March	Reception and Nursery Parent Speech and Language Workshop
Monday 20th March Wednesday 22nd March	NURSERY AND RECEPTION PARENT CONSULTATIONS
Wednesday 22nd March ad Thursday 23rd March	Parent Consultations - YEARS 1-6
Tuesday 28th March	Music Ensemble Gala Performance—Birmingham Conservatoire—pm
Thursday 30th March	Year 3 and 4 disco—afternoon
Friday 31st March	Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 17th April 2023	Back to School
To take place on Tuesday 18th April	Easter Bonnet /Whacky Headgear Parade parade on junior playground
Entries in on Tuesday 18th April	Decorate an Egg Competition

### Easter Competitions!

Our wonderful house captains have organised a decorate an egg competition! See above and the attached poster—you have the option to do this AS WELL as joining the Easter bonnet/whacky headgear parade to make this a really special celebration of new life after the holidays!



### Easter holiday Clubs

Over the course of the next few weeks, we will be passing onto you details of any holiday clubs that are sent out to school.

Please check the newsletter for attachments so that you can get booked up asap.

Any relevant codes will be sent out .

### A Reminder of our Teacher Days for the Coming Academic Year

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023







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## Awards

Class	Name/s
Nurs	Morenike
RNM	Sara
RCT	Hareem
1DG	Arsema
1M	Kyon
2B	Wellington
2G	Mehr Bano
3PB	Mateusz
3M	Samara & Benjamin
4B	Keira
4P	Alivia & Adam
5P	Hadia
5W	Adiyy
6G	Kayla
6W	Kacey
Wise Owl	Shadae
Music	Angel
Sport	Adam
Lunchtime	Amiolaoluwa Nursery, Harrison 6G and Year 3.

### Star Awards—well done everybody!



Each week, we celebrate our children's achievements in our Friday assembly and award them with certificates.

Well done to everyone

### Miss Turner's Walk Once A Week Award



Keep walking!  
Save the planet!







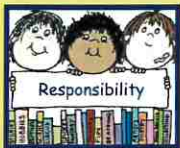
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## Options for the Poor and Vulnerable, striving for The Common Good

"We know that love makes families and friendships flourish; but it is good to remember that it also makes social, cultural, economic and political relationships flourish, allowing us to construct a "civilization of love" Pope Francis

This half term, we are putting a focus on Options for The Poor and Vulnerable , The Dignity of the Human Person and striving for The Common Good.



We are invited by God to care for those who need the most help . In scriptures, Jesus is always spending time with those who are cared for the least. We follow his example to strive for the Common Good—we try to make life equitable for all.

This week we have started our Big Lenten Walk.

We are trying to walk the equivalent of the distance to Vatican City! So far this week, we have reached a distance of 95 miles so far.-so just outside Wendover.

Our children are walking laps of the playground during their lunchtime and we are adding up the accumulative distance...can we get to Rome?!!! Let's wait and see!

Non uniform £1 donations on Friday will go towards the collection for Cafod in recognition of this.

### Year 3 Lenten Act of Service

Children, you were WONDERFUL this week, giving over your time and donations for Teddy Rose Foundation. Thank you so much to Klay and his family for nominating this worthy charity. £190 raised!

### Year 1 Lenten Act of Service

Thank you to Year 1 who visited St Chad's Sanctuary to leave cards, and care package donations for those who are newly arrived into the country as asylum seekers or refugees. We are very proud of your generosity and how amazing that you could learn more about the charity to tell us on your return.

### Reception Lenten Act of Service

Unfortunately, Reception have had to postpone their visit to Hodge Hill Grange Care Home but they are off there next week!

### Year 4 Lenten Act of Service

Year 4 are collecting for our local food bank—Caflo...any donations would be HUGELY appreciated as the collection is running low!

### Year 2 Lenten Act of Service

Year 2's food collection for food bank is continuing—again any donation would be hugely appreciated, please - thank you.





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## Attendance

This week, as promised,,,our ATTENDANCE COMPETITION has really got going!!

Well done to all the individual class winners who were allowed to put their name in the jar for the end of term individual attendance prize.

The winning class this week, whose overall attendance was 97.7% was RCT and they win a session playing a class game.

Don't forget, the class who wins the overall best attendance for the next two weeks will win a 'SPIN TO WIN' spin of the wheel, in a bid to win their fun experience of choice!

Remember...

**YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN TO WIN!**

### Attendance—period 20th March—23rd March 2023

Our whole school attendance target is 96%



Class	%
RCT	97.7%
RNM	93.2%
1DG	96.4%
1M	89.5%
2B	90.2%
2G	85.5%
3M	92.3%
3PB	86.3%
4B	86.7%
4P	92.6%
5P	90%
5W	90.8%
6G	96.5%
6W	97%

This weeks whole school attendance is 91.9 %







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## Extra Messages

# Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation

*Please find attached on the next page, a REMINDER of the arrangements for the Sacraments of*

*Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.*

As a Catholic School, the receiving of the Sacraments is very important to us and our learning and preparation is not restricted to Year 3 and Year 6, our children are prepared for these special meetings with God throughout their St Wilfrid's journey.

As your child's first educator of the faith it is vital that you also prepare your children at home by taking them to Sunday Mass, by asking them about their RE work in school, and by attending all of the meetings and celebrations that are in place.

These dates are sent out right at the beginning of the year so that you can put them into your diaries, and, therefore, you must read all letters that are sent to you from school, as we would not want you to miss anything vital.

As you can see, the first preparation meetings have already taken place. If you missed these meetings, then the information will be repeated at the Year 3 and 6 Sacrament Workshops in the Summer Term,

Year 3 - Monday 25th April

Year 6 - Tuesday 23rd May

Once again, please take a note of the dates and make every effort to attend

Thank you



Dates	Parents' Meeting	Celebration/Mass
<u>Thursday</u> <u>17<sup>th</sup> Nov</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>Via TEAMS</u> 4:15pm  Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and Confirmation:  General Introduction to Sacramental preparation	
<u>Thursday</u> <u>24<sup>th</sup> Nov</u> <u>2022</u>		9:05am  Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and Confirmation  Sacramental Preparation Induction Mass  All parents welcome
<u>Thursday</u> <u>25<sup>th</sup> May</u> <u>2023</u>	10:30am  Sacrament of First Reconciliation for Year 3 pupils  Parents Welcome	
<u>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup></u> <u>June</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>Via TEAMS</u>  Join at 4:15 for Confirmation Meeting: Update on Sacramental preparation that has been taking place Arrangements for the day  Join at 4:40pm for First Holy Communion meeting: • The Sacrament of First Holy Communion	
<u>Monday 12<sup>th</sup></u> <u>June 2023</u>		7pm  Sacrament of Confirmation for Year 6 pupils  In church with Bishop
<u>Saturday</u> <u>17<sup>th</sup> June</u> <u>2022</u>		9:30am  Sacrament of First Holy Communion for Year 3 pupils  In church
<u>Thursday</u> <u>13<sup>th</sup> July</u> <u>2023</u>		9:05am  Going Forth Mass  Year 3 and Year 6 pupils  In church Parents Welcome





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### Ramadan

Ramadan starts for our Muslim children this week—this is such a special time for them and we hold them in our prayers and look forward to hearing about the joy of breaking their fast each evening.

IF YOUR CHILD IS FASTING AT ANY TIME DURING RAMADAN, PLEASE INFORM YOUR CHILD'S CLASS TEACHER.



Thank you to Shaher Bano (Y6) who has added a few words of explanation for us about Ramadan:

*'Yesterday was the start of Ramadan so I hope you guys have a happy Ramadan as it is the month of giving and to realise how people with no shelter or food live. Let's all show our love and respect to each other'.*

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Milligan, Mrs Husted and all the staff





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## **District Football Trials**

**Summer Term 2023**

To attend the 2023/24 district football trials, your child must...



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Erdington  
and Saltley  
primary  
school



currently be  
in year 3, 4  
or 5



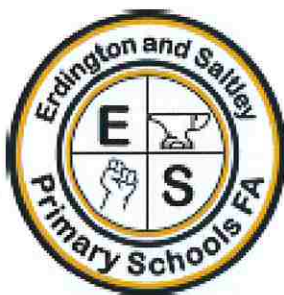
be one of  
the best  
footballers  
in their year  
group



be hard  
working,  
committed  
and  
respectful

If you want your child to attend the 2023/24 district  
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## **District Football Trials Summer Term 2023**

**Bromford, Hodge Hill, Erdington, Nechells, Saltley,  
Shard End, Ward End and Washwood Heath**

### **Eligible Primary Schools**

Abbey	Cromwell	Hodge Hill	Paget	St Wilfrid's
Adderly	Erdington Hall	King Solomon	Parkfield	St. Margaret Mary
Audley	Featherstone	Lee Forest	Rosary	St. Mary and John
Birches Green	Firs	Leigh	Shaw Hill	St. Peter & St Paul
Brookvale	Gunter	Marsh Hill	Shirestone	Story Wood
Brownmead	Harper Bell	Nansen	Slade	Thornton
Colebourne	Hawthorn	Nechells	St Barnabas	Ward End
Corpus Christi	Heathlands	Oasis Short Heath	St Clement's	Washwood Heath
Court Farm	Highfield	Osborne	St Joes B7	Yanton
	Hillstone	Oval	St Matthew's	
			St Saviours	

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further information**





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## EASTER HOLIDAY FUN HODGE HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL



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### FREE & PAID PLACES

Mon 3rd - Thu 6th April 2023

10am- 3pm

RECEPTION TO YEAR 6



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CRAFTS

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OFF

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(Free places for Benefits related Free School Meal children only)

ALL CHILDREN ACCESSING THE FREE PLACES MUST  
HAVE A VALID BRING IT ON BRUM CODE.

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### SESSION TIMINGS & PRICES

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