

Newsletter No. 347 – 18.11.16

Dear Parents,

We are now nearing the end of the Church Liturgical Year and the next annual cycle begins with Advent. The first Sunday of Advent is on Sunday, 27th November. To celebrate the end of the Liturgical Church Year, we have 'Forty Hours Exposition' at Our Lady of Lourdes, commencing on Thursday evening, 24th November with a Solemn Opening Mass at 7.00pm through to Friday and ending on Saturday, 26th November with the Concluding Solemn Benediction at 4.00pm.

As part of 'The Forty Hours Prayer', Fr. Kevin invites all children and families to 'Benediction for Children and Families' at Our Lady of Lourdes Church next Friday, 25th November, at 3.30pm. Please attend if you can and teach your children how to sit peacefully and quietly, showing respect and reverence in gentle prayer with Fr. Kevin. It is a beautiful service and he looks forward to praying with the children, before the Blessed Sacrament.



Last Friday evening, our All Saints Firework Party was a wonderful community event and once again the Fireworks Display was spectacular. Many thanks to our lovely parents Mrs. Chambers and Mrs. Sanders for supporting the Drinks Stall (you obviously sold a lot of drinks!!), to Mrs. Payne for doing the shopping and to our wonderful staff for providing mini-stalls for the children as well as providing food, teas and coffees at the hatch.

Comments from our parents –

"Mrs. Sullivan, this is a fantastic evening. My children said it is the best one of the year." Mrs. Conway

"Mrs. Sullivan, the Indian Summer Evening and the Fireworks Evening have been amazing.

Can we have more like these?" Mr. Cousins

All in all, we raised a fabulous £4,010. £2,500 will pay for the fireworks and after paying the 'Friends' their bill for burgers, sausages and drinks, we will hopefully have £1,000 to spend; £500 of this will go towards new sports gear for the children representing the school at different sporting events. The other £500 will be distributed to the year groups as part of their Entrepreneur Project. Can they turn £500 into £5,000 with their creative mini-business projects?

Our new website is now launched and a big 'thank you' to Mr. Abel for taking this project on. We hope you will enjoy looking at our up-to-date website, showing all that goes on in our school.

Master Ralph Naveda (5A) (a computer coding whizzkid) has opened a 'Children's Page with Ralph' which will also be a link for the children and for their input. Ralph has spent much of his own time with his coding tutor, setting up this section and I hope his peers will support him in keeping it exciting and up to date. A big 'thank you' to Ralph for his dedication and enthusiasm. You are a star Ralph!

Look on our new website to see a photograph of our Year 6 children, after having received their badges for different responsibilities – Headship Team, Year 6 Prefects, Senior Prefects and our new House Captains.

Fundraising **HARP**

We have invited Lisa Walton (ex-parent and fundraising officer with HARP) to the school at the beginning of December to talk to the children and staff about how they help the homeless and what we can do to continue supporting the charity.

In the meantime, we would like to start collecting the following items that they are short of: socks for men and women, pants/knickers, gloves, hats and scarves.

If you are able to help, please leave your donation at the school office. Thank you.



Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day, Friday 16th December



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY

Please pop the date in your diaries. All children are asked to come to school in their favourite Christmas Jumper and bring a kind donation to go towards the Save the Children Fund.

Mega Marathon

Martin Palmer (Connie 5J & Lulu 1W) is back in one piece, apart from sore feet, and has recovered well! Martin came 23rd out of 78 runners beating a couple of the professional ultra-runners so he was very happy. He raised over **£3000** for **The OSCAR Campaign and GOSH** and it is not too late to donate- <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/MartinPalmer-ODM16>

The website for the Oman Desert Marathon <http://www.marathonoman.com/> has some amazing photos of the desert and wildlife. Every night the Bedouin would shine a torch across the desert floor to check for scorpions, of which there were many! This post on the website sums up the event really well.

"Race is over. All runners left the camp and are now flying back home. The emotions for this life changing experience are flooding their minds with snapshots of the race, thinking of the most remarkable moments of the Oman Desert Marathon. One week in close contact with people from all over the world creates new friendships, gives a deeply different perspective on life and also becomes a period to rethink and re-evaluate personal issues.

The Oman Desert Marathon is a living event that originates from the union of the Omani hospitality with the values of sports and love for the desert and nature."

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is open Monday to Friday 7.30 – 8.30am. If you would like to book a place for your child either on a regular basis or as an ad-hoc arrangement, please phone the school office on 475689, or arrange to pop in and see it in action.

We can accept Childcare Vouchers for payment and each session is £5.50 including breakfast. Mrs. Dex

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open on the following dates – **2nd Dec, and 16th Dec.**

Please hand in any second-hand uniforms from 5th December and these will go on sale on 16th December. Contact Details: ololuniform@outlook.com / 07764222825

Danielle Bertella

Sacred Heart School Christmas Fayre

Friends of Sacred Heart School are holding a Christmas Fayre on Sunday 4th December, 12.15-3.15pm entry 50p per person. There will be a Santa's Grotto for the children, Café FOSH, mulled wine and lots of stalls selling crafts, jewellery and toiletries among other exciting gifts and presents.

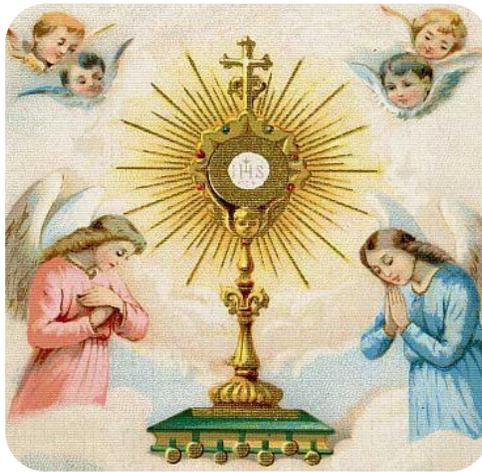
Dates to Remember

Nov 18 th	Staff Training Day	
Nov 21 st	Open Tours for Reception 2017 Parents	9.30am 2.00pm
Nov 22 nd	Singapore Maths Information Evening for Yrs 1-5 Parents	6.30pm
Dec 5 th	Visit to Admiral Court Care Home (KS2 representation)	
Dec 6 th	Visit to Manor Rest Home (KS2 representation)	
Dec 7 th	Cinderella Pantomime in the afternoon	
Dec 8 th	Visit to Nazareth House (KS2 representation)	
Dec 9 th	Visit to Brambles Care Home (KS2 representation)	
Dec 13 th	Reception Nativity Play	9.30am
Dec 15 th -16 th	Infant Nativity Play (Years 1 & 2)	10.00am
Dec 16 th	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day	
Dec 19 th	Christmas Dinner for children Christmas Extravaganza	7.00pm
Dec 21 st	End of Term – school closes at 1.30pm for pupils	

DECEMBER 22nd - JANUARY 4th CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Have a lovely weekend with your families.

Mrs. M. Sullivan
Headteacher



Benediction for Children and Families with Fr. Kevin on Friday, 25th November at 3.30pm

Prayer and meditation before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Him. You can ask Him for graces for yourself or for loved ones, reflect on His Word, or just keep Him company! And it's no bother for Jesus. In fact, He very much wants to see you!