

**"With Jesus as our guide; we love, live and learn together."**

## **Newsletter 6: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Dear Parents

I hope that you all enjoyed a good half term break with your families last week.

Thank you to all of the Y3 parents who attended our sacramental preparation meeting on Tuesday evening and thank you also to our Reception parents who joined us for a phonics workshop on Wednesday. Our partnership with parents is greatly valued and we are always very pleased to be able to welcome our parents and families into school.

### **New Reception Intake for September 2025:**

There is an open morning in school on **Tuesday 12th November** at **9.15am** for parents who have children who will be eligible for a reception place in September 2025. Please phone or email the school office if you wish to attend.

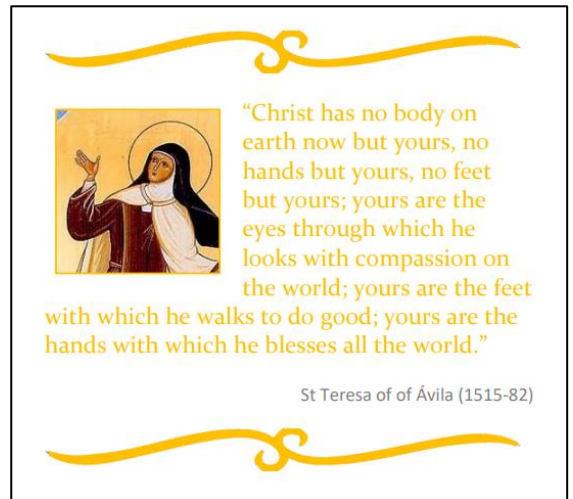
### **Virtues and Values for this Half Term - 'Intentional and Prophetic':**

Every half term as a school, we reflect on Values and Virtues to enable our pupils to live and learn for the greater glory of God and the common good. This half term, the values and Virtues which will be reflecting on in school are: **'Intentional** and **Prophetic'**.

An **intentional** person is someone who lives deliberately; someone who builds up their own worldview and then tries to live by it. To live intentionally is to march to the beat of a different drummer.

Being **prophetic** is about being seen to do good and being prepared to speak out for what is right. Good news is only good news if it is announced. Jesus Christ was a person who lived **intentionally** and is a model of a good human life. His words, actions and example reflect his values. Trying to live in an **intentional** and **prophetic** way is what ultimately makes us human.

Please ask your child about their understanding of these virtues and how they are trying to follow these in their daily life.



### **Anti-Bullying Workshops – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November:**

Next week is National Anti-Bullying Week in schools. Our PTA have very kindly funded a visit from the OpenView theatre group who will be providing workshops throughout the day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November for all of our pupils in Reception – Y6.

### **Donation Days:**

We will be asking for donations for the next three Fridays to help our PTA to prepare for our Christmas Fayre.

If you are able to help then your donations will be very gratefully welcomed, **please do not worry** if you are not able to make a contribution.

Thank you again in advance for your generosity and also to the dedicated members of the PTA who work so hard to raise substantial funds for our school.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Donations</b>	<b>Information:</b>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>OLD BOOKS</b>	Any old books that are in good condition will be gratefully received for the PTA book stall at our Christmas Fayre.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	<b>CHOCOLATES AND SWEETS</b>	Donations of chocolates and sweets e.g. small selection boxes, chocolate santas, bars of chocolate.

Date:	Donations	Information:
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>BOTTLES</b>	Preferably alcohol: please check that any bottles that you have donated are unopened.

**Y1 and Y2 Parents - Phonics Workshop:**

All Y1 and Y2 parents are warmly invited to attend a Phonics Workshop in school on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 9.05am.**



Please sign up by clicking on this link: **Y1 & Y2 PHONICS WORKSHOP FORM**

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – HOLY NAME PARISH – HELP FOR FAMILIES:**

The St Vincent de Paul society in the parish of Holy Name have asked for this information to be shared with our families:



The aim of our society is to seek and find those in need and provide them with practical support and friendship in a spirit of justice, while tackling the causes of poverty. The help we give **is not limited to Catholic families** - poverty, loneliness and the need to share problems are as urgent and relevant to all communities in Great Barr just as they are in the rest of the country.

To access this help, please contact the Parish Office, and leave your name and contact telephone number and ask for the SVP to contact you. The SVP will then take it from there:

**Parish Office:            0121 357 1351            [holyname.bham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:holyname.bham@rcaob.org.uk)**

**School Places Available:**

We have school places available in our new Reception class and also in other classes in school.

Please contact the school office or apply for a place via Sandwell LA:

**[Apply for a school place | Sandwell Council](#)**



**SchoolComms App:**

Please download the free SchoolComms App to your phone if you have not already done this - the details / links are in the circulation email for this week's newsletter. By doing this school **will not have to pay for text messages** to parents when they are used and **this will save us quite a lot of money!** Thank you for your support.

**Holy Name PTA - Parentkind:**

Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative.

All you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between **2<sup>nd</sup> September** and **30<sup>th</sup> November 2024.**

Asda will donate **0.5%** of the value of your shop to our PTA. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional **£1** to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving **£50** to every school to get them started.

Please support our school if you shop at Asda.



## PTA NOTICEBOARD

Thank you to everyone who attended our PTA Monster Ball.

Next up is the Christmas Event after school on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**.

In the last two weeks your PTA has contributed £300 to the upcoming Y6 Prom and £250 for Y3 books supporting First Communion and First Confession preparations.

Thanks for your continued support.

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PTA Chair

### **Reception - Y6 Reading Challenges:**

Our Reading Challenges are a great way to ensure your child is reading a range of texts which are age-related (with some challenging texts too!)

Congratulations to the following pupils who won a brand-new book of their choice for entering the reading competition:

**Y6:** Conor B                      **Y4:** Oscar P                      **Y2:** Valentine Q                      **YR:** Daya S  
**Y5:** Declan A                      **Y3:** Avni K                      **Y1:** Mia M

To make it super easy to participate, we have uploaded a direct form link accessible on your Marvellous Me accounts. The form is called 'YR RC' / 'Y1 RC' etc and they are also available on the school website – just click:

'Curriculum and Gallery > Reading' and scroll down to 'Reading Challenge'.

Or click on the links here:      [Y6](#)    [Y5](#)    [Y4](#)    [Y3](#)    [Y2](#)    [Y1](#)    [Reception](#)

Every time your child reads a book from the specially selected list, they just need to complete an entry on the form and they will automatically be entered into a prize draw!

**The more books that you read the more chances that you have to win!**

**The next prize draw will be on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.**

### **Masses next Half Term:**

All **parents and parishioners** are warmly invited to all of our school masses in **school** at **9.15am** or in **church** at **11.30am**.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Information:</b>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Infants'</b> mass in <b>school hall</b> at <b>9.15am</b>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Y4</b> and <b>Y5</b> joining the parish for mass in <b>church</b> at <b>11.30am</b>
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Infants'</b> mass in <b>school hall</b> at <b>9.15am</b>
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Y3</b> and <b>Y6</b> joining the parish for mass in <b>church</b> at <b>11.30am</b>
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>NO CLASSES ATTENDING MASS</b>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school in <b>school hall</b> at <b>9.15am</b>



**Diary Dates:**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Information:</b>
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Y1 Multi-skills Club 3.15 – 4.15pm</b>
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Y3 Multi-skills Club 3.15 – 4.15pm</b>
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>KS2 French Club 3.15 – 4.15pm</b>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	NO ASSEMBLY Anti-Bullying Workshops in school (Reception – Y6)
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Y1 Multi-skills Club 3.15 – 4.15pm</b>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Y1 &amp; Y2 Parents - Phonics Workshop in school at 9.05am</b> <b>Y3 Multi-skills Club 3.15 – 4.15pm</b>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Y1 Educational Visit to Walsall Leather Museum</b>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	<b>KS2 French Club 3.15 – 4.15pm</b>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Celebration Assembly in the school hall at <b>9.05am</b> (all parents welcome) Funky Fingers Nursery Parents' Workshop <b>11.15 – 11.45am</b>
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Christmas Fayre <b>3.15pm</b> (immediately after school)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Infant Nativity in school at <b>2.00pm</b>
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Infant Nativity in school at <b>9.30am</b>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Y3</b> pupils will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in church at <b>2.15pm</b>

Yours sincerely

*A. Neenan*

Mr A.G. Neenan

Headteacher

One of the precepts of being a Catholic is to attend Sunday Mass (or the vigil Mass for Sunday) every week and on all Holy Days of Obligation. This weekly commitment gives us the opportunity to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord which is why Sundays are known as the Lord's day.

**Mass at Holy Name Church:**

**Saturday 12.30pm**

**Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am**

## Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

### Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

Jesus was watching people putting money in the collection box at the synagogue. He saw some rich people putting in lots of money. Then he saw a widow who was poor, putting in two small coins, the same as a penny.

What did Jesus say to the disciples about the woman?

Jesus said that she had put in more than all the other people together. The woman had only given two small coins and the others had given lots of money, so why did Jesus say she had given more?

The woman gave everything she had. While the people who had lots of money just gave a little bit of what they had left over.

Which do you think Jesus would like us to be like, the poor widow or the rich people? Why?

Jesus wants us to be generous and to share all that we have with others. Jesus asks us to give what we have to help others, as the widow does.

Jesus also shows us in this reading, that everyone has something that they can give, even if at first it does not look like they do.

We can give money, but we can also give other things too. Can you think what else we can give and share with others?

We can give our time – by listening to others, by being there for them when they are sad or worried – and we can give our talents. For example, you could sing a song, or paint a picture, or make someone laugh.

### Our Catholic Mission:

What do you think the world would be like if everyone shared what they had?

What will you give to share with others in the coming week?

### Prayer:

God of light,  
we know that all people have something that they can give to share with others.  
Show us what we can give and help us to be generous as we share with others.  
Amen.

*Reflection taken from CAFOD Children's Liturgy*

