



Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School

Newsletter June 2020

'We welcome everyone into our community to live, love and learn together in the light and example of Jesus Christ'

www.olfatima.bham.sch.uk

Learned and Wise

Pupils at Our Lady of Fatima School aim to be **learned**, finding God in all things; and **wise** in the ways they use their learning for the common good.

June- Month of the Sacred Heart



The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of the Lord Jesus. Friday 19th June is the dedicated feast day of the Sacred Heart. A devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a devotion to Jesus Christ himself. It is a very busy

month in terms of witnessing and celebrating our faith. The Sacred Heart of Jesus represents the entire mystery of Christ, the totality of His being; the Son of God, in whom we place all our trust. Pope Francis invites everyone to pray the Heart of Jesus for the entire month of June and to support our priests so that they always reflect the image of that Heart full of merciful love. Let us remember in our prayers, our Parish Priest, Father Long, as he continues his ministry to the church and its people in these challenging, uncertain times.

Try to say this simple prayer as a family every day in June:

'O Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place all our trust in you.'

On Sunday 14th June we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi- "the day of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ the Lord", the real Presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Families can observe this feast day via live-stream Masses:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/parishes-online>

Phased Re-Opening of School

It has certainly been a strange time for our school family during these past few months, with most of our children staying safe from COVID-19 at home with their families. Since the government announcement that schools should start to gradually re-open, the staff have been creating learning spaces with social distancing in place, in line with government guidelines and MAC policies. We offer thanks to our committed staff, but especially to Mr and Mrs Rollason who have worked incredibly hard, particularly since the announcement to re-open, so that social distancing plans are put into action for your children's safety and the safety of all adults, parents and staff members. All correspondence relating to the return of pupil groups to school has been issued to parents via ParentPay and can also be viewed on the school's website. www.olfatima.bham.sch.uk We will communicate any further plans with parents as soon as we are able to, so that all parents are kept informed.

Thank you for continuing to support your child's learning. Weekly updates of learning activities can still be found on our website under the Curriculum tab, on the Home Learning page www.olfatima.bham.sch.uk If any further

guidance is required, please contact the school via enquiry@olfatima.bham.sch.uk or your child's year group email address (for example: year1@olfatima.bham.sch.uk) or by calling the school office. Also if you would like to share any photos of your child's learning, please send these to: enquiry@olfatima.bham.sch.uk Even though restrictions have been slightly lifted, please do continue to stay safe and alert and look after yourselves.

The Pope's Intention for June 2020

The Way of the Heart

We pray that all those who suffer may find their way in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the Heart of Jesus.

Livestream Masses across the Archdiocese

The Archdiocese of Birmingham has gathered together some of the parishes across the Diocese which live stream their Masses, so Mass and services can still be accessed even if not in person.

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/parishes-online>

Resources to support children's liturgy and prayer

On the Birmingham Diocesan Education website there is a webpage containing links to Prayer and Learning Resources for both home and school. This includes the CAFOD Virtual Sunday Children's Liturgy and a child's prayer for Spiritual Communion. More resources will be added as they become available.

<https://www.bdes.org.uk/des-support-for-schools-through-the-coronavirus-outbreak.html>

Wednesday Word

During this period of partial school closure, the Wednesday Word has ceased to be published as a hard copy. It is, however, available on a weekly basis via the following link:

www.wednesdayword.org and simply click "Schools please enter [HERE](#) for the Primary School version".

Please use this as preparation for preparing your child/ren for the weekly Gospel.

Sacramental Preparation



Parish priests have all received a letter from the Diocese regarding the postponement of the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation. Father Long is in discussions with the school and we will update parents as soon as we have more information available as to sacramental preparation and re-scheduled dates for these Sacraments. Please keep Years 3 and 6 in your prayers.



Twitter

During this unprecedented, uncertain time our Holy Father offers daily messages of hope. Please consider following him on Twitter **@Pontifex** to access these powerful thoughts.



Father Long regularly adds messages to Twitter. Please also think about following **@OLFQuinton** to read his messages.

Our own school Twitter account is regularly updated with messages, thoughts and photos of learning activities. It is a good way to see learning at home and school taking place. Please consider following us **@OLOFPrimary**

Alton Castle Retreat

A visit to Alton Castle for Year 6 has provisionally been arranged for 21st-23rd September 2020, depending on government guidelines for re-opening places for larger gatherings. Details for this retreat will be shared with Year 6 parents and pupils in due course. Should parents wish to take a look at the retreat centre please follow the link: www.altoncastle.co.uk/



Summer Weather Reminders



For pupils attending school from 2nd June, please make sure that your child has their own water bottle in school every day. Due to new COVID 19 health and safety guidelines we are unable to provide water containers for children's use. Fortunately, we are experiencing warmer, sunnier days which means that some learning will be able to take place outside, which will be helpful in terms of adhering to social distancing rules. With this in mind, please apply sun cream to your child **at home**. Please note that staff are not permitted to apply sun cream to children. Children should also ensure that they bring a sun hat to wear for additional protection from the sun.

PTA News



Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School is now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! Parents can help the school and the children, even at a distance, with no cost to themselves; help the school community through this difficult time and ensure that we can provide some great resources/activities/enrichment for the children to make their time at school memorable. These donations really mount up and make a big difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely free and only takes a moment. https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ourladyoffatimaprimaryschool/?utm_campaign=raise-more%26utm_content=gs-t1

Academic Term Dates 2020-21 including Teacher Inset Days

These dates are published on the school website. Please do check these dates so that you avoid booking holidays during the school terms.

Reminder of Teacher Inset Days 2020-2021:

Tuesday 1st September 2020

Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Friday 9th October 2020

Monday 4th January 2021 (additional MAC Inset Day)

Friday 28th May 2021

Wednesday 21st July 2021

And Finally....

Thank you so much for your continued support for us and for one another in the current, challenging and uncertain circumstances. Our school may be partially closed to some year groups but we are still here to help and support you all, so that we keep our community strong, safe and connected in every way we can. We are *#strongertogether*.