

‘...we strive to follow Christ’s teaching, to

love one another as I have loved you’.

**Chronicles of St Augustine’s**

Friday 7th October 2016

Ofsted visit

Parents will be informed of the outcome of the recent Ofsted visit within the next 33 days after the report has been validated. You will then all receive a copy. When asked about his visit, the lead inspector Rob Hackfath commented, “I was humbled to be in your school, it has been a real privilege.”

Director of Education visit

Adam Hardy, the Director of Education for the Birmingham Catholic Diocese visited the school last Friday. He was extremely pleased with what he saw of the school, the pupils and staff. I wanted to share with you his comments in our visitors’ book, “A wonderful school, a lovely learning environment. An absolute pleasure to meet the staff and children. Inspirational leadership!”

Macmillan Coffee morning fundraiser

Last Friday the hall was buzzing with parents and parishioners who had come for refreshments, a slice of cake and a raffle ticket. Macmillan nurses work tirelessly caring for cancer patients, supporting them with their treatment or palliative care- how rewarding that we can support them in some small way. A huge thank you to the PTFA for organising and promoting this event and to those who turned up and contributed- we raised £414.52. Well done to everybody concerned. d.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Well what a week of visits we have had. I had the pleasure last Friday of meeting Adam Hardy the Director of Education for the Birmingham Diocese. It was a delight to give him a tour of the school and let him talk to our children. They were a credit to you. Adam and I discussed the state of education and the difficulties leaders face in this ever changing landscape. What we did agree on, was that Catholic schools were the best places for young people to learn to grow in the image of God and become saints.

As you will already know we also had a visit from Ofsted this week. Once again, it was an absolute pleasure to have three inspectors in school for two days. They were able to see exactly what is going on in school- thank you to all those who met with inspectors and to our Academy Committee for their continued support. Special thanks to those who completed the parent questionnaire- it is important to me that you share your views on our school. More information can be found below.

Have a lovely weekend, God Bless,

Mrs L Machin

Meet ‘n’ Greet sessions

Thank you to those who attended the Meet ‘n’ Greet sessions last week. The aim was to get to meet your child’s class teacher and discuss any issues with them.

Next year we will hold them in the first week of term so you are up-to-date with staffing and expectations. Please use the pupil planner if you have minor correspondence for the teacher.

Behaviour

The behaviour at this school is good, as has been evidenced throughout our Ofsted visit and we firmly believe every child has the right to be safe and happy in our school. However, a very small minority of pupils believe they can act as they so wish. This will not be tolerated and the behaviour policy will be enforced in full.

Both rewards and sanctions are used in school to address good and poor behaviour. All staff follow the behaviour policy which may result in you receiving a letter from myself. Letters will clearly state the actions which will follow including fixed and permanent exclusions. These already have and will continue to be issued if necessary.

Please either support us with this or make an appointment to see me to discuss your anxieties and reservations.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

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| **Attendance** | **26th Sept-7th October** |
| **Class** | **Total %** |
| FS1 | 89.6 |
| FS2 | 92.7 |
| Y1 | 96.1 |
| Y2 | 96.6 |
| Y3 | 97.3 |
| Y4 | 98.7 |
| Y5 | 98.3 |
| Y6 | 100 |
| **Total** | 96.2 |

Well done to all those who have achieved 100% attendance for the past week- thank you and keep it up.

Police visit

Our Early years classes welcomed PC McTrusty into school last week. They got to hear his stories, sit in the Police car and try on the Police uniforms. We were even treated to the sound of the claxon and the flashing blue lights. Let’s hope our neighbours didn’t suspect anything sinister was going on!

Parking

We continue to strive to make our school and its surrounding area a pleasant place to be. Thank you to those who support us in using the church car park in a sensible way. It is sad that we have to have a member of staff outside on the car park to supervise adults- time when that member of staff could be interacting with children and supporting them in some way. Please continue to park safely, sensibly and carefully.

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| **Mass times at St Augustine’s: Weekdays at 9:30am, Saturday 9am and Sundays at 11am. We look forward to our First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass, this Sunday, 11am, St Augustine’s Church. A wonderful occasion for our pupils as they embark on their Sacramental preparation.** |

**Collection**

**Please can I remind parents to collect their children on time after school or after clubs? Staff have lots of work to do after hours and it is unfair for them to delay commitments of their own to supervise pupils. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.**

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