



All Saints Catholic Primary School

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Parent Newsletter

Welcome back to the new term. Unfortunately we had a closure day on Friday 13th January due to adverse weather conditions particularly ice. Please ensure we have the most up to date contact details in case we need to contact you in an emergency.

I will be holding a coffee morning on **Tuesday 31st January at 9.15am** for parents. Mr Price and I will be available to talk to you during this time.

Year 5/6, Miss Philpotts class are going swimming this term. Please ensure the children remove jewellery before school (as for all PE lessons) and are prepared with swimming kit.

The fencing which enclosed the play area on the Junior Yard has been removed for safety reasons. We are currently in discussion with the Local Authority and the Archdiocese regarding funding to replace it. We apologise for any inconvenience and disruption to the children's play but we want to make sure they are safe.

There is a change to the date for celebrating St. David's day in school. A directive from the Archdiocese has said that St. David's Day will be celebrated the day before March 1st which is the **Tuesday 28th February. March 1st is Ash Wednesday – a day of fast and abstinence. World Book Day** will now be celebrated on **10th March**. I will send out a reminder closer to the dates.

Fr Edmund is holding a meeting in **All Saints church** on **Wednesday 1st February at 2.00pm** for parents who want their children to be baptised and/or receive First Holy Communion. This meeting will be repeated at **6.00pm** for those who can't attend the first. If you have any questions about this please contact the school. We want as many children as possible this year to receive the sacraments. Please support your child in this.

What makes us special as a Catholic school:

- We place Christ at the centre of what we do
- We teach the ways of Jesus and the Gospel values –“the way, the truth and the life”
- We provide quality education and develop the child to the best of their ability in partnership with parents
- We prepare the whole child under the guidance of the Catholic faith and linked with the Parish community.

Receiving the sacraments is part of our education in faith, taking full part in our Christian community.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Jones

Headteacher