

# Harvest Celebrations



Dear Parents

Thank you to those who sent in items for our Harvest Celebration on Friday 5th October. It was truly a lovely celebratory Mass, and the children's art work displayed in our Priory Church, helped to bring it to life. Father Bill praised the children and staff for their help and support. In Mass yesterday.

One special contribution was from Marceli in Year 3, with the help of his parents made a Rosary from the conkers he had gathered. This currently adorns the Pulpit in church, it is something that he should be rightly proud of! His mum tells me that this is a Polish tradition and one I think we will have a go at in school next Autumn.

We are already planning other special events with the parish this term and it would be lovely to see more of our parents attending the class and whole school masses that we hold in the church. All are welcome and the children love to see you there.



*Called to be A  
People of Hope*



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## News Extra!

- **Apologies:** Some Class Mass dates have had to be changed due to conflicting events. —please see Page 3
- Please make sure that you child has a change of clothes in school for Forest School activities - Long sleeves and trousers are best for protection. Also welly boots and wet weather clothing is also important as the weather deteriorates. .Thank you.

# Learn and Love in Faith'

## Teacher Reminders

### Parent Consultation Evenings:

Parents will have the opportunity to meet with teachers and discuss their child's progress on **Tuesday 6th November from 3.30 pm—5.30 pm** and on **Thursday 9th November from 5.30 pm—7.30 pm**.

There will be a timetable for each teacher in the front entrance from **Tuesday 30th October** for parents to select a suitable **10 minute time slot**. If you feel you may need longer than this, please speak to the teacher directly and arrange another suitable time to meet. Children's books will be available in the school hall prior, for you to look at before your

meeting. We will have Tea and Coffee available.

For children on the SEN Register, with individual My Plans, review meetings are being arranged with Mrs Sollars and teachers to go through children's specific targets and you will be contacted to arrange a suitable time for this.

If parents have any specific concerns about your child's academic or emotional well-being please do not hesitate to talk to the class teacher or contact the office to arrange an appointment.

## St Dominic's School

**Open Days:** This week on **Tuesday 9th October** and **Friday 12th October**, from **9.30—12.30 pm** we have official School Open Days. If you know of anyone who may be interested in seeing what St Dominic's has to offer, please encourage them to come along. If these dates and times are not suitable, please contact Mrs De Young in the school office to arrange a suitable alternative.



### **Other Reminders :**

- ◆ **Good Luck!** Mrs Brown leaves us this week on **Friday 12th October**.

**Developing Children's Writing - Please help!** This is a key focus area, as we strive to ensure that children are able to demonstrate that they have mastered the appropriate skills to meet the age related expectations. However, to ensure that children have the imaginative ideas to help them create their own texts and enjoy the process of writing it is essential that they read good quality books and have the opportunity to 'talk' and share their ideas. This is where you come in! We will be asking you to help pre-plan and talk with your children about the Big Write' independent writing task which we will set for them every 3 weeks . Through this activity, they will be able to '**show what they know**' so that we can celebrate their success. Please can you also ensure that you regularly read and share books with your child, whatever their age!

## What's On: Extra Curricular Events

**Football:** Miss Mansell and Miss Hadley will be taking children from KS2 to take part in the **SDPSSA Atlas Games Football Festival** on **Tuesday 9th October**. It is great to be involved, we wish them every success. I am sure that they will be able to give us a full report after the event. If you would like to help with this event and have a DBS, please let Mrs De Young know in the office.



### Looking ahead...

MISSION TOGETHER



### **6th November 2018—Mission Together 175 Years Celebration Mass.**

I will be taking the pupil council and Chaplaincy team to St Peter's Primary School to take part in a very special mass to mark the 175th anniversary of the charity Mission Together. This charity is very important to Bishop Declan and in his letter to the children of the diocese he has asked them this year to continue the excellent work of children helping children. It will be great to join with children and staff from other Gloucestershire Catholic Schools for this event. A letter will follow shortly.

### **Friday 16th November—Children in Need**

This year we are planning with the children a whole school sponsored Ramble through Woodchester Park for this fund raising event. We will also be inviting members of the parish and parents to join us for the walk and picnic. It will tie in with our topic of **'Wonders of the World'** as we spend time enjoying the glorious environment around our school and the wonder of Woodchester Mansion. We also hope to organize a talk at the mansion so that children learn more about this local land mark. The Pupil Council are also coming up with other fundraising ideas so watch this space!



### **Trip to the Pantomime!**

This year we have booked to take the whole school to the Pantomime at Bristol Hippodrome -more information to follow! Father Bill has very generously offered to pay for all the children to have an ice cream on this very special school trip. Thank you Father Bill!!

### Reminders

#### **After School Clubs :**

This term the clubs on offer are as follows:

**Monday**—Stay and Play: 3.15—5.30

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**Wednesday**—Cricket: 3.30 pm—4.30 pm, followed by **Stay and Play** if required until 5.30 pm

**Thursday**—Forest School: 3.30 pm—4.30 pm, followed by **Stay and Play** if required until 5.30 pm

**Friday**—Gymnastics: 3.30 pm—4.30 pm

Information about how to book your child a place has been sent out from the school office.



## Our Mission statement

### Learn and Love in Faith'

At St Dominic's Catholic Primary, we are a **'People of Hope'** serving the community and enriching the lives of our children by: **Striving** for the highest quality and standards in all that we do so that every child is given the opportunity to succeed and the courage to persevere to achieve their full potential.

**Developing** a sense of wonder and awe through creating an engaging and be-spoke curriculum through which every child grows in understanding and broadens their horizons.

**Modelling** the gospel values through our service to others; showing respect, offering compassion and forgiveness to all.

**Deepening** an understanding of 'faith' through reflection and prayer; whilst growing in knowledge and understanding of different faiths and beliefs.

**Building** community, through working in partnership with others and offering a warm welcome to all.

### **A Prayer of Thanks**

Dear God, Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you for your sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life. Forgive us for when we don't thank you enough, for who you are, for all that you do, for all that you've given. Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh.

Amen

Headteacher: Jacqui  
Sollars ,  
St Dominic's Catholic

## Looking a head...



**Tempest School Photos:** Please can all Photo Orders be in school by Friday the 12th October 18, after which you will have to place orders direct with Tempest.

**Parent Consultation Evenings:** These will be held on **Tuesday 6th November 2018** from 3.30—5.30 pm and on **Thursday 8th November 2018** from 5.30 pm—7.30 pm.

**School Masses: All welcome. Apologies , some dates have had to be changed due to conflicting events.**

**Class 3 : Friday 2.11.18 at 9.15 am**

**Whole School: Remembrance Prayer Service** at the War Memorial on **Monday 12th November at 10.45**. Lead by Year 6 pupils.

**Class 4: Friday 23.11.18 at 9.15 am**



More information on the school Advent masses and Christmas Nativity/ and Christingle service to follow.

**School trips:** During the Autumn term we are planning the following school trips:

Whole school Ramble through **Woodchester Park**

**Friday 9th November 2018:** A whole school trip to the National History Museum in London after half term to support our new topic **'Wonders of the World'**.

Whole school Ramble through **Woodchester Park 16th November 2018**

**Whole school Trip to the Panto.**

**More information will follow on events as soon as soon as we can**

**Best wishes,**

**Mrs Jacqui Sollars**

