



# NEWSLETTER

## AND FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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*Learning, loving and living together with Christ*

**School closes today for half term and re-opens  
on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 8.40am**

### HARVEST

It was lovely to see so many parents at our Harvest Mass which was led by St Theresa class. Thank you to everyone who donated food and toiletries for our Harvest table. The gifts will be collected by The Trussell Trust Food Bank to go to families in the Redditch area.



### WOODROW LIBRARY

As you may have read in the local newspaper Woodrow & Redditch libraries are under threat of closure. Woodrow Library is a great resource to our school and our children use it every week. Please go in to the library and use it to show your support for them.

### GATES

Please ensure you accompany your child to their classroom door when bringing them to school. They should not be left at the school gates to walk on their own.

### PARKING

Please do not stop on the yellow zig zag lines outside school and do not part in the parking spaces outside Bredon House flats next to the gates as these are private parking spaces.

### REMEMBRANCE

Poppies and stationery items are on sale in school for 50p/£1p each. The School Council will continue to sell them after half term. Our Remembrance Mass will be led by St Bernadette Class on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November. Please join us - all are welcome.

Children have been drawing and making poppies in school as part of our art curriculum which will also be displayed in school.



### HAIR BOWS

We have an increasing number of large hair bows and headbands being worn. They are very pretty but not suitable for school. Please only use small clips and hair bobbles (dark blue or black) in your child's hair.



### UNIFORM EASY

Our new Uniform Easy Shop has been updated. You can order embroidered St Thomas More uniform from the website. **Please note we cannot operate click and collect from school. You must only select home delivery when ordering.** Please have a look at [www.uniformeasy.com/116910](http://www.uniformeasy.com/116910)




Our Children in Need fundraising will get into full swing when we return after half term. Children in Need day is on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Look out for pin badges, key rings and wristbands going on sale and our Pudsey Café which is being run by year 3 children. It will also be a "Wear Something Spotty Day".

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please complete and return the Parish letter for your child to enrol on the First Holy Communion Programme. Please note the time of the Mass & meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> November is **7pm** and not 6pm as stated on the letter.



## WOODROW MEDICAL CENTRE

As you are aware Woodrow Medical Centre will be closing at the end of the year. Please update the school office once you have registered with a new doctor. This is important information that we have to hold on our system. Woodrow Pharmacy will remain open in the Centre, so please support your  local chemist.

## SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR 2019

**Middle School** – Year 4 children have been given a pack with information about applying for their middle school place. Closing date 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Remember to provide a baptismal certificate.

**First School (Reception)** - If you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 – 31<sup>st</sup>

**August 2015** you need to apply for a place at a first school. Remember to provide a baptismal certificate.

Applications for both first and middle schools have to be made on-line. **Closing date 15<sup>th</sup> January '19.**


## ATTENDANCE Our target is 96%

Percentage attendance in classes  
**15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> Oct**

St Francis	94.7%
St Lucy	96.4%
St Faustina	94.5%
St Thomas	93.2%
St Bernadette	96.5%
<b>St Martin</b>	<b>97.2%</b>
St Theresa	92.2%

St John Bosco 95.5%

**STAR CLASS: St Martin 97.2%**

**Whole school attendance: 95.0%**  **Let's try harder.**

The number of children being late has increased. Please support your child by getting them into school on time every day.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Friday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Oct		<b>SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY</b>
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	8.40am	School Re-opens
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	9.10am	Whole school Awards Assembly
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	1.30pm	St Bernadette Woodrow Library Visit
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	All day	Year 4 Visit to Alcester Heritage Museum
Thursday	8 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	7.00pm	First Holy Communion Initial Mass & Meeting at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church – Parents Only
Monday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	9.10am	Remembrance Mass All Welcome – St Bernadette Class Leading
Monday	12 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	1.30pm	St Thomas Class Woodrow Library Visit
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup>	Nov		Children in Need Day
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	9.10am	Whole School Awards Assembly
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	6.00pm	First Holy Communion Belonging Meeting at School
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	Nov	1.15pm	Whole School Parent Consultations
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	5.00pm	First Holy Communion Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
Monday	26 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	9.10am	School Mass – All Welcome
Tuesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	All day	Year 3 Visit to Alcester Heritage Museum