Friday 6th November 2020 Church time: OrdinaryTime McKean Road, Oldbury, West Midlands, B69 4BA
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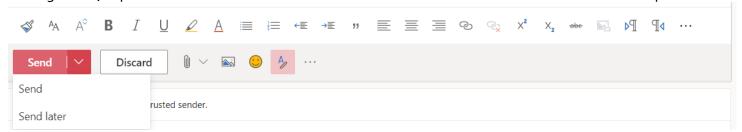


Thank you to all who are making their way into school so safely and with face masks on. Government guidelines stipulates that this is a must. I am surprised to see that some <u>still</u> need to be reminded of this. Also, please do

NOT gather or move too closely to people when dropping off or collecting your children. We would like to keep all of our school family safe.

EMAIL ETIQUETTE

We are happy that you are using emailing as one of the safe ways to keep in touch. However, some parents/carers are emailing late in the evening and into the night. Please could you ensure that you avoid messaging late at night. Please remember that they will only usually respond within school hours. I understand that you may be emailing when you remember something or if it really important. There is a way to delay the sending of emails on the send button option, where you can 'SEND LATER'. If anyone would like help please let where find finding me know. See below for to



Attendance

We are so proud of everyone in our school! Well done. Year 1 and 2 will have 2 house points each.

Nursery	Year 6	Reception	Year 4	Year 5	Year 1	Year 2
96%	97%	98%	98%	98%	99%	100%

Punctuality

Well done to everyone who is arriving on time. So many are. There are some who are beginning to arrive quite late, which delay the start of what are shorter days currently. Please help your son / daughter in their learning by arriving on time. Thank you.

Month of Remembrance

It has been a particularly difficult year and traumatic for too many of our school family members. During the month of November, we will be praying for those who have died during the terrible time of this pandemic as well other reasons in recent and times past. For the month of Remembrance, we will be doing the following:



Poppy Appeal

Poppies will be coming around to classes for the Poppy Appeal. Please send donations with the children for a poppy. The amount does not need to be a lot, please give what you can.

Remembrance Book

We have begun a Remembrance book online on our school website. Please email headteacher@sfxcps.co.uk if you wish to add any of your loved ones.



Ribbons for Remembrance

Everyone will be given a short piece of ribbon to tie around the fence at the front of school (around Hands of Hope) and will tie it to the fence as remembrance of a loved one they have lost. We will invite the community to do this also. Do you have spare ribbon? We may need ribbon donations as we are awaiting the order at the moment. With the lockdown in place there may be delays, if you can help, that would be great.



Two-minute silence

We will hold a two-minute silence in remembrance of all those who have died and are now in God's arms on Wednesday 11th November at 11am.

Wear Red for Remembrance - Harvest of Love and Hope

Please join us in raising money for the Royal British Legion. We will be holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 27**th **November**. We will invite children to pay £1.00 to wear red for the Royal British Legion to show love for lost loved ones and anyone lost in conflict. All proceeds will go to the local Royal British Legion. This will be our Harvest collection this year, Harvest of Love and Hope.



A message from Father Joseph:

"Together We can Do More"

Hope you are keeping well. Some information please.

- 1. **Happy Feast of All Saints:** We are part of the bigger story in God's love. Be courageous and never give up in your desire for God and his Church.
- 2. Nov 2 is All Souls: Please send us your All Souls Mass Intentions with your donation included. (You can bring them as you come to Church or put through my door anytime)
- 3. Parish Rosary Crusade: Apart from Weekly Holy Masses which we offer for all our parishioners, we have wondered which other ways, we could be of great spiritual help to our Parish Priest and Parishioners, especially those who are sick, housebound, lonely, distressed, losing faith and hope. Through the inspiration of Julien Bunga, we felt we could do more through praying the Holy Rosary always for the above intentions. This means that as soon as you have said your rosary for the intentions mentioned above, you let me know and I will add it to the Parish Rosary Bank of God's graces and blessing. You can let me add you in the what's App group so that you will be getting our daily updates. Please contact me if you need more information.

Many thanks to you all for all that you do for God and his Church.

Remain blessed. Fr. Joseph 1 Nov 2020 (Feast of All Saints)

Just a Reminder:

A gentle reminder for so many of you who may have forgotten to set up their Standing Order or send their cheques to cover their weekly offering and parish projects since March 2020. If you are able, could you please do so as soon as possible?

Together we can do more for God by helping our Parish survive at this difficult time.

Fr. Joseph