
Old Church C.E. (C) Primary School
School Street
Darlaston
Wednesbury
WS10 8DL
0121 568 6329
Headteacher: Ms D Clacy



Dear Parents

November 2018 Newsletter

OFSTED

I am delighted to let you know that our OFSTED report is on the website. The format of a 1 day inspection is to judge whether we are still a good school. The grading cannot be changed on a 1 day inspection but a new inspection can be called for if there are concerns that we are a lower grade or advice is given to let us know how far off 'Outstanding' we are.

I am delighted to say that everything went really well and we have one key area to work on, which we had already identified. Many areas in the school are already outstanding and the judgements we have made about our school are accurate and secure.

The area we need to work on is the progress in Maths, which is currently good, but not yet 'outstanding' as it is in Reading, Spelling and Grammar. The rest of the judgements we made were upheld. I am particularly delighted that Leadership and Management, safeguarding and support for the children and families are strengths of the school. Also our curriculum is strong and exciting and the behaviour of our children is outstanding. This was seen in every class we went into and at playtimes.

I am very proud of all the staff and children for their hard work and demonstrating what an amazing place Old Church is. I was described as 'like a dog with a bone who won't let go of getting the best for the children'. Luckily this didn't appear in the report although secretly I take this as a massive compliment!

Building work

During Half Term the toilets in the annex have been refurbished. They look amazing. The Nursery and Reception toilets have not been completed as there was a delay in getting the correct size toilets! These will now be done during the Christmas holidays.

The school roof was also made safe in the holidays with all the ridge tiles secured. I am really pleased with how smoothly the whole process went.

Mrs Morris

Mrs Morris has decided to take early retirement and will not be returning to school. Her class will be taken by Mrs Hollins, who is doing a fantastic job, until we advertise for a permanent replacement.

Staff Absence

Unfortunately, Mr Spittle is still off sick and although desperate to get back to school, he now has blood clots to add to his snapped tendon. Poor Mrs Spittle also needs counselling to put up with him being off work! Mrs Swinbourne is also still poorly.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

We would like to thank you for helping us with the Macmillan Coffee afternoon . We raised over £570.



Wear Red Day

I have said that the children can wear something red on Friday 9th November to commemorate the first World War ending. This could be as little as a red ribbon or poppy. We have suggested sending in 100 pennies to represent 100 years but if you have already purchased a poppy we do not expect you to send in any more money.

Pudsey Bear

Pudsey will be visiting school on Friday 16th November to raise money for Children in Need. If you have any pennies to put in Pudsey's bag please send them in. But please do not worry if you don't as a smile for Pudsey will be a lovely gesture!

Christmas Fete

We are going to be running our Christmas fete a little differently this year. We lost a lot of money last year because we had to cancel the fete due to the weather. We cannot afford to do this again this year. We will send a letter out letting you know what we will be doing soon.

Kind Regards,

Davina Clacy

Autumn Term 2018 Dates

- 9.11.18- Wear something red day- to commemorate WW1
- 9.11.18- Robotics Workshops –Year 4
- 12.11.18-15/11/18- Darryl Wakelam (artist) to work with Year 5 and 6
- 12.11.18- Anti Bullying Week
- 16.11.18- Pudsey to visit school
- 20.11.18-YR Sphero sessions
- 21.11.18- Black Country Museum Visit Year 2
- 29.11.18- Years 4, 5 and 6 visit to the Theatre
- 6.12.18- Tea with Ms Clacy for Golden book children (TBC)
- 07.12.18 Wear your own clothes day in return for an item for the homeless

Christmas Activities

- 7.12.18- KS1 Dress rehearsal for the whole school
- 10.12.18- Flu vaccinations in school
- 11.12.18- 9:30 am Y1/2 The Nativity Play
- 12.12.18 9:30a.m. Y1/2 'The Nativity'
- 13.12.18 - 9:30a.m. Foundation- 'The Nativity'
- 14.12.18- 9:30 Foundation Performance- 'The Nativity'

- 18.12.18 Reception party pm (non uniform)
- Nursery Parties am (non uniform)
- KS2 Y5/6 Party pm (non uniform)
- KS2 Y3/4 Party pm (non uniform)
- KS1 Party (non uniform)
- 19.12.18 – School Christmas Dinner
- 20.12.18 –Carol service 2:00 pm (TBC)
- 21.12.18 – Break up for Christmas holiday **at 1:30pm**

Spring Term 2019

- 07.01.19 Training Day
- 08.01.19 – Children back to school
- 10.01.19 – Pantomime in school – Friends of Old Church reward for the children
- 18.02.19 –22.02.19 Half term