

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 30th October:

Flu vaccinations
(Reception to Y5)

Thursday 1st November:

Feast of All Saints

Wednesday 7th

November:

Theme Day - Centenary
of the Armistice

Monday 12th November:

School Photographer
(individual & family
photographs. NB school
pupils/brothers and
sisters only)

Friday 16th & 23rd

November:

Own Clothes Day
(Christmas Market)

Friday 30th November:

Advent Service (2pm)
Christmas Market (3.30-
6.30pm)



Newsletter

18th October, 2018

'BELIEVE, ACHIEVE, SERVE'

Dear Parent/Carer,

Mrs Teresa Davies will be retiring at Christmas. She has been teaching at Ursuline for 23 years. She has taught in Reception, Year 4 and Year 6. She has been the school's Religious Education Co-ordinator for 18 years. She is an outstanding teacher and one of the most highly respected RE Co-ordinators in Liverpool Archdiocese. Our 'Outstanding' judgement in last December's RE inspection was a result of her brilliant leadership. We are so lucky to have had her here for so long. She will be remembered with great affection by countless children and their families. The same can be said of those of us who have been fortunate to work with her. There will be time for us all to say our goodbyes and show our gratitude for so many years of outstanding service.

We will be welcoming Mrs Helen Long to the teaching staff in January. She will be taking over from Mrs Davies in Year 4 and we wish her every success at Ursuline.

On a sad note, teaching assistants Mrs Barbara Neary and Mrs Karen Bannon left us last week. They have been working at Ursuline for 18 years and 6 years respectively. They have served the school with dedication and commitment and we will miss them both dearly. They are leaving because the school had to make redundancies in light of government cuts to schools. We will always strive at Ursuline to provide the best possible education for all children. Something like this makes the job much harder and it is very bad for the school. It is also a personal tragedy for Barbara and Karen. We thank them for all they have done to make Ursuline the school it is and wish them all the best for the future.

Our School Mission Day on 26th September was a great success. We focussed on our mission statement 'Believe, Achieve, Serve' throughout the day. We started the day at Mass in St Joseph's and finished with a celebration assembly at the end of the day. The children did some outstanding work and the whole event helped us to get our school year off to a great start. Thanks to Mrs Davies for leading us so well.

The Great Ursuline 'Bake-off' on 27th September was glorious! So many beautiful cakes to savour! Thanks to everyone who took part and to our judges Mr Hudson and Miss Metcalfe. Congratulations to our winners Rec Alex, Y1 Molly, Y2 Thomas, Y3 Grace, Y4 Sophie, Y5 Bella, Y6 Ellis. Thanks to the PTFA for organising things so well.

Our MacMillan coffee morning on 28th September was very well attended and very successful. It raised £730 for a very worthy cause so close to the hearts of many of our families. Once again thanks to the PTFA for all their hard work.

The Ann Frank 'History for Today' exhibition was in school during the first week in October. The pupils who experienced the workshops learned so much about a very important time in world history. They learned about what can happen when groups of people are targeted and victimised because of their ethnicity or human characteristics. A particular highlight was after school on Thursday when the newly trained peer guides showed an audience of parents around the exhibition. They did so with consummate skill and sublime confidence. Thanks to Keziah and Jonathan from the Ann Frank Trust for a great job. Thanks also to Miss Jones for timetabling the week.

Thanks to everyone who attended our recent Parents' Nights. There was a huge turnout and we certainly found the meetings helpful. We hope you did too,

This is just a suggestion. Before you enter the school grounds at the end of the school day, before you greet your child, if you have not already done so, can you make sure you put your mobile phone away. Seeing you at the end of the day delights them and your smiling face and embrace delights them even more.

Football

Well done to our Y5 and Y4 Football teams who did so well in the Everton Festival at Goals in Netherton. Year 5 won the competition overall and Year 4 come second. A great effort, nonetheless, and something to be proud of. Thanks to Ursuline Staff for coaching them so well.

On behalf of the staff may I wish you and your families a safe and happy half term break. School re-opens on Monday 29th October.

REMINDERS

- On arrival at school please remember that the gate on Blundellsands Road is for Reception pupils and their siblings only. All other children enter through the gate on Nicholas Road.
- Please do not bring dogs onto the playground at any time. We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.
- Thank-you for keeping the youngsters off the playground equipment at the end of the day. It really can be tricky to stay safe, as the children are coming out of school, if other children are in that area.
- Parents and carers have no entitlement to take holidays during term time. I can only approve these in exceptional circumstances. **Applications should include a written description of the circumstances.** Being taken out of school at any time is an obstacle to children making progress and should be avoided.
- Please do not park on or stop at the yellow zig-zags during the times stated on the road side sign. It is both dangerous and irresponsible.
- An electronic copy of the Newsletter is available via E-mail or can be downloaded from the Ursuline website. Please register your e-mail address via the Ursuline website: click on button for News & Diary and follow instructions.

Log on to www.ursulineprimary.co.uk to find out our most recent award winners:

Bronze & Silver & Gold Awards
Subject Awards
Improved Presentation Award;
Bucket Fillers of the Week Award.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



Mark McQueen
Head Teacher