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Thought for the week

"It's lack of faith that makes people afraid of meeting challenges, and I believe in myself"

Muhammad Ali

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Dear Parents/Carers

On Saturday 11 June 2016 there will be a special church service held at St Mary's Church to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. Our school choir will be taking part in the service and some of our steel pan players will be performing after the service. There will also be a garden party after the service. Parents/Carers are welcome to attend .

Attached is Birmingham Cathedral's bulletin promoting the service to celebrate Pentecost. Some of our children took part in the service and are a credit to our school

Have a lovely weekend

Ava Sturridge-Packer
Ava Sturridge-Packer CBE NLE

Executive Head Teacher



Kind and Thoughtful

One of our anti-bullying strategies

The following children will receive the 'Kind and Thoughtful' certificate and care of a cuddly teddy bear. The award will be presented in Celebration Assembly on Monday 13 June 2016. The lucky children will also have fruit and milk with Mrs Packer in her office and swing on her chair.

Celebration Assembly

The following children will receive certificates for good work and behaviour in Celebration Assembly on Monday 13 June 2016. All Parents/Carers are welcome to attend. If Parents/Carers do attend could I please ask them to stay until the assembly finishes. This demonstrates to all the children that the entire assembly is valued by Parents/ Carers. Thank you for your support.

Kimani Nursery For making good progress with forming some letters in his name	Aamarha RW For showing a good understanding when learning about weight	Suraiyah RB For working hard with phonetically spelling words in her writing
Elizabeth 1L For super independent work in solving number addition pyramids	Tavleen 1S For writing a diary entry independently	Raven 2C For a super report all about the Queen
Rimshah 2N For impressing the teacher and visitors with her work and behaviour	Tejah 3J For trying extremely hard in all her work and showing a real improvement in her behaviour	Fatima 3/4S For always putting 100% into everything she does
Chantelle 4B For keeping up consistently good standards of work and behaviour	Maddison 5S For an improved attitude in her learning	Alisha 5/6W For excellent writing
	Cory 6B For making a huge effort to improve his writing	

Mariam For supporting another child in class and helping to boost their confidence	Leona For being a good friend and fitting straight in as a kind and thoughtful St Mary's child
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School Nurse

Our school nurse, Mary Khyat will be available to speak to parents/carers about any concerns you may have about your child. She will be in school on the morning of Tuesday 14 June 2016 from 9:30am

Our British Value
this week is :-

Individual Liberty

Weekly certificates

These classes received their certificates in celebration assembly on Tuesday 7 June 2016.

Lining Up	5S
Spick and Span	3J
Movement Bird	RW
Gymnastic Monkey	RB
Attendance	6B - 99.3%
Punctuality	2N- 0 children late
Dinnertime	Yummy Bear 3/4S Runner Up 3J

Parking in the Rectory Car Park

Can I please remind parents/carers that parking in the rectory car park is not allowed. It is private property therefore should not be used by parents/carer. Thank you for your continued support.

Mobile Phones Safeguarding reminder

For Health and Safety reasons can I please ask all parents/carers not to use their mobile phone within the school building. Thank you for your support.

Attendance and Punctuality

Please support us in continuing to improve our attendance and punctuality by encouraging your children to come to school and be on time every day.

Chewing Gum reminder

A number of children have been bringing chewing gum into school. Could I please ask parents/ carers to remind children that chewing gum is not allowed in school. Thank you for your support

Parking Outside School reminder

Please can parents/carers park with care when dropping and collecting their children outside of school.

Safety online reminder

Could parents please, please supervise children when using the internet at home either on the computer, mobile phone or any other electronic device that can access the internet. We are doing everything that we can in school to ensure that our children are safe and constantly remind the children about e-safety. Following the tips listed below will help your child stay safe online.

- Have family rules about how the internet will be used at home and be clear about what information is safe to share online
- Discuss rules about communicating online with friends
- Make sure you know what your children are doing online, much like you would in 'real' life and use parental controls (on computers, mobile phones and game consoles) to help you. Remember that these cannot always be 100% effective
- Make sure that your children are aware that people or websites can lie online
- Make sure your child understands that online actions can have offline consequences

Term dates

End of Term	Children break up on Friday 22 July 2016 and return to school on Tuesday 6 September 2016
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Birthday Service for Schools



St. Mary's School, L. Primary, Kingsley and Blithley

Quint Church C.E. Primary School

St Laurence Church Junior School

St John's Church of England Primary School

Theodor George Primary Academy

St James

Moseley C of E Primary School



About 200 children attended a service in the Cathedral to celebrate the birth of the Christian Church at Pentecost.

The Rt Revd David Urquhart, Bishop of Birmingham, led a service at Birmingham Cathedral attended by schools from across the region. The event commemorates Pentecost, traditionally seen as the founding of the Church, when Jesus' disciples were inspired to spread the gospel to people all over the world and found the Christian Church.

During the service, the children processed outside and circled the cathedral. They waved coloured ribbons to represent the flames which the bible says rested on the heads of the apostles as they spoke about Jesus. Other children carried paper doves to represent peace, or played instruments to make a 'joyful noise.' Children were also involved in acting out the story of Pentecost, leading prayers and of course singing songs, including Happy Birthday to the Church.

The Very Revd Catherine Ogle, Dean of Birmingham said: *"At Pentecost we celebrate the coming of the Spirit – the outpouring of the power of God to transform a band of stragglers into a community that changed the world."*

The Cathedral is 'Mother Church' to an area of around 300 square miles, including 100 church schools. The Cathedral Education Team lead hundreds of interactive school visits each year, tailored to the age and needs of each group.

Sandra Bailey, Education Guide

