



Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

'We share in Christ's life so He can guide our thoughts, words and actions'



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Dear Parents/Persons with Parental Responsibility

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School Reports

Today school reports have been sent out with children (please check their bags!). You will be invited to offer written feedback which will be greatly valued by the school; we do take on board your opinions. As the reports are very detailed, there will be no Parents' Evening before the end of term. If you have any specific queries regarding your child's report, please arrange to see your child's class teacher.



Yesterday we had a very busy day. It started with the presentation of the Governors' Award where we listened to the qualities and attributes of two children who make such a positive contribution to our school and community in different ways - well done to Jamie (Y5) and Connor (Y6).



Later Mr Tony McGuigan (Chair of the Academy Committee) and myself hosted a Tea Party for children nominated by their teachers because of their hard work. Congratulations to Finbarr M (EYFS), James D (Y1), Regine W (Y2), Matilda C (Y3), Ruby H (Y4), Olivia O (Y5), Kurtis T (Y6) and our two Governors' award winners Connor P (Y6) and Jamie W (Y5). Well done children and thank you Alyson for the lovely cakes!



Sports Day

Well done to all the children that took part in our Sports Day. It was a lovely day enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who came to support and the PTA for providing refreshments. Congratulations to Clitheroe - the winning house team.



Rotary Awards

Congratulations to Grace C, Millie C, Max E, Jessica K, De'Jhante M, Miles M, Megan N, Eilish O, Victoria P, Manave P, Connor P, Martin R, Angel S, Ethan S and Kurtis T who took part in the Rotary Awards. Their hard work and commitment was celebrated at a lovely presentation evening on Wednesday at Sutton Coldfield Town Hall. As part of the presentation Kurtis entertained the audience by playing his violin beautifully and Maneve got everyone's toes tapping with his amazing dancing! Well done to all the children and a big thank you to Mrs Jupp who works so hard in supporting the children to achieve this award.



Start of the day arrangements from Monday 14 July

From next week we are trialling new start of the day arrangements. Children will be coming straight in to class from 8.40am onwards as soon as the gates are open and not waiting in the playground. This is to ensure that we are ready to start the school day at 8:50am. Break times and lunchtimes will remain the same. All children will be entering through the KS1 and KS2 gates where they will be met at the doors to the school building by members of staff. Thank you for your cooperation.



Year 3 Mount Pleasant Farm

Well done to all our Year 3 children who visited Mount Pleasant Farm on Tuesday. The children found out all about a working farm and really enjoyed the experience. The children behaved excellently and were a credit to the school.



Year 6 Award

Well done to the year 6 pupils taking part in the Make a Difference Challenge. Lewis B, Joe D, James H, Shakira N, Megan N, Eilish O, Kaitlin O, Angel S, Kurtis T and Spencer W made their own film and watched it on the giant screen at Millennium Point. We are all very proud of you.



Lost Property

The PTA will have a table with all lost property on Wednesday and Thursday at 3.30pm outside the school office. Any items not claimed will be given to charity after this date.



Year 5 visit to Bishop Walsh

Year 5 will be going to Bishop Walsh on Tuesday 15 July to take part in a Science lesson. The children will be collected and returned to school during school hours. This is a fantastic, exciting opportunity for the children.



Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 2 with 99.67%. Well done!



Due to the fact that there were four classes out on school trips, there was no assembly today.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
Owen P (Y1) Alan J (Y2) Alfie L & Martin R (Y6)

Dates for your diary - July		
Monday 14 July	All day	Bikeability Year 5 (7 children)
Monday 14 July	3.30pm - 5.00pm	PTA Disco
Tuesday 15 July	All day	Bikeability Year 5 (7 children)
Tuesday 15 July	am	Year 5 Science morning at Bishop Walsh
Wednesday 16 July	6.30pm	Leavers' Production
Thursday 17 July	9.15am	Leavers' Mass - led by Year 6
Friday 18 July	All day	Bouncy Castle for EYFS and Key Stage 1 children
Friday 18 July	2.30pm	EYFS Graduation Day (parents)
Friday 18 July	3.30pm	Break up for summer holiday
Dates for your diary - September		
Monday 1 September	All day	School closed - Teacher training day
Thursday 25 September	All day	School closed - Teacher training day (with St Joseph's and St Nicholas Primary Schools)

*Three further Teacher Training days to be confirmed

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

T Cotter

Miss T Cotter
Principal

An extract from this Sunday's gospel (Matthew 13:1-23)

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

