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Newsletter No.39

Dear Parents/Persons with Parental Responsibility

18 July 2014



Good Bye, Good Luck and Thank You

Today we say good by and good luck to Mr Gallagher after seven years of being a very dedicated and inspirational Deputy Head/Vice Principal. We had a lovely assembly today where both children and staff shared their memories of Mr Gallagher and spoke about all the different improvements and initiatives he has brought to the school. I am sure that we all wish him every success as he moves on to a new challenge; St John the Baptist Primary School is very lucky to have him!

Thank you to Year 6 and Miss Wright for a very entertaining Leavers' Production on Wednesday and the lovely Mass yesterday. Well done to all of you in Year 6 for the contribution you have made during your time at Holy Cross Catholic School. We wish you every success in the future.

The staff would like to thank you all for all the kind thoughts and generous gifts, we are very grateful for your support.

I would like to thank all the staff from all areas of the school for their hard work this year. Everyone really does go that extra mile to ensure that your children are safe, happy, enjoy exciting learning experiences and are fed and watered! I hope that they all enjoy a well deserved break.



We wish Year 6 all the best as they move on to their Secondary Schools.

This year we also say goodbye to several families who have been involved with the school for many years. They have been active members of the PTA and have supported all aspects of school life. We thank them for their support throughout the years and hope that they will have many happy memories of their time at the Holy Cross.

Goodbye and thank you to the following families:

The Martin family The Eade family The Dempsey family (Christian) The Bennett family The Taylor family The Noctor family The Noctor family The Dempsey family (Joseph) The Cotton family The Cotton family The Walsh family The Smith family The Hart family The Nelson family The Healy family The Saji family The O'Loughlin family

PTA Update

Thank you to the PTA for working so hard during the year. The two most recent events were very successful:



The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves at the school disco which raised \pm 527.00 and the grand total of \pm 245 was raised at Sports Day. Fantastic!





Graduation for our Early Years Children

This was a wonderful celebration, enjoyed by our children, parents, family and staff. The children proudly graduated from their first year in school wearing a cap and gown, each being presented with a scroll. Thank you to Miss Crowley, Mrs Blair and Mrs Patterson for organising this lovely occasion and ensuring the children are so ready to join Key Stage One in September.

National Assessments

Year 1 Phonics

Congratulations to Year 1 children - all 100% met the expected standard in the Phonics Screening Check. Well done to you all (and Miss Jackson)!

End of KS1 SATs

	%L2B+	%L3
Reading	97%	47%
Writing	93%	37%
Maths	100%	43%

End of Key Stage 2 SATs results

	%L4+	%L5	%L6
Reading	100%	67%	-
Writing	100%	66%	-
Maths	100%	50%	10%
Spelling and	94%	47%	10%
Grammar			

These results reflect the continued hard work and commitment of all the staff who work at Holy Cross Catholic Primary School. Well done and thank you for supporting the children so well.

A Polite Reminder

If you are considering having your child's ears pierced over the holidays, the beginning of the holidays is ideal as they will have the 6 weeks of wearing them and be ready to remove them for PE in the Autumn term. The Summer holidays are the time when children enjoy different hairstyles e.g. braiding or patterns cut into hair. Please ensure that by the 2 September children's hairstyles are in line with our School Uniform Policy - thank you.



Year 5 visit to Bishop Walsh

Year 5 went to Bishop Walsh on Tuesday 15 July to take part in a Science lesson. The children were well behaved and they had a fantastic, exciting time.



Attendance

- Tot

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 2 with 99.63%. Well done!

Our overall attendance for the year is 96.97%



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week: Ella (EYFS) Jake (EYFS) Rosena (Y2) Julia (Y6)

Also, Happy Birthday to the following children who will celebrate their birthday in the summer holiday:



(EYFS) Mollie-Mae, Harry, Ryan, Francesca, Erin, Olivia
(Year 1) Daisy, Orlaith, Aaron, Harrison, Samuel, James, Maria (Year 2) Isobel, James, Abigail,
(Year 3) Hannah, Grace, Shawn, Jacob, Clark (Year 4) Lewis, Joseph, Sadie
(Year 5) Tiah, Darragh, Calum, Christian, Daniel (Year 6) Patrick, James, Joseph, Victoria

Dates for your diary - September		
Monday 1 September	All day	School closed – Teacher training day
Tuesday 2 September		Yrs 1-6 return to school
Thursday 25 September	All day	School closed - Teacher training day (with St
		Joseph's and St Nicholas Primary Schools)
Monday 23 February	All Day	School closed – Teacher training day
*Wednesday 3 June (tbc)	All Day	Whole Academy training day
Monday 20 July		School closed – Teacher training day

* to be confirmed

On behalf of the Academy Committee and Staff of Holy Cross Catholic Primary School, we thank you all for your support this year. We hope you all have an enjoyable and restful summer break.

See you on 2 September.

Yours sincerely

T Cotter

Miss T Cotter Principal

Good bye, go	Good bye, good luck and thank you to leavers of 2014:			
	Lewis	Miles		
	Grace	Shakira		
	Megan	Millie		
	Christian	Eilish		
	Kaitlin	Joseph		
	Max	Victoria		
	James	Joshua		
	Angel	Manave		
	Irene	Kieran		
	Ethan	Connor		
	Jessica	Julia		
	Patrick	Martin		
	Alfie	Aidan		
	Kurtis	James		

As long as we have memories, yesterday remains. As long as we have hope, tomorrow awaits. As long as we have friendship, today is beautiful.

Lord Jesus, Help me to listen to you, so that I can follow you. As I grow up, let me know what my vocation is, so I can become closer to you and help others to do the same. Amen









