



# Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

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



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## Newsletter No.5

Dear Parents and Friends

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October is the month of the Rosary and a month when we remember Mary, the mother of Jesus. During this month the children will be saying the Rosary in their classes and I do ask that you can try to find time to say the Rosary and to pray to Mary as a family.



October is also 'Black History Month' and the children will be studying the lives and beliefs of very influential black people from present and past times.

*I am aware that we are asking for a lot of support from parents this week, with cake sales, harvest goods and contributions for the 'Get your grownups growing' event. It is the time of year for these events but as a school we do appreciate they are close together. We are very grateful for your support and cooperation in ensuring that these events are successful. Thank you.*

And finally:



A very happy 'Grandparents' Day' to all our lovely grandparents - what would we do without you? I hope that your grandchildren make sure that they spoil you on Sunday!



## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Last week we raised the grand total of £209.79 for this worthwhile charity. Many thanks to everyone who was involved. The children really enjoyed running the event and it was lovely to welcome not only parents and grandparents but also some of our neighbours from Laburnum Drive.



### Parent Council

Parent Council will be meeting at school on Friday 10 October at 2pm. This is an important way of sharing views between home and school and for parents to be consulted and to contribute to decisions and policies in school. Minutes of these meeting are published on the website.



### INSPIRE Workshops

*Some parents have mentioned that they were unsure about what was meant by an 'INSPIRE workshop.'*

INSPIRE workshops were introduced to offer parents (or other family members) the opportunity to come into school and work with their own child, helping them to learn and gain ideas and support for helping them at home. These workshops always offer practical activities - things for parents and children to do together and hopefully are an enjoyable experience for children and adults alike! You (and your children) commented on how good it was to spend time working together - they liked having mom/dad all to themselves!

### Inspire Workshop for Year 5 and Year 6

This will be held on Tuesday 7 October 9.30am to 10.30am one person per family is welcome to come along to support, join in and see the children working.



### Harvest Mass

Our Harvest Mass this year is on **Thursday 23 October 9:15am**. This is a lovely occasion when we thank God for the gift of food. As in previous years, we want to provide offerings for our local community in need. Therefore we are asking for shoe boxes to be sent into school to be decorated ready to make our lovely food hampers. In order to make the hampers, we would ask for the following donations from each family:

### Shoe Boxes Week beg 29 September

**Tinned food - Week beg Monday 6 October one tin per child.**

Packets of food (rice, pasta, biscuits etc.) - Week beg Monday 13 October one per child

Fresh fruit and vegetables by Wednesday 22 October.

Thank you in anticipation!



### Home School Agreement

Thank you to those of you who returned them. If you are still to complete your agreement, please do so and return by Monday 13 October. If you require another form please contact the school office.



### Open Day Tuesday 4 November

We are having two open sessions for prospective parents who have children due to start in the Early Years Reception class in September 2015. These will be on Tuesday 4 November 9.30am - 10.30am and 1.30pm - 2.30pm if you know of any Catholic families who are in this position please let them know. We are looking forward to meeting you all.



### 'Get Your Grown-ups Growing'

On Monday 13 October Holy Cross will be taking part in 'Get Your Grown-ups Growing' event ran by the Royal Horticultural Society. We would like to invite parents, parishioners and the local community into our school to help us improve the school grounds. This will be by working with children to dig up old soil and replace with new soil, plant seasonal seeds and arrange new planting beds for each class. To prepare for this fantastic event we would like you to search around in your garden shed or garage and see if have any of the following to donate to us: seeds, top soil, steel watering cans, planting pots, tyre, a wheelbarrow, Belfast sink or even an old clean toilet to use for planting! Please let Miss Crowley know if you have any of these items, it would be greatly appreciated! Details of times will be coming soon.



### Own Clothes Day

A letter has been sent home today with your child (please check bags) giving you more information regarding the 'Get Your Grown Ups Growing' event.

**On Friday 10 October** we will be holding an 'Own Clothes Day'. Children may wear their own clothes if they bring in a donation towards the gardening event. There is a list of ideas on the letter that you have received.



### Shakespeare Cast

The children in the Shakespeare cast will be selling cakes on Monday and Tuesday next week to raise money to help cover the cost of the coach to the MAC. The cakes will be approximately 20p please send your child in to school with a small amount of money so that they support their friends' activity.



### Twycross Zoo on Tuesday 7 October

Early Years and Year 1 are off to the Zoo to see and learn about lots of different animals. Fingers crossed for good weather!



### Early Years Visit to Church on Friday 10 October

Our Reception children will be visiting God's house at Holy Cross Church as they are learning about our local community. Parents will need to bring their child to **church by 8.50am** on Friday where staff will be there to meet you. We will be walking back to school at about 10.00am. We will need parent volunteers to stay with the class for the visit and to walk back with the class to school. If you can be a volunteer please speak to Miss Crowley or Mrs Patterson so they can finalise arrangements in line with our risk assessment and safeguarding procedures. Your support is appreciated. Thank you.



### Play Scheme

Kids' Club are running a play scheme during the half term holidays 27 October - 31 October. Places are available to book for individual mornings or afternoons, full days or the whole week. Please contact Mrs Gordon on 0121 675 1191 for information and to book places. All sessions have limited availability. We are also opening for a very special Christmas Play Day on Monday 22 December, if you want to do any last minute shopping, book your child in! All our play schemes are open for ages 3-11 and children do not have to attend Holy Cross Catholic Primary or Nursery so share with your friends and relatives!



### Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the Attendance Award was won by Year 3 with 99.26%! The Punctuality Award for the week was won by Year 1 and Year 2 Well done!

**Recommendations:** **EYFS:** Sebastian H, Olivia A **Year 1:** Nevin R, Darcie W, Eva H **Year 2:** Maria L, Daisy C **Year 3:** Marcus PW, Stephene A **Year 4:** Ben R, Jessica T **Year 5:** Joseph L, George LF **Year 6:** Louis B, Niamh H.

**Lunchtime Award:** Sam K (Y5) and Rebecca D (Y5).



**Class of the Week Award:** Year 3.



### Angel of the Week

A friend is an angel on earth. Many of our children's behaviour and attitude reflects the fact that they are making an extra special effort to do God's work. Each week we will be recognising those children who we feel have made that extra special effort.

This week's winners are: **EYFS:** Daniel S **Year 1:** Leilagh K, Alexandra H **Year 2:** James M, Erin LF **Year 4:** Jack Mc.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:

Kyle W (Y3)

And for last week

Alicia I (Y1) and Erin P (Y3)

<b>Dates for your diary - October</b>		
Tuesday 7 October	9.30am- 10.30am	Year 5 and Year 6 Inspire Workshop
Tuesday 7 October	All day	EYFS & Year 1 trip to Twycross Zoo
Wednesday 8 October	AM	Shakespeare club at the MAC
Thursday 9 October	9.15am	Mass in school led by Year 5
Friday 10 October	All Day	Own Clothes Day
Friday 10 October	9.30am - 11.30am	Early Years walking to Church
Friday 10 October	2.00pm	Parents Council Meeting
Wednesday 15 - Friday 17 October		Year 6 Alton Castle
Thursday 16 October	9.15am	Mass in school led by Year 4
Wednesday 22 October	PM	Parent Consultations
Thursday 23 October	9.15am	Harvest Mass in school led by Year 3
Thursday 23 October	PM	Parent Consultations
Monday 27 October	10.00 - 3.00	Shakespeare rehearsal at Bishop Walsh
Monday 27 October	Friday 31 October	Half term holiday
<b>Dates for your diary - November</b>		
Monday 3 November	Evening	Shakespeare performance
Tuesday 4 November	9.30am to 10.30am and 1.30pm to 2.30pm	Open Day for prospective parents with children to Start Early Years in September 2015
Thursday 6 November	9.15am	Mass in Church led by Year 6
Thursday 6 November	7.00pm	Holy Communion meeting in Church hall
Monday 10 November	All day	Academy Photographers siblings, individual & families
Tuesday 11 November	9.15am	Year 4 class assembly
Wednesday 12 November	7.30pm	PTA meeting
Thursday 13 November	9.15am	Mass in school led by Year 5
Wednesday 19 November	Am	Bags 2 School
Thursday 20 November	9.15am	Mass in school led by Year 4
Tuesday 25 November	9.15am	Year 2 class assembly
Thursday 27 November	9.15am	Mass in school led by Year 3
<b>Dates for your diary - December</b>		
Friday 5 December	3.30pm - 5.30pm	PTA Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 9 December	pm (tbc)	KS1 Christmas Production
Wednesday 10 December	am (tbc)	KS1 Christmas Production
Thursday 11 December	9.15am	Mass in school led by Year 5
Thursday 11 December	3.30pm	PTA Disco
Monday 15 December	(tbc)	KS 2 Carol Service
Tuesday 16 December	12.00pm	Christmas dinner for children
Thursday 18 December	9.15am	Mass in school led by Year 4
Monday 22 December	Friday 2 January	Christmas holiday
<b>Dates for your diary - January</b>		
Monday 26 January	2.00pm	Fire Service coming to see Year 4
Tuesday 27 January	9.15am	Year 5 Class assembly

Dates for your diary - February		
Thursday 12 February	PM	Confirmation
Monday 16 February	Friday 20 February	Half term holiday
Monday 23 February	All Day	School closed - Teacher training day
Dates for your diary - March		
Tuesday 3 March	9.15am	Year 3 Class assembly
Wednesday 18 March	8.30am - 9.00am	Bags 2 School
Friday 20 March	(tbc)	Easter Egg Bingo Night
Monday 30 March	Friday 10 April	Easter Holiday
Dates for your diary - April		
Wednesday 22 April	All day	Photographers in school
Dates for your diary - May		
Monday 25 May	Friday 29 May	Half term holiday
Dates for your diary - June		
*Wednesday 3 June (tbc)	All Day	Whole Academy training day
Saturday 6 June		Holy Communion
Tuesday 9 June	9.15am	Year 1 Class assembly
Saturday 13 June		Holy Communion
Tuesday 23 June	9.15am	Early Years class assembly
Dates for your diary - July		
Wednesday 1 July	All day	Handover day
Tuesday 7 July	PM	Year 6 Leavers' production
Thursday 16 July	9.15am	Leavers' Mass led by Year 6
Friday 17 July	3.30pm	Children break up for Summer holidays
Monday 20 July	All day	School closed - Teacher training day
Tuesday 21 July		Summer holidays 2015

\* To be confirmed

*Have a lovely weekend!*

Yours sincerely

**T Cotter**

Miss T Cotter  
Principal

