



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 and Friends

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Shakespeare Production

A HUGE well done to everyone involved in our school's performance of 'The Tempest' at the MAC theatre on Monday night; it was an incredible performance and I was so proud when so many people commented on our excellent production of a difficult play. We really do have very talented actors at Holy Cross School! A very big thank you to Mr Spindlow and Mr Hunt for directing such an innovative and exciting performance and also to Mrs Cutler's daughter, Becky, for working with the children as they prepared for their roles. It really was an amazing evening.

The good news is that the production will be shown again on Wednesday 19 November at 2.30 in the school hall. All welcome.



Class Assembly

It is Year 4' assembly on Tuesday 11 November at 9.15 a.m. We hope that you will be able to attend and support the children. Thank you.



Children in Need - Friday 14 November

This year's theme is 'Be a Hero' and therefore we are asking children to come to school on 14 November dressed as their favourite superhero and pay £1 to support children and young people who are in need.



Head Lice

We have had a couple of cases recently so parents are reminded to check hair thoroughly (see attached sheet for further information).

Shoulder length hair should be tied back for school and I urge parents to ensure that if you do discover your child has head lice, please contact the school office so that we can let other parents know so they can take the necessary preventative steps.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.



School Uniform Information

Parent Council are currently reviewing school uniform at the moment but I stress that the school uniform has not been changed. There seems to be some confusion about colour of tights permitted; tights should be red or green. I therefore ask that for the remainder of this half term, as you replace tights, they are in the specified colours and that from January, it is expected that all girls will be dressed in the correct colour tights.

Parents are also reminded that children are not allowed to wear nail varnish or jewellery (other than a watch and a pair of stud earrings) to school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

A reminder that our school uniform is as follows:

Winter Term

Girls	Bottle green skirt/pinafore dress or grey trousers
	White blouse and red tie
	Bottle green cardigan or jumper with school logo
	Plain white socks or plain red or green tights
	Sensible dark, low heeled school shoes - no trainers/no fashion boots
Boys	Grey trousers
	White shirt and red tie
	Bottle green jumper with school logo
	Grey/black socks
	Sensible dark school shoes - no trainers

Trousers must be school cut, not flares or fashionable styles.

Please note jumpers and polo shirts should bear the school logo.

Summer Term

Girls	Green check dress
	Suitable sandals with white socks.
Boys	Jade green polo shirt with logo
	Grey shorts/trousers
	Grey socks
	Sensible dark school shoes - no trainers

PE Kit	Black shorts
	Dark green T shirt with school logo
	Black pumps
	Drawstring P.E. Bag

Further information is available on our website please go to 'School Information' 'School Uniform'.



First Holy Communion Meeting

Thank you to all parents who attended this important meeting last night. If you did not attend last night and you want your child to receive these Sacraments, please contact Fr Neil.



Parents' Confirmation Meeting

On Thursday 20 November at 7pm at **Holy Cross Church**, there will be a further meeting for parents of children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. *Parent meetings are an essential part of Sacramental preparation and is expected that all children shall have a parent attending. Thank you for your support.*



School Photographer

The photographer will be in school on the morning of Monday 10 November to take both individual and family photographs.

There will also be a before school session where there is an opportunity for family photographs with siblings who do not attend Holy Cross School. Parents wishing for this type of photograph please arrive at school for **8:15am prompt**. Please ensure that the children are in full winter uniform.



Dinner Money

Dinner money is now due. The deadline for the payment of £71.75 is Monday 10 November. Please make cheques payable to John Paul II Multi-Academy. Please ensure payments are in a sealed envelope marked with child's name, class and what the payment is for. Thank you.



Walmley War Memorial

On Monday 10 November Year 3 will be visiting Walmley War Memorial, a letter has been sent home with your child giving details.



PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting will be held on Wednesday 12 November at 7.30 in school. We would love to welcome new members, so come along - the more the merrier!



INSPIRE Workshops. Inspire Workshop for Year 1 and Year 2

This repeated workshop will be held on Tuesday 18 November 9.30am to 10.30am where one person per family is welcome to come along to support, join in and see the children working.



Vacancies at our Pre School Nursery

Holy Cross Pre School Nursery is looking for an Apprentice and a Qualified Level 3 Nursery Nurse to join our successful team. Positions are full time and term time only. Both posts commence January 2015. For details please contact Ms Gordon on 0121 675 1191. Interviews will be held in December.



Bag 2 School - Bags have been sent home with children.

Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in good quality second hand clothing that can be re-used and we have arranged to make a collection from this school. All bags are weighed and we will be paid by the total weight collected. Remember the more you collect the bigger benefit to our School! They will collect the following items for RE-USE: adults and children's clothing, bedding, soft toys, paired shoes, hats, belts and handbags. NO BRIC-A-BRAC PLEASE. **Extra bags welcome - there is no limit.** If you need spare bags please come to the school office. Bags will be collected on **Wednesday 19 November by 9.00am.** Please only drop off bags on that morning as the school cannot store overnight. Thank you for your support!



Dyslexia Workshop/Information Evening for Parents

A letter has been sent home with your child regarding this event can you please sign and return proforma to the school office by **Monday 24 November.** If you have not received letter please contact the school office for a copy, thank you.



Phonics Workshop

Early Years Phonic Workshop will be held on Wednesday 3 December at 4.00pm for parents. All parents are invited to learn about phonics that is delivered at Holy Cross. The workshop will be held by Miss Crowley and Miss Lovelock at 4.00pm in the Early Years classroom.

Please let Miss Crowley know if you are interested in attending.



Football Match

Our team played a match against Minworth on Friday 24 October and we won 7-2 fantastic result well done team!



Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the Attendance Award was won by EYFS and Year 1 with 100 %!

The Punctuality Award for the week was won by Year 2 Well done!

Recommendations: **EYFS:** Niamh C, Aaron H **Year 1:** Orlaith F, Caitlin L **Year 2:** Ava A, Ethan L
Year 3: Amy M, Pablo B **Year 4:** Milly B, Charlie H **Year 5:** Millie L, **Michael B** **Year 6:** James B, Niamh H.

Lunchtime Award: Caitlin K (EYFS).

Class of the Week Award: EYFS.



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:** Frankie J **Year 1:** Mia B **Year 2:** Thomas S **Year 4:** Ben L **Year 5:** Ryan B, Lewis P **Year 6:** Missy G and Louise A - nominated by **Year 3,** Tiah P, Sean RG, Erin D, Shay Mc, Calum T



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

Phoebe F, Joseph K (EYFS),
Darcie W (Y1),
Jack H , Ben O'T(Y3),
George LF (Y5).

Dates for your diary - November		
Monday 10 November	All day	Academy Photographers siblings, individual & families
Monday 10 November	9.45am - 11.30am	Year 3 visiting Walmley War Memorial
Tuesday 11 November	9.15am	Year 4 class assembly
Wednesday 12 November	4.00pm - 6.00pm	Yrs 3 & 4 Multi-Skills Tournament at John Willmott School
Wednesday 12 November	7.30pm	PTA meeting
Thursday 13 November	9.15am	Mass in school led by Year 5
Friday 14 November		Children in Need Day
Tuesday 18 November	9.30am - 10.30am	Year 1 and Year 2 Inspire Workshop
Wednesday 19 November	Am	Bags 2 School
Wednesday 19 November	3.30pm to 4.30pm	First Aid with Mr Hunt
Wednesday 19 November	4.00pm - 6.00pm	Yrs 3 & 4 Multi-Skills Tournament at John Willmott School
Thursday 20 November	9.15am	Mass in school led by Year 4
Monday 24 November	Am	School nurses to see Year 6 BMI checks
Tuesday 25 November	9.15am	Year 2 class assembly
Wednesday 26 November	3.30pm to 4.30pm	First Aid with Mr Hunt
Thursday 27 November	6.30pm	Dyslexia Workshop at Bishop Walsh
Thursday 27 November	9.15am	Mass in school led by Year 3
Dates for your diary - December		
Wednesday 3 December	3.30pm to 4.30pm	First Aid with Mr Hunt
Wednesday 3 December	4.00pm	Early Years Phonic Workshop
Friday 5 December	3.30pm - 5.30pm	PTA Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 9 December	pm (tbc)	KS1 Christmas Production
Wednesday 10 December	3.30pm to 4.30pm	First Aid with Mr Hunt
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
Dates for your diary - January		
Sunday 18 January	10.30am	Mass of Commitment Year 3 and Year 6
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		
Monday 2 March to Friday 6 March		Creative Week
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		
Tuesday 19 May	All day	Year 6 visit to St Chads Cathedral
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

*Greater love has no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends.*



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