

## Newsletter No 25

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 20 March 2015

The children were outside today with their solar eclipse viewers to capture the solar eclipse.



We were a sea of green on Tuesday to celebrate the feast of St Patrick; thank you to everyone for getting involved.



### Mothers' Day Lunch

It was lovely to see so many of you here this week enjoying lunch with your children. Thanks you to all the staff for ensuring everything ran smoothly. We look forward to welcoming many of next week for Part two!

## S.A.T.S

### SATS Meeting for Year 6 Parents

There will be a SATS meeting for Year 6 parents on **Monday 23 March at 3.30pm** this will last for approximately fifteen minutes and will inform you of the structure and format of SATs week. We hope that you can attend.



### Parking

We have again received complaints from local residents in Laburnum Drive and Hilary Drive regarding parents parking over residents' driveways preventing them from being able to drive out of their properties. Good relations with our neighbours are essential and I urge all drivers to show more consideration when driving and parking. I thank you for your cooperation and support in this important matter.



**Mass: Year 5** will lead our Mass in school on **Thursday 26 March**. Everyone is welcome.



### Eco Warriors

Our Eco Warriors will be taking part in a 'Clean up Campaign' at lunchtimes on Monday and Tuesday next week. I'm sure that they will do a fantastic job 'Go Eco Warriors!'



On Thursday the Eco Warriors and Gardening Club travelled by bus to Pype Hayes Park to help plant 100 trees with Birmingham Trees for Life community project. The leader of the group told us that in 30 years time the trees we have planted will look like a forest so we can't wait to watch it grow! Thank you to the children who attended and helped give something back to our local community. Their behaviour was exemplary and members of the public on the bus commented how polite the children were and thanked us for planting the trees! Many thanks to Miss Crowley, Mrs Stokes and Mrs Pratt for accompanying the children!



### **Nishkam Primary School**

On Thursday 12 March, School Council's from Year One to Year Six visited Nishkam Primary School in Handsworth, a Sikh ethos, multi-faith school. Children were able to learn about the Sikh faith, ask questions of children and staff about the Sikh religion and explain what is important within our faith. The children found this visit extremely interesting and beneficial. We hope to welcome the School Council from Nishkam Primary to our school very soon.



### **Lenten Activities**

During Lent our children will be raising money for the Society of St Vincent de Paul in our own parish, CAFOD and for children in Rwanda. Please remember to send your child in to school with a small amount of money so that they support their friends' activities. It is Year 6's turn next week.



### **Football Match**

Wow! We are on a roll with another fantastic win for Holy Cross last week against New Hall Primary School; we showed real determination to win, and we did with an excellent 9-0 victory! Keep up the hard work and effort team! I'm expecting a call from Tim Sherwood very shortly!!

We have a match tonight v Mere Green at home all welcome to come along and support our team!



### **School Bank**

HSBC will be in school on **Monday 20 April**. Children can bring in their pocket money to save and see their money grow.



### Year 1 Dress up as a Clown Day

All the children, Miss Jackson, Mrs Cutler and Mrs Hamilton looked fantastic today in their clown outfits. They had a fun filled day - thank you to parents for all your support, they looked amazing!



### Family Bingo Night

Eyes down look in! We are looking forward to tonight. Let us hope it is a great success and that you win lots of Easter eggs! Thank you to the PTA for their hard work in organising the event.



### Easter Production & Stations of the Cross

The KS2 Easter Production will take place on **Tuesday 24 March at 9.30am.**

On **Friday 27 March**, we will be participating in Stations of the Cross at **10.00am** in the hall.

All parents are very welcome at both occasions.



### Easter Activities

On **Friday 27 March** Key Stage 2 children will need to bring in a decorated egg for Easter. Eggs will be on display at end of the school day by the bike sheds for parents to see.

On **Friday 27 March** children in Key Stage 1 will need to bring in their Easter Bonnets. They will parade around the key stage 1 playground at **8.50**; parents are invited to stay in the playground and watch the parade.



### Palm Sunday Mass

Fr Neil is inviting you all to attend Palm Sunday Mass at **10:30am** on **Sunday 29 March** when we will be re-enacting Christ's entry into Jerusalem. Fr Neil is proposing that all First Holy Communion children take a key role by forming an 'avenue of waving palm branches' for the parish to walk through.

This is the start of Holy Week, our final preparations for the great season of Easter so we do hope that as many families as possible attend.



### Bag 2 School

Parents generously donated a large number of bags. Thank you for your support.



### Tennis Club - Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

Letters were sent home with children this week. If your child would like to join the Tennis Club please complete and return forms no later than **Tuesday 24 March 2015**. Please note that there are limited places so it is a first come first served basis. **Please note that tennis finishes at 4.20pm**. Again please note **NO late orders** after this date will be accepted. Thank you for your cooperation.



### Funtime Friday at the Boathouse Restaurant

Holy Cross PTA presents:

*Funtime Friday at the Boathouse Restaurant on Friday 8 May 2015.*

The evening comprises of:

3 course dinner and DJ **£20.00 per person 7.30pm**. This will be a fantastic night for parents please come along, thank you for your support.

A flyer has been sent home with your child today giving you further information regarding the above and a booking form. The deadline for the forms to be returned is **Thursday 30 April**. If you have not received flyer please contact school office.



### Summer School Uniform

All children are required to wear their summer uniforms as soon as we return after the Easter holidays (hopefully we will be basking in tropical sunshine by then!) Thank you for your support.

**Girls:** Green check dress suitable shoes or sandals with white socks. **Boys:** Jade green polo shirt with logo Grey shorts/trousers, grey socks, sensible dark school shoes - no trainers.



### Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the Attendance Award was won by Year 2 with 98.15%!

The Punctuality Award for the week was won by EYFS, Year 1, Year 4 and Year 5 well done!

**Recommendations:** **EYFS:** Lola F, Sebastian H **Year 1:** Whole Class **Year 2:** Cilian K **Year 3:** Whole Class, Jack H **Year 4:** Grace B, Niamh P **Year 5:** Rebecca D, Olivia S **Year 6:** Shay McG, Louise A, Niamh L.

**Lunchtime Award:** Daniel S (EYFS).

**Class of the Week:** 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:** Megan P **Year 3:** Christien J **Year 4:** Matilda C **Year 5:** Ruby H.



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

James B (Y6) and Keane S (Y3)

Dates for your diary - March		
Monday 23 March	3.30pm - 3.45pm	Year 6 SATS meeting in Year 6 classroom
Tuesday 24 March	9.30am	Easter Production
Wednesday 25 March	11.45am	Mothers' Day Lunch (children with surname L-Z)
Wednesday 25 March	3.45 pm - 6.00pm	Parents' Consultation Evening
Thursday 26 March	3.45 pm - 7.00pm	Parents' Consultation Evening
Friday 27 March		KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade and KS2 Decorate an egg
Monday 30 March to Friday 10 April		Easter Holiday
Dates for your diary - April		
Friday 17 April	2.20pm	Parent Council Meeting
Monday 20 April	AM	HSBC in school for children to save their money
Wednesday 22 April	All day	Photographers in school
Wednesday 22 April	7.30pm	PTA meeting in school
Thursday 30 April	3.30pm - 5.00pm	PTA Disco
Dates for your diary - May		
Wednesday 6 May	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Holy Communion drop in session
Thursday 7 May	All day	School closed Local Elections
Friday 8 May	7.30pm	PTA Family Fun Night at Boathouse Restaurant
Monday 11 May - Friday 13 May		SATS week
Tuesday 19 May	All day	Year 6 visit to St Chad's Cathedral
Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May		Half Term Holiday
Dates for your diary - June		
Monday 1 June	All day	School closed - Whole Academy training day
Saturday 6 June	12.00pm	Holy Communion
Tuesday 9 June	9.15am	Year 1 Class assembly
Wednesday 10 June	7.30pm	PTA Meeting in school
Saturday 13 June	12.00pm	Holy Communion
Thursday 18 June	9.15am	Mass of Thanksgiving in Church
Monday 22 June - Friday 26 June		Creative week
Tuesday 23 June	9.15am	Early Years Class assembly
Dates for your diary - July		
Wednesday 1 July	All day	Handover day
Thursday 2 July	3.30pm - 5.00pm	End of term disco
Tuesday 7 July	Evening	Year 6 Leavers' Production
Wednesday 8 July	All Day	Year 6 trip to Safari Park
Friday 10 July	Evening	Year 6 Leavers' Party

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

*Have a lovely weekend.*

Yours sincerely

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