



Newsletter No 17

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 22 January 2016



The School councils from St Nicholas and Holy Cross Catholic Primary Schools enjoyed an amazing day yesterday, when we went to London to visit the Houses of Parliament. We were fortunate enough to be able to observe both the House of Lords and House of Commons where we actually had the opportunity of listening to the Home Secretary, Theresa May and the Shadow Home Secretary, Andy Burnham.

School Council

The behaviour of the children was exemplary and I received compliments from both members of the public and Police working in the Houses of Parliament regarding the behaviour of the children. They really were excellent ambassadors for our school - thank you everyone for a fantastic day!



Mass: Year 4 will lead our Mass in school on Thursday 28 January. Everyone is welcome.



Year 4 Assembly

Mr Howell is really proud of how all the class spoke, acted and sang and hopes that the parents enjoyed it as much as they did performing it. Thank you to all the parents for their hard work in helping the children learn their lines.



Healthy School

Healthy School: Parents are reminded that as a healthy school, at break time children can either bring in a piece of fruit from home or purchase juice and toast from the school kitchen; no other snacks are permitted. I thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



EYFS: Parents are requested to please return any spare clothes that have been borrowed from the school. Also, we would be very grateful if any parents would donate to Early Years any old uniform or tights that we can keep in school as spares.



ParentPay

Parents are requested to make all payments via ParentPay. This is a secure payment method and is a safer system than children bringing money/cheques into school. **Please note there is no charge to parents for using this service.** Thank you for your co-operation.



Disability Awareness Workshop – Tuesday 23 February

We have arranged for Mr John McCorkell to visit the school on Tuesday 23 February 2016.

Mr McCorkell will spend a day in school. As part of the day, he will lead a whole school assembly in which he will explain to the children about the nature of his disabilities, the problems he has faced and the successes he has achieved in overcoming them. We ask for a voluntary contribution of **£2.00 per child** to cover the cost of the visit. Please pay using Parent Pay by **Friday 5 February**. A letter has been sent home with children please contact the school office if you have not received a copy, thank you.



Confirmation

A letter has been sent home with Year 6 children requesting information for sponsor cards and Confirmation certificates. Please complete and returned to class teacher no later than **Friday 29 January**. Thank you.



Confirmation – Serving Refreshments Thursday 4 February

Volunteers are needed to help serve refreshments to parents and families after the Confirmation Mass. If you can spare some time please give your details to the school office or talk to a PTA member. Your help will be much appreciated – thank you.



KS2 Create Your Own Healthy Pizza

City Serve is running a competition for KS2 children to create their own healthy pizza. Competition forms have been sent home with all KS2 children, the closing date for forms to be returned is **Monday 1 February**.



Bedtime Stories Thursday 3 March

Flyers were sent home with children this week giving details for this lovely event. Please return completed form and payment no later than **Friday 26 February**. Thank you.



Active Kids

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We are collecting Sainsbury's vouchers again, please ask your family, neighbours and anybody you know so we can get lots of equipment for our school. Thank you for your support.



Guitar Lessons

We currently have vacancies for guitar lessons. If your child is in **Year 1 or Year 2** and would like to learn the guitar please contact the school office for further details. Thank you.



Rights Respecting Schools Award - Steering Group

The Steering Group meeting on **Tuesday 26 January** has been cancelled; a new date will be confirmed at a later date. Thank you for all your support.

Non School Uniform Day - Friday 29 January - Unicef Day for Change

Day for Change is Unicef UK's annual fundraising campaign for Unicef's work to keep children safe around the world.

This year it's for everyone and we've got a challenge for you. The challenge is to **collect** as much loose change as you can from January to May - from around the house, down the sofa, your pockets - and anywhere else you can think of! On **Friday 29 January** children can come in their own clothes and please send in as much change as possible for this fantastic charity. Thank you for all your support!

School Matters!



Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance.

Did you know...? Under new Government legislation, a child with an attendance of 90% and below is categorised as a "Persistent Absence Pupil".

An attendance figure of 90% equates to missing half a day every week that means four weeks of missed school work across the whole year.

This week the Attendance Award was won by Year 3 with 100%!

The Punctuality Award for the week: EYFS, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5.

Recommendations: **EYFS:** Ruth H, Gracie D **Year 1:** Liam O'T, Caitlin K, Ella P, Daniel S **Year 2:** Eliza S, Alicia I, Fraser C, Caitlin L **Year 3:** Johnny G, Thomas S, Isabel W **Year 4:** Jack H, Sam K, Kyle W, Amy M **Year 5:** Niamh P, Jacob D, Thomas T, Matilda C **Year 6:** Andrea T, Ashlee H, James NC, Caitlin M.

Lunchtime Award: Eliza S.

Class of the Week: Year 3.



Virtues and Values

As you know the Archdiocese of Birmingham has introduced a focus on Gospel Virtues and Values. This half term we are concentrating on showing '**Compassion**' and '**Love**'. As a school community we are looking for opportunities in our own lives where we show the virtues. Please discuss this with your children at home; highlighting times when you experience or show these virtues. This will also be the focus for our 'Angel of the Week' awards for this half term



Angel of the Week

Each week we will be recognising those children who we feel have made that extra special effort and show the virtues in their daily life. This half term we are trying to be attentive and discerning.

This week's winners are: **EYFS:** Nathaniel C **Year 1:** Frankie J **Year 2** Orlaith G **Year 3:** Maria L, Nathan G **Year 4:** Whole of Year 4 **Year 5:** Year 6: Joe S, Ciaran F, James NC.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
Caitlin K (Y1), Leilagh K, Alexandra H (Y3), Luke S (Y4), Thomas T (Y5), Mille L (Y6).

Dates for your diary - January 2016		
Friday 29 January	All day	Non School Uniform
Saturday 30 January	Doors open 5.30pm 6.00pm start	Swimming Gala at Stechford Cascades
Dates for your diary - February 2016		
Tuesday 2 February	9.15am	Year 5 Assembly
Tuesday 2 February	11.30am	Year 6 going to Bishop Walsh to watch 'Annie' production
Thursday 4 February	7.00pm	Confirmation for Year 6
Monday 8 February	6.00pm	E Safety Parent Workshop all invited
Tuesday 9 February	10.45am	Pancakes will be sold instead of toast 50p
Monday 22 February	All Day	Inset Day
Tuesday 23 February	All day	Disability Workshop in school for whole school
Thursday 25 February	pm	Year 2 start swimming lessons every Thursday afternoon
Friday 26 February	3.30pm	Football Match away vs St Nicholas Catholic Primary Sch
Saturday 27 February	6.30pm	Catholic Sutton Schools swimming gala
Monday 29 February		Book Week
Dates for your diary - March 2016		
Thursday 3 March	5.45pm - 7.00pm	PTA Bedtime Story
Friday 4 March	3.20pm	Football Match home vs Newhall Primary School
Tuesday 8 March	9.15am	Year 1 Assembly
Friday 11 March	3.20pm	Football Match home vs Mere Green Primary School
Wednesday 13 April	7.30pm	PTA Meeting
Tuesday 15 March	Time tbc	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Y3)

Thursday 17 March	Time tbc	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Y3)
Friday 18 March	7.00pm - 9.00pm	PTA Bingo Night
Monday 21 March	2.00pm	KS2 Easter Production Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 22 March	9.15am	KS2 Easter Production
Tuesday 22 March	3.30pm - 7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 23 March	10.00am	Stations of the Cross - All welcome
Wednesday 23 March	3.30pm - 6.00pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday 24 March	9.15am	Prayer Service - All welcome
Thursday 24 March	3.20pm	School breaks up for Easter
Monday 11 April	8.50am	Back to School

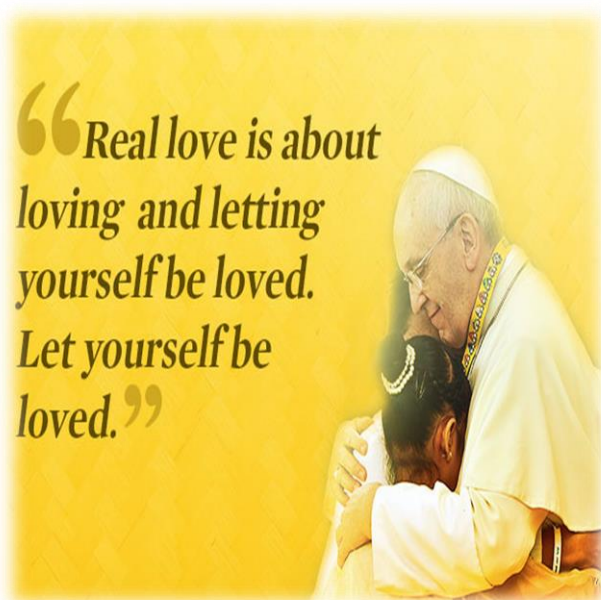
**Other dates available on website*

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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