



Newsletter No 18

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 29 January 2016



Please pray for all our Year 6 children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation next Thursday.



Mass: Confirmation for our Year 6 children will take place on **Thursday 4 February**; there will be no Mass in school on this day.



Confirmation

- Children and sponsors must arrive by 6.30pm and go straight to the Church hall where staff will be waiting. Parents to make their own way into Church.
- If you wish your child to have a photograph the photographer will be available from 5.30pm to 6.15pm in the Church hall.



Swimming Gala

Good luck to Amy M, Regine W, Luke S, Sam K, James R (Year 4), Luke L, Jess T, Niamh P, Alex H (Year 5), Joseph L, Ryan B (Year 6).

Children are required to wear their PE kit to the swimming gala



Healthy School

Parents are reminded that as a healthy school, at break time children (Key Stage 2) can either bring in a piece of fruit from home or purchase juice and toast from the school kitchen; no other snacks are permitted.

Children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 are given a piece of fruit for their morning break. I thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



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.



Year 5 Assembly

On **Tuesday 2 February at 9.15am** our Year 5 class will be performing their assembly about 'Myths and Legends.' I am sure we will all learn something!! I hope that you will be able to attend. Thank you.



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



Flowers for Church

Parent's of Year 6 children are asked to send in £2.00 by **Monday 1 February** please send in a sealed envelope marked with your child's name and 'Confirmation Flowers.' This is towards flowers for the Church. Thank you.



Confirmation - Cleaning Church Wednesday 3 February

Year 6 parents if you can help clean the Church in preparation for your child's Confirmation please give your contact details to the school office. Thank you for cooperation.



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.



E-Safety Workshop

In order to support the school in educating your child about e-Safety (safe use of the Internet), there will be an 'E-Safety Parent Workshop' on **Monday 8 February at 6:00pm-7:00pm**. This is a very important issue and we urge you to make every effort to attend. A letter has been sent home with children giving further information; please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you for your support and we hope to see as many of you as possible on **Monday 8 February**.



Pancakes - Tuesday 9 February

On Tuesday 9 February pancakes will be sold at 50p each - this will replace toast on that day.



Music lessons

Invoices were sent home on Wednesday 27 January for the children who have music lessons. The deadline for payment is **Tuesday 9 February**. *Please make payments via Parent Pay.* Thank you for your support.



Mothers' Day Lunches - Wednesday 2 March and Tuesday 8 March

These lunch days will be held on Wednesday 2 March (children with surname A-K) and Tuesday 8 March (children with surname L-Z). Mothers, grandmothers, aunts or a female family friend need to arrive at **11.45am** and will enter through Key Stage 1 gate. We are really excited and looking forward to visitors coming to our school and enjoying a meal with the children and we know the children are just as excited. A letter has been sent home with children. Please contact the school office if you need another copy.

*Please note that the deadline for payment is **Tuesday 9 February**. We do not want anyone to miss out but as food needs to be ordered in advance, no late orders can be accepted after this date.*

Thank you for your support; we hope to see many of you on these days.

Zumba Club - EYFS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3

Letters have been sent home with children. If your child would like to join the Zumba Club please complete and return forms no later than **Wednesday 10 February 2016**. Please note that there are limited places so it is a first come first served basis. Again please note **NO late orders** after this date will be accepted. Thank you for your cooperation.



Tennis Club

Letters were sent home with children today (not EYFS) for after school tennis. If your child would like to join this club please complete and return form with payment no later than **Wednesday 10 February 2016**. Please note that for organisational purposes, **NO late orders after this date** will be accepted. Thank you for your cooperation.



Fruit Kebabs and Fruit Smoothies

Year 2 will be selling fruit kebabs (30p) and fruit smoothies (50p) at break time all next week. This is to raise funds to buy materials to create their 'superheroes capes.' Please support our Year 2 children, thank you.

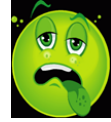


Bedtime Stories Thursday 3 March

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

Active Kids

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.



Vomiting and Diarrhoea

Children with diarrhoea and/or vomiting should definitely be kept off school until at least 48 hours after their symptoms have gone. Most cases of diarrhoea and vomiting in children get better without treatment, but if symptoms persist, consult your GP. These are the guidelines from NHS. Thank you for your support.



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 EYFS with 98.89%!

The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 2 and Year 3.

Recommendations: EYFS: Jack B, Iris A Year 1: Eden H, Daniel S Year 2: Olivia W, Darren A

Year 3: Leilagh K, Imogen A Year 4: Alan J, Rosena J Year 5: Alexandra H, Nhea R Year 6: Mille L, Ellie-Jo L, Sam K, Joseph L, Michael B.

Lunchtime Award: Dylan G (Y2).

Class of the Week: Year 5.



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 try to be attentive and discerning.



This week's winners are: EYFS: Ella B Year 2: Orlaith F Year 3: Isobel W Year 4: Lilliemae G, Isobel H Year 5: Niamh P, Benjamin L Year 6: Milly L, Michael B.



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

Heloise C (Y1), Enya B (Y3), Sam K, Ellie-Jo L, Nina R (Y6).

Dates for your diary - January 2016		
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		
Wednesday 2 March	11.45am	Mothers' Day lunch children with surnames (A-K)
Thursday 3 March	5.45pm - 7.00pm	PTA Bedtime Story
Friday 4 March	3.20pm	Football Match away vs Newhall Primary School
Tuesday 8 March	9.15am	Year 1 Assembly
Tuesday 8 March	11.45am	Mothers' Day lunch children with surnames (L-Z)
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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Principal



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