



Newsletter No 29

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 6 May 2016



I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend. It has been a busy week with the school being closed for the Bank Holiday and Polling Day - we have put five days into three!



Good Luck !

SATs Week

I'm sure Y6 do not need to be reminded that next week is SATs week. Please remember them in your prayers. All year 6 children are welcome to arrive at school at 8.00am: for a special Year 6 Breakfast Club. Children not attending the Breakfast Club should be in school for 8.50am in order to be registered. ***Please ensure your child is on time. Thank you for your co-operation.***

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you so much for your completed questionnaires - there was a great response! This really does give the school a true reflection of how we are doing and we are very pleased with the positive responses. We are so proud that 100% of you said that your children are happy and safe at school; that is so important to all of us as is the fact that 100% of you also stated that expect children to work hard and encourage them to be mature and independent.

Parent Council and School Council will be discussing the findings and agreeing any future actions. Please see summary of results (rounded %) at the end of the newsletter.

I will be sending out a questionnaire next week regarding educational visits - your responses will be gratefully received. Thank you.



Mass: Year 3 will lead our Mass on Thursday 12 May in school. All welcome.

Letters Emailed to Parents this Week:

Year 3: Trip letter to Chedworth Roman Villa



Please contact office if you have not received copy



ParentPay

In an attempt to remove all cash and cheques from school we are asking parent to use our e-payment method to pay for dinner money, trips, music lessons etc. This can be done online using a very secure website called ParentPay. From September 2016 the school will becoming 'cashless' and all parents are required to be using ParentPay, if you have any queries please contact the school office. Thank you for your support.



Ice Lollies For Sale

School Council and ECO Warriors will be selling ice lollies (20p each) on Wednesdays and Fridays at morning break time. This is to raise money to buy a willow cross for the KS2 Prayer Garden. Please send money in with your child to support our fundraising. Thank you.



Football Whitehouse Common - Tuesday 3 May



What a match! The team played brilliantly- communicating with one another and praising each other for their efforts. At full time it was 4-4 so we had to go into extra time, where we lost 1-0. Such a shame, in our eyes they were winners!

Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens

EYFS Visit to Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens

Early Years had a fantastic day out at Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens. We spent the day exploring the grounds, learning about new plants, tasting local produce and using our senses. The children then wrote a recount of their trip yesterday! Their behaviour was exemplary! Thank you to all the volunteers and staff!



Funtime Friday at the Boathouse Restaurant-Friday 13 May

The evening comprises of: 3 course dinner, DJ, Raffle and a Silent Auction. Motto for the evening 'Dig Deep' £20.00 per person 7.30pm. This will be a fantastic night for parents please come along, thank you for your support.



HSBC Bank

A member of the HSBC Bank will visit our school on **Monday 9 May**. We try to encourage our KS2 children to open and be responsible for their own bank account and manage their money. Any child wishing to open an account will need to provide proof of their identity for example: a passport or birth certificate. HSBC also need to take copies of identification and proof of address for the parent/person with parental responsibility countersigning the application form where they are not an existing HSBC customer.



School Photographs

School photos were sent home last week with all children. Please return your orders to school office no later than **Monday 9 May**. Thank you.



CHANCE TO SHINE
Spreading the power of cricket

Crickets Competition Year 4 and Year 5

On Wednesday 8 June - Year 4 and Tuesday 28 June - Year 5; classes have been chosen to work with the 'Chance to Shine Charity'. A letter has been sent home with children giving more information. Please sign and return consent slip by **Tuesday 10 May**. Please contact school office if you require a copy. Thank you.



Botanical Gardens Trip Year 5

A letter has been emailed to all Year 5 parents giving further information. Deadline for payment is **Thursday 12 May** through Parent Pay. Please contact school office if you require a copy.



Eurochild
Putting children at
the heart of Europe

Rights of the Child

As you aware we are working towards gaining the 'Rights Respecting Rights Level 1 award'. In order to do this we are always looking for opportunities to teach our children about the rights they are born with. To support you as parents also teaching your child about their rights there is a European competition called 'Sketch my Rights' for you to take part in. Children are invited to take part in a European-wide drawing competition about drawing their rights for Eurochild by 16 May 2016. For more information and to enter please follow this link- <http://eurochild.org/sketchmyrights> Please encourage your child to tell Miss Crowley if you have entered the competition!



Year Three visit to Chedworth Roman Villa/National Trust

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year Three on a visit to Chedworth Roman Villa/National Trust, Yanworth, near Cheltenham, Gloucestershire on Monday 11 July.

A voluntary donation of £21.00 is now required, payment for this trip is via Parent Pay; deadline for payment is **Tuesday 17 May**. Thank you.



Year Two trip to Weston-Super-Mare

A letter of interest was sent out concerning this trip. Unfortunately the responses supporting this trip were insufficient and therefore it is not financially viable and will not go ahead. An alternative experience will be organised for the children.



BBQ Month

May is 'National BBQ Month', on **Thursday 19 May 2016** we will be having a BBQ Theme Day Meal. A child's meal is £2.15. If your child is in KS1 and normally has sandwiches you will need to order a child's meal but no payment is required due to the universal free school meal entitlement. If your child has school meals every day please pay for their meal in the normal way. Late orders cannot be accepted. A letter has been sent home with children please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you.

DataChecking

Confidential Data Check Sheet

On Tuesday 'Data Check Sheets' were sent home with all children. We ask you to check that the details are correct and if they have changed please amend the form before it is signed and dated.

This form needs to be returned to your child's class teacher in an envelope marked 'For the attention of Mrs Knibbs', no later than **Thursday 12 May**. If you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



School Closed

A reminder that due to European Referendum our school will be closed to pupils on **Thursday 23 June**. Thank you.



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 with Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 with 98.67%!

The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 1, Year 4 and Year 6.



Recommendations: **EYFS:** Oskar C, Ruth H **Year 1:** Frankie J, Tyrese L **Year 2:** Finbarr McG, Harry M, Orlaith F **Year 3:** Oliver B, Ben B, Daisy C **Year 4:** Stephane A, Isobel H **Year 5:** Pierce B, Alexandra H **Year 6:** Aoife O'C, Matthew M.

Lunchtime Award: Harry K (Y1).

Class of the Week: Year 4.

Sports Award: All of the football team, Orlaith G, Ethan L.



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 'Eloquent' and 'Truthful'. 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 'Eloquent' and 'Truthful'.**

This week's winners are: **EYFS:** Alfie J **Year 1:** Maggie R **Year 2:** Jake M-B **Year 3:** Cillian K **Year 4:** nominated Charlie B (Y3) **Year 5:** Annie D **Year 6:** Ashleigh H, Millie L, Lewis P, Ciaran G, Ellie-Jo L, Sadie McK, Abigail W.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
Madeline L (Y4), Ben L (Y5).

Dates for your diary - May 2016		
Monday 9 May		HSBC in School
Monday 9 May - Thursday 12 May		KS2 SATs week
Friday 13 May	7.30pm	PTA Fun Time Friday (Adults Only)
Wednesday 18 May	3.30pm	Year 5 Boys Football Festival - Wyndley
Friday 20 May	1.30pm-4.30pm	Tag Rugby - Moseley Rugby Club
Monday 23 May		HSBC in School
Thursday 26 May	3.20pm - 4.30pm	PTA Disco
Friday 27 May	All Day	Inset Day
Dates for your diary - June 2016		
Monday 6 June - Friday 10 June		Music Week - whole school
Monday 6 June		HSBC in School
Wednesday 8 June	All Day	Year 4 Cricket - Sutton Coldfield Cricket Club
Wednesday 8 June	3.20pm	Year 6 Football Festival - Wyndley
Thursday 9 June	11.45am	Fathers' Day Lunch (children with surnames A-L)
Saturday 11 June	12.00pm	First Holy Communion
Tuesday 14 June	11.45am	Fathers' Day Lunch (children with surnames M-Z)
Wednesday 15 June	7.30pm	PTA Meeting
Thursday 16 June	6.00pm	Creative Arts Evening. Please note change of date
Monday 20 June	All Day	Year 1 trip to Warwick Castle
Monday 20 June		HSBC in School
Wednesday 22 June	6.00pm	EYFS Induction Evening for September 2016 Reception
Wednesday 22 June	All Day	Year 5 Trip to Botanical Gardens
Tuesday 28 June	All Day	Year 5 Cricket - Sutton Coldfield Cricket Club
Tuesday 28 June	All Day	Year 4 Trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery
Saturday 18 June	12.00pm	First Holy Communion
Thursday 23 June	All Day	School Closed EU Referendum
Friday 24 June	9.00am	Corpus Christi Procession from Church to School
Tuesday 28 June	tbc	Rotary Awards Evening
Wednesday 29 June	tbc	Academy Mass
Thursday 30 June	7.00pm - 8.30pm	Football Presentation Evening Sutton Coldfield Town Hall
Thursday 30 June	tbc	Handover Day. New EYFS Parents to attend, teddy bear picnic
Dates for your diary - July 2016		
Friday 1 July	7.00pm	Year 6 Leavers' Party at Hollyfields
Monday 4 July		HSBC in School
Friday 8 July	1.30pm	Sports Day/Summer BBQ
Tuesday 12 July	tbc	Year 6 Leavers' Production
Thursday 14 July	3.20pm-4.30pm	PTA Disco
Monday 18 July		HSBC in School
Tuesday 19 July	All Day	Year 6 Trip to Safari Park
Thursday 21 July	9.15am	Year 6 Leavers' Mass
Friday 22 July	3.20pm	Break up for Summer!

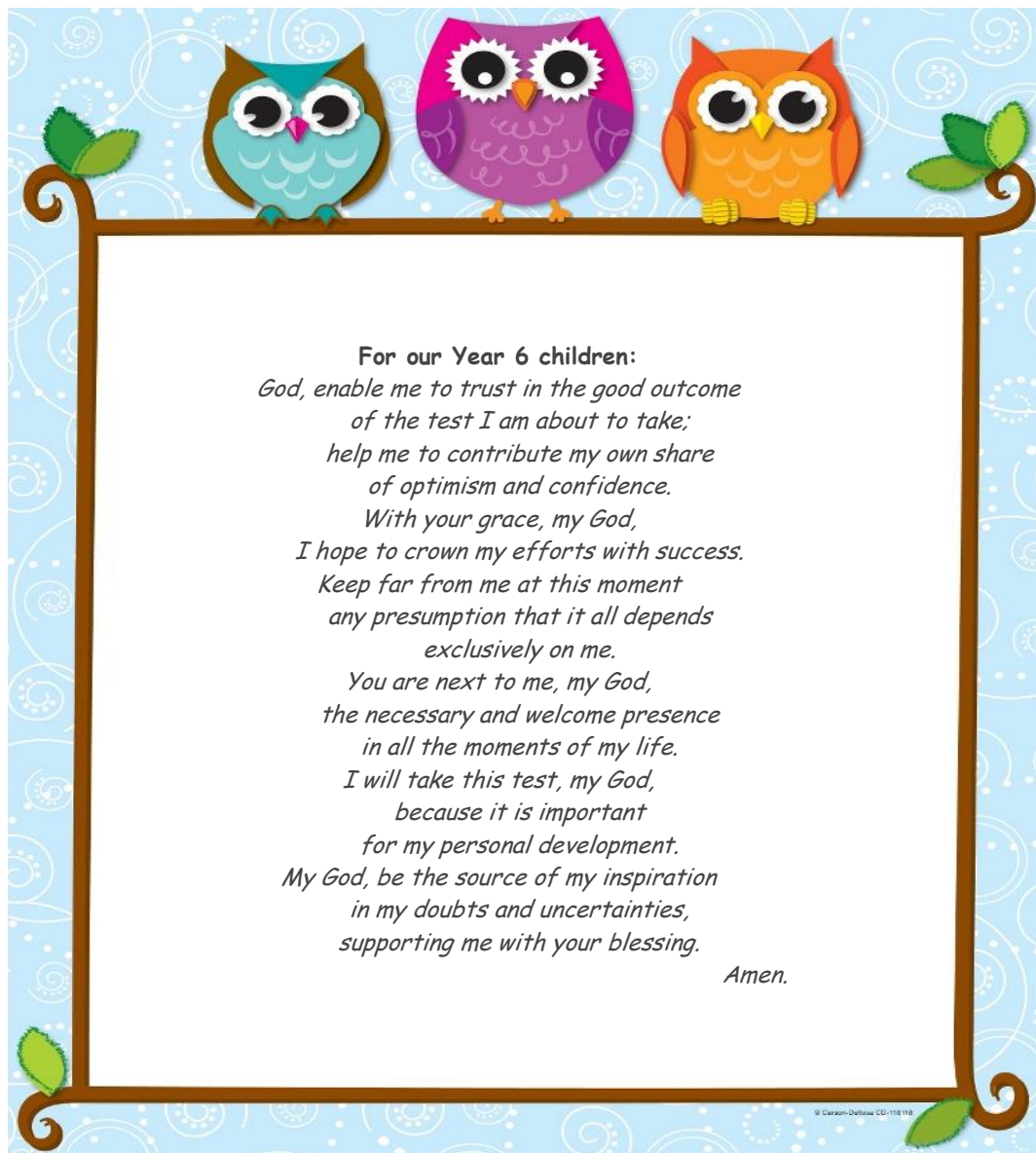
***Other dates available on website**

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

T Cotter

Miss T Cotter
Principal



For our Year 6 children:

*God, enable me to trust in the good outcome
of the test I am about to take;
help me to contribute my own share
of optimism and confidence.*

*With your grace, my God,
I hope to crown my efforts with success.
Keep far from me at this moment
any presumption that it all depends
exclusively on me.*

*You are next to me, my God,
the necessary and welcome presence
in all the moments of my life.*

*I will take this test, my God,
because it is important
for my personal development.*

*My God, be the source of my inspiration
in my doubts and uncertainties,
supporting me with your blessing.*

Amen.

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