



Newsletter No 30

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 13 May 2016



It has been a very long and hard week with SATs coming to end yesterday; you could almost hear the sigh of relief - and that was just Miss Cross! I am sure that you have all read about the controversy surrounding this year's assessments so we are especially proud of all children and staff for working so hard in such challenging circumstances. Well done to all in Year 6 who tried their best all week and to all the staff for running breakfast clubs, supporting intervention work and ensuring that all the SATs tests ran as smoothly and calmly as possible.

Parent Questionnaire Results

Apologies - we forgot to attach it! It is attached today.



Summer Uniform

All children should now be wearing Summer uniform. The summer uniform is as follows:

Girls: Green check dress, grey trousers and polo shirt, sensible black shoes with white socks. (**not coloured or patterned**).

Boys: Jade green polo shirt with logo, grey shorts/trousers, grey socks (**not coloured or patterned**), sensible dark school shoes - no trainers.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Apart from stud earrings (one stud per ear) and watches, children may not wear jewellery. Nail varnish and make up must not be worn. Children who wear stud earrings will need to remove them on PE days.



An important reminder - Haircuts

Haircuts should be sensible, neat and clean, without extremes of fashion such as colours, tram-lines, patterns, partly shaved heads etc. *These styles may be fun and fashionable but are not deemed appropriate for school.* Long hair should be tied back discreetly for hygiene and safety reasons.



Health and Safety

There are a growing number of children riding scooters and bicycles to school. Please ensure that they ride them safely; I have received reports that pedestrians using the pavements have nearly collided with children. It is really important that we enjoy positive relationships with our neighbours. Thank you for your support.



Mass: Year 4 will lead our Mass on Thursday 19 May in school. All welcome.



Curriculum Information

There is now a new mathematics page on the school website for you to see how mathematics is taught at Holy Cross school, with a link to our new calculation guidance. Please read to see how you can support your child's learning at home. <http://www.holycross-sch.net/page/default.asp?pid=80>



ParentPay

In an attempt to remove all cash and cheques from school we are asking parents 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 be 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.



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Rights of the Child

As you are 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.

FATHER'S DAY



Fathers' Day Lunch

We are holding two Fathers' Day Lunch Days where your child can invite one gentleman to lunch!

To help the organisation of the lunches, they will be held on two separate days:

Thursday 9 June: Children with surname A-L

Tuesday 14 June: Children with surname M-Z

Lunch will be served from 12:00 – 1:00 and guests are requested to arrive at 11.45.

The deadline to order a lunch is **Wednesday 18 May** please note no late orders will be accepted. If you require a letter please contact the office, thank you.



Questionnaire –Educational Visits

Questionnaires regarding Education Visits were sent home with children on Wednesday 11

May. Please complete and return by posting in post box in foyer by **Friday 20 May**. Please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you.



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

Letters were sent home with children this week. If your child would like to join the Zumba Club please complete and return forms no later than **Monday 23 May 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.



World Fair Trade Day 2016

Saturday 14 May 2016 is World Fair Trade day. As a rights respecting school it is important to teach our children about places in the world where children do not have their rights respected like they do. Fair Trade is a tangible contribution to the fight against poverty, climate change and global economic crises. The World Fair Trade Organization (WFTO) believes that trade must benefit the most vulnerable and deliver sustainable livelihoods by developing opportunities especially for small and disadvantaged producers. To celebrate we are holding a whole school art competition. Each child has been given a leaflet with information on how to enter. The prizes will include different Fair Trade products. Entries must be sent in to Miss Crowley by **Thursday 19 May 2016**. Please see flyer attached.



Sun Tan Cream

Children do not bring sun screen to school for health and safety reasons e.g. younger children not being able to apply correctly and getting sun screen in their eyes or the possibility of an allergic reaction. Parents are asked to apply a suitable high factor sun cream to their child/children before the school day begins. This will provide adequate protection for the rest of the day. The school obviously monitors weather conditions, ensuring water is available and children being reminded to seek shady areas and wear sun caps when outside. Thank you for your support.



The children in Year 3 will be celebrating their First Holy Communion on two Saturdays; 11 and 18 June. Although this is a special day for Year 3, it is also an important school and parish event and we support the children by the choir from Years 4-6 singing at the Masses; in the same way they had been supported during their own First Holy Communion Mass.

Being part of the school choir is a commitment and I ask that all members of the choir participate in at least one of the First Holy Communion Masses if possible. It would be very sad if we did not have a strong choir on such an important occasion. I sincerely hope that you will show your support in this important matter. 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 Year 3 with 99.63%!

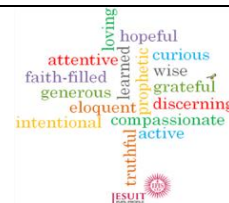
The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 1, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.



Recommendations: EYFS: Charlie G, Maria J **Year 1:** Lola F, Jack C **Year 2:** Darcie W, Jake M-B, Darren A, Eliza S, Olivia F, Christie W **Year 3:** Nathan G, Owen P, Orlaith G (Nominated by Year 6) **Year 4:** Ben O'T, Isobel H, Sam K **Year 5:** Grace B, Jack McI **Year 6:** Whole class.

Lunchtime Award: Eden H (Year 1).

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 '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: **Miss Lovelock/Miss Crowley:** Nominated Year 6 class **Miss Stevens:** Lucy L
Mr Hunt: Lola F **Mr Mayor:** Erin L-F **Mr Rowlands:** Whole class **Miss Cross:** Alice H, Lizzie H, Aiden G-W.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
Alfie J (EYFS), Liam O'T (Y1), Jake W (Y5),

Dates for your diary - May 2016		
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
Tuesday 24 May	1.15pm- 3.00pm	Year 3 walk to Church Holy Communion rehearsal. Parents to collect children from Church - 3.00pm
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
Tuesday 7 June	1.15pm- 3.00pm	Year 3 walk to Church Holy Communion rehearsal. Parents to collect children from Church - 3.00pm
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
Wednesday 29 June	11.00am	Whole Academy Mass (children only)

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**

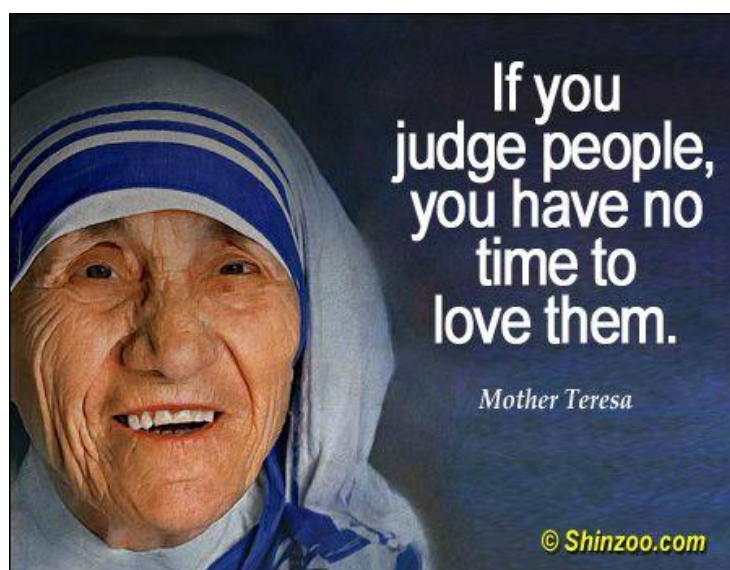
Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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A thought for the weekend:



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