

Newsletter No 37

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 8 July 2016



Sports Day and BBQ

A very busy day planned today with sports day followed by our family BBQ. I hope many of you will be able to attend and enjoy the afternoon. A BIG thank you again to the PTA for organising the family BBQ!



Mass: Year 2 will lead our Mass in school on **Thursday 14 July**. Everyone is welcome.



Letters emailed to parents this week:

EYFS: Fire Survival Day

Year 2: Trip to Sutton Park

Please contact office if you have not received copy

Touch Rugby Competition

The Tag Rugby Team were invited to play in a Touch Rugby tournament hosted at Sutton Coldfield RUFC. They performed excellently, progressing through the group stages, winning their semi-final and unfortunately losing 1-0 in the final to Sutton Coldfield RUFC u11's. They caught the attention of many of the Sutton Coldfield coaches and were complimented on their great skills and fantastic sportsmanship. Well done to the Tag Rugby team!



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.



Ordering School Uniform

Parents are reminded that school uniform should be ordered as early as possible to avoid disappointment. As you can appreciate this will be an extremely busy time for our suppliers Clive Mark and Mapac.



Year 3 Trip to Chedworth Roman Villa

On Monday 11 July Year 3 *children are required to arrive at school at 7.45am*. They will leave Chedworth Roman Villa at 2.00 p.m. and are expected to be back at school 4.00 p.m. approximately. Thank you.



Year 5 visit to Bishop Walsh

Year 5 will be going to Bishop Walsh on Monday 11 July to participate in a Science lesson. The children will be collected and returned to Holy Cross School during school hours. This is a fantastic, exciting opportunity for the children.



Holy Communion

If you wish to place an order for the Holy Communion group photograph please return your order no later than **Thursday 14 July**. Thank you.



Fire Survival Day - EYFS

On **Friday 15 July**, Early Years from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Nechells will be visiting EYFS class for the day. We will hold a 'Fire Survival' day with St Joseph's to show them how we learn in our forest area and share our experiences with them. A letter has been sent home with details please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you.



Online Safety Audit

An Online Safety Audit has been sent home with every child. I would be very grateful if you could complete the form and return it to the school office; please return by **Friday 15 July**. The information you provide will be used at our 'Parent Workshops' in the future. Thank you.



End of Term PTA Disco - This will be a non-school uniform day

This will be held on Thursday 14 July from 3.20pm to 4.30pm. If you are available to help please contact the school office. Thank you for your support. **£2.00 entrance fee to the disco per child (in a clearly marked envelope with child's name and 'Disco.'** Children can also bring a maximum of **£3.00 spending money - in a separate purse please.**



School Reports

Next Friday (15 July) school reports will be distributed. You will be invited to offer written feedback which will be greatly valued by the school; we do take on board your opinions. As the reports are very detailed, there will be no Parents' Evening before the end of term. If you have any specific queries regarding your child's report; please arrange to see your child's class teacher.



Year 2 Visit to Sutton Park

We are planning to take the children in Year 2 on a visit to Sutton Park on **Monday 18 July** to support their Science topic on 'Plants'. A letter has been sent to parents please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you.



Educational Visits - Parents' Meeting

As promised, there will be a meeting on **Wednesday 20 July at 3:30 - 4:15pm** to discuss Educational Visits and the recent Educational Visits Parent Questionnaire. Please contact the office if you wish to attend.



Year 6 Leavers' Production

Our Year 6 Leavers' Production 'Goodbye my Friend' will be on **Tuesday 12 July** at 6.00pm. The children are rehearsing really hard for this and it looks fantastic! All welcome!



Year 6 Leavers' Mass

This will be held on **Thursday 21 July** at 9.15am in school, please come along everyone is welcome.



Early Years Graduation

Our Early Years children will be celebrating their Graduation on **Friday 22 July at 2.00pm**. All welcome to join in this fantastic celebration!



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 2 with 100%!

Parents should also be aware that referrals to the school nurse will be considered for those children with an attendance rate of below 95% due to health related absences.



The Punctuality Award for the week: EYFS, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6.



Recommendations: EYFS: Cormac K, Nathaniel C Year 1: Heloise C, Flynn B Year 2: Francesca L, Finbarr McG Year 3: James M, Frank W Year 4: Eva D, Keane S, Uday P (nominated by Y6) Year 5: Iona T, Chris S Year 6: Ruby H.

Lunchtime Award: Malaika W.

Class of the Week: Year 6.

Sports Award: Jack C (Y1).



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 being " **Learned and 'Wise'**". 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 week's winners are: **Miss Lovelock/Miss Crowley:** Miss Hayward, Alice F **Miss Stevens:** Tyrese L

Mr Hunt: Lucy L (Y1), Lily H (Y1) **Mr Mayor:** Oliver B, Johnny G, Thomas S **Mr Rowlands:** Luke L, Lewis P

Miss Cross: James N-C, Roan D, Qai'Rou (Y5).

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

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

Olivia H (Y2), Owen P (Y3), Alan J (Y4), Jessica P (Y5).

Dates for your diary - July 2016		
Monday 11 July	All day	Year 3 trip to Chedworth Roman Villa
Tuesday 12 July	6.00pm	Year 6 Leavers' Production 'Good-Bye My Friend'
Thursday 14 July	3.20pm-4.30pm	PTA Disco
Friday 15 July	All Day	EYFS Forest Schools Day with St Joseph's School, Nechells at Holy Cross.
Monday 18 July	All day	Year 2 Trip to Sutton Park
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	2.00pm	Early Years Graduation parents welcome
Friday 22 July	3.20pm	Break up for Summer!

***Other dates available on website**

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely

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