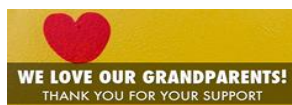




Newsletter No 5

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 7 October 2016



It was lovely to welcome so many grandparents to share lunch with us this week; especially those who joined us for the first time - we officially welcome you to our Holy Cross family! Thank you to the kitchen and lunchtime staff for working so hard to ensure everything ran smoothly. We received so many lovely compliments from grandparents saying how much they had enjoyed this event. We look forward to welcoming the final group next week on **Wednesday 12 October**.



Alton Castle

Year Six will leave for their residential on Wednesday. We hope they have a lovely time and a safe journey. The coach will be leaving at approximately 9.15am if you would like to wave goodbye to your child.



Thank you to all the Year 2 children (and staff!) for their assembly on Tuesday, they all spoke with real confidence which was lovely to witness. It was great to see so many parents attending - thank you.



Letters emailed to parents this week:

Year 3: Trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery

Shakespeare Cast: Costume information

Please contact office if you have not received copy



Mass: Year 5 will lead our Mass in school on **Thursday 13 October**. Everyone is welcome.



Sacrament Of Confirmation Thursday 6 October

Thank you to all the Year 6 parents that attended the above meeting. There is a letter from Fr Neil being sent home with those children whose parents did not attend the meeting. You will need to contact Fr Neil if you wish your child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Last week we raised the incredible grand total of **£416.40!** Many thanks to everyone who was involved. The children really enjoyed running the event and it was lovely to welcome not only parents and grandparents but also some of our neighbours. This was our most successful coffee morning to date - well done everyone!



Information from our PTA

Last year with the help of our supporters we bought the following for our school:

- Hi visibility vests for all the children and adults in the school
- Willow fence surrounding our Prayer garden
- A digital camera for each class
- Helped to pay for the Prayer books received by each family
- Guided reading books
- New books for our school library
- Queen's birthday party tea
- Holy Communion breakfast
- New projector for school hall

The PTA would like to thank you for all your continued support. The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday November at 7.30pm**, all new members welcome! Please come along!



Parent/Teacher Consultations

A letter has been sent home with your child regarding Parent/Teacher Consultations. Please complete the proforma and return to the class teacher no later than ***Monday 10 October***. If you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



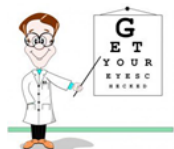
Home-School Agreement

Every child (not EYFS) has been given 'Home-School Agreement' to bring home. Please read with your child, sign and return by ***Monday 10 October***. If you have not received a copy please contact the school office. Thank you for your support.



HSBC Bank

A member of the HSBC Bank visits our school every other week. We try to encourage our KS2 children to open and be responsible for their own bank account and manage their money. Please see dates below when the bank will be open: ***Monday 10 October***, Monday 31 October, Monday 14 November and Monday 28 November and Monday 12 December.



Eye Tests for EYFS

Letters were sent home with our EYFS children on Wednesday. The Orthoptist will be visiting our EYFS children on ***Tuesday 11 October*** to undertake a screening eye test. Only return the form to school if you ***do not*** want your child to be tested. Thank you.



Inspire Workshop for Year 3 and Year 4

This will be held on **Tuesday 11 October 9.00am to 10.00am**

One person per family is welcome to come along to support; join in and see the children working.



Nasal Flu Vaccination

The immunisation team will be visiting our school on Thursday 13 October to give children in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 the 'Nasal Flu Vaccination.'



Year 4 - Class Assembly

On **Tuesday 18 October at 9.15am** our Year 4 class will be performing their assembly about 'Roald Dahl'. Please come along and support our children. Thank you.



Get Your Grown-ups Growing'

This will take place on **Tuesday 18 October at 1.30pm** - Planting Bulbs for the new academic year. This is a **non-uniform day- your child can bring in £1** for a donation towards gardening equipment or they can bring a donation in for the GYGG event e.g. soil, bulbs, soil sacks, gardening equipment. If your child would like to bring their own gardening equipment in for this event then please make sure it is clearly labelled. Please ensure your child is wearing clothes that they don't mind getting dirty and appropriate footwear and coat as it will still go ahead if it rains!



Harvest Mass

Our Harvest Mass this year is on **Thursday 20 October 9:15am**. This is a lovely occasion when we thank God for the gift of food. As in previous years, we want to provide offerings for our local community in need. Therefore we are asking for shoe boxes to be sent into school to be decorated ready to make our lovely food hampers. In order to make the hampers, we would ask for the following donations from each family:

Packets of food (rice, pasta, biscuits and any treats etc.) - Week beg Monday 10 October one per child

Fresh fruit and vegetables by Wednesday 19 October.

Thank you in anticipation!

Football Match

Over the past 2 week, the school football team have played in 2 tough matches, losing 3-1 to St. Josephs and 4-2 to the Shrubbery School. On both occasions the team gave 100% and worked hard to support each other. In both matches, we saw excellent examples of sportsmanship between opposition players and showed the children playing in both a friendly and ultimately competitive manner. We will keep on working hard in training building up to the next match.





Open Day Tuesday 8 November

We are having two open sessions for prospective parents who have children due to start in the Early Years Reception class in September 2017. These will be on Tuesday 8 November 9.15am – 10.15am and 2.30pm – 3.20pm. If you know of any Catholic families who are in this position please let them know. We are looking forward to meeting you all.



Supplementary Forms

Supplementary Forms available now from school office for children who wish to start our Early Years Class in September 2017. These forms need to be signed by Fr Neil; please see him about this when you go to Mass. *The deadline for these to be returned to the school office is **Friday 20 January 2017.***



Reception Intake - September 2017

In October 2016, the local authority will write to parents/carers of children who are on roll at a community or private nursery advising them of how to apply for a Reception Class place for September 2017. To view a copy of the Parents' Information Booklet go online at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions by **4 December 2016**. The Local Authority will accept applications until the national closing date of **15 January 2017**. 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.

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.



This week the Attendance Award was won by Year 4 with 99.26%!

The Punctuality Award for the week: EYFS, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6.

Recommendations: Year 1: Jack B, Maria J Year 2: Lily H, Whole class Year 3: Mollie-Mae H, Olivia F Year 4: Samuel S, Owen P Year 5: Jack McK, Pablo B, Luke S (recommended by Y6) Year 6: Luke L.

Lunchtime Award: Ellie M-B (Y1).

Class of the week: Year 3.

Sports Award: Iona T (Y6).



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 '**Curious and Active**'. 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 Stevens:** Ruth H **Mr Mayor:** Eloise H **Miss Lovelock/Miss Crowley:** Milly B (Y6) **Mr Rowlands:** Charlie S, Kyle W **Miss Cross:** Shakespeare Cast.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
G Hastings, Sophie H, (EYFS), Finbarr McG (Y3), Ben B (Y4), Jessica T (Y6).

Dates for your diary - October 2016		
Monday 10 October	1.00pm	HSBC in school
Tuesday 11 October	9.00am -10.00am	Inspire Workshops Year 3 and Year 4
Tuesday 11 October	9.00am - 12.00pm	EYFS Eye tests
Tuesday 11 October	4.00pm-6.00pm	Cross country at Bishop Vesey
Wednesday 12 October	11.45am	Grandparents Lunch (Children with surnames O-Z)
Wednesday 12 October to Friday 15 October		Year 6 visit to Alton Castle
Thursday 13 October	All day	Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 to receive Nasal Flu Vaccination
Monday 17 October	4.00pm-6.00pm	Tag rugby competition
Tuesday 18 October	9.15am - 10.00am	Year 4 assembly
Tuesday 18 October	1.30pm-3.20pm	Get Your Grown Ups Growing
Wednesday 19 October	3.30pm - 7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday 20 October	3.30pm - 6.00pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 21 October	All Day	School closed Inset Day
Monday 31 October	1.00pm	HSBC in school
Monday 31 October	8.50am	Return to school
Dates for your diary - November 2016		
Wednesday 2 November	9.00am	Bags2School
Thursday 3 November	7.00pm-10.00pm	Shakespeare Performance The Old Rep
Monday 7 November - Friday 11 November	All week	Kindness Week
Tuesday 8 November	9.15am-10.15am 2.30pm-3.20pm	Open day sessions for prospective parents for EYFS September 2017
Tuesday 8 November	4.00pm-6.00pm	Multi Skills Sports
Wednesday 9 November	7.30pm-8.30pm	PTA Meeting
Thursday 10 November	7.00pm-8.00pm	First Holy Communion meeting Year 3 parents in Church Hall
Friday 11 November	All day	Takeover Day (Please note change of day)

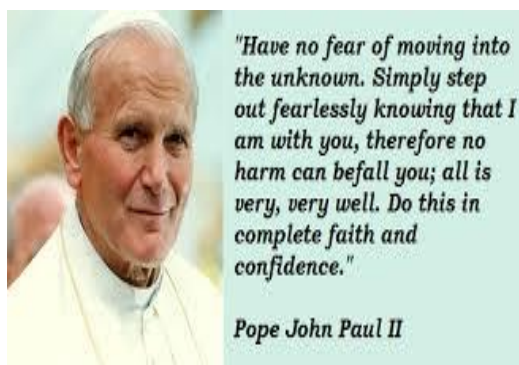
Monday 14 November	1.00pm	HSBC in school
Tuesday 15 November	9.00am-10.00am	Year 1 and Year 2 Inspire Workshop
Wednesday 16 November	3.20pm-5.00pm	PTA Film Night
Friday 18 November	All day	Children in Need Day
Sunday 20 November	10.30am-11.30am	Mass of Commitment
Monday 21 November	All day	Year 2 trip to Thinktank Science Museum
Tuesday 22 November	9.15am-10.00am	Year 3 Assembly
Monday 28 November	1.00pm	HSBC in school
Tuesday 29 November		Academy Photographers Families, siblings & individuals
Wednesday 30 November	All day	Non school uniform day - wear blue for St Andrew's Day
Dates for your diary - December 2017		
Friday 2 December	3.20pm-5.20pm	PTA Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 6 December	All day	Year 3 trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery
Wednesday 7 December	4.00pm-6.00pm	Indoor Athletics
Monday 12 December	1.00pm	HSBC in school
Wednesday 14 December	9.15am-10.15am	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Production
Thursday 15 December	3.20pm-4.30pm	PTA Christmas Disco
Tuesday 20 December	1.45pm-3.30pm	Wizard of Oz Pantomime in school

****Other dates available on website***

Have a lovely weekend
Yours sincerely

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