



Newsletter No 9

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 10 November 2017



Random Act of Kindness Week (13-17 November)

Next week we are celebrating National Kindness Week where throughout the week we will be focusing on ways that we can demonstrate kindness to others in our daily lives. We will be completing activities across the curriculum to support this including a whole school homework project. Please discuss with your child ways to demonstrate kindness at home and how this is our way of living our mission statement.



PTA Film Night

Wednesday night was very successful, with the children having a lovely time watching a film with their pizza and popcorn! Many thanks to the PTA members for organising this.



Parking

Unfortunately the school has again received a complaint from a local resident complaining about how parents have parked on the double yellow lines on Hilary Drive; whilst children were being dropped off this morning. I cannot stress enough how important it is that we enjoy positive relationships with our neighbours so I plead with you to park, as I am sure that many of our parents always do, responsibly and legally, even if it means a slightly longer walk to school. I ask for your full support in this matter.



Mass: Year 5 will lead our Mass in School on **Thursday 16 November**. Everyone is welcome.



Letters emailed to parents this week:

EYFS and KS1: Christmas Trip to watch Paddington 2 at Empire Cinema, Sutton Coldfield.

KS2: Christmas Trip to watch Paddington 2 at Empire Cinema, Sutton Coldfield.

Please contact office if you have not received a copy



Curriculum Updates

The Mathematics page on the school website has been updated in light of parent feedback from our Inspire workshops. Please follow the link to see how we teach mathematics, the importance of a positive mathematical mindset and the long term plans for each year group that clearly shows what objectives are taught in each term. <http://www.holycross-sch.net/page/default.asp?pid=80> Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Howes.



Lunchtime Play Co-Ordinator Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Play Co-Ordinator 6.40 hours per week, Monday - Friday 12.00pm to 1.20pm. We are looking for someone who will take an active part in supporting/improving lunchtime for our children. For further information please contact the school office 675-2158. Deadline for application is Friday 24 November thank you.



Children in Need 2017-Monday 13 November-non-school uniform day

This year's theme is 'Spots' and therefore we are asking children to come to school on **Monday 13 November** dressed in spots, spots in their hair or anything spotty that you can think of; and **pay £1** to support children and young people who are in need. Thank you for your support.



Face Painting - Spots

If your child would like spots painted on their face please send in an extra £1. Thank you.



School Photographer

The photographer will be in school on the morning of **Tuesday 14 November** to take both individual and family photographs.

There will also be a before school session where there is an opportunity for family photographs with siblings who do not attend Holy Cross School. Parents wishing for these types of photograph please arrive at school for **8:15am prompt**. As these are formal school photographs, I ask that the children are in full winter uniform. Thank you.



Caterlink Taster Session

On **Thursday 16 November** Caterlink will be doing a 'taster session' for parents and children. This will take place at the end of the school day. Weather permitting this will be held on the school carpark; if not it will take place in the school hall. This is available for all parents and children; so please come and try some of the food that Caterlink provides. Thank you.

TAKEOVER DAY

Takeover day Friday 17 November

On **Friday 17 November** we are being taken over by Year 6! Takeover Day is a national initiative to help young people deepen their understanding of roles and responsibilities. Year 6 will be taking over all the adult jobs in the school; yes, including mine!!

It should be a very interesting day so we thank you all in advance for your cooperation and patience in making this day a success.



Christmas Fayre on Friday 1 December from 3.20pm to 5.20pm
Please put this important date in your diary.



Unwanted Christmas Jumpers

Have you any unwanted Christmas jumpers you can donate for our Christmas Fayre? Please send in with children no later than **Friday 24 November**. Thank you.



Face Painting

The PTA are asking for volunteers to do face painting at the Christmas Fayre. Please contact the school office or speak to the PTA if you are able to help. Thank you.



Volunteers

A letter has been sent home with children in Year 5 and Year 6 asking for volunteers. Please complete and return no later than **Thursday 23 November**. If you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



England Lionesses

We have been offered a fantastic opportunity to inspire girls' sport by taking the girls' football team to watch the England Women's' football team train at St. George's Park Football Centre on **Tuesday 21 November 2017**. The girls will be able to watch them in a training session before their upcoming World Cup qualifier against Bosnia and Herzegovina. After the training session the girls will get the chance to meet the team, have a photo and hopefully get some autographs.

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP FRANCE 2019

We have also been given the chance to purchase cheaper tickets to watch the England Lionesses play in their next 2019 Fifa Women's World Cup Qualifier on **Friday 24 November** at the Banks's Stadium, Walsall Football Club. The match is against Bosnia & Herzegovina and kick off is 7.05pm.

In partnership with the FA, we can offer the tickets at £7.50 for an adult £1 for concessions (this includes children under the age of 18 and adults over 60). This is a fantastic offer to watch the national team and a great experience of international football. The Lionesses are currently in great form and it promises to be an excellent match.

If you would like any tickets then please send in an envelope with your name and the amount of each type of ticket. You will also need to include the exact amount of money for the tickets as we are unable to offer back any change.

The deadline for this is **Thursday 16 November 2017** and no late entries will be accepted. The money will then be sent to the FA to allow several days for the tickets to be then posted back out to school.



Inset Day

We have an Inset day on **Friday 24 November**; school will be closed to children. Thank you.



School Choir

Our school choir will be singing at the following events:

Friday 1 December 4.00pm to 4.30pm at Christmas School Fayre

Tuesday 19 December at 10.30am - Parish Pensioner's Christmas Lunch at the Church Hall.

Thursday 21 December, 1.30pm - The Oaks (residential home).

Saturday 16 December at 9.45am - House of Fraser in Sutton Coldfield - parents are welcome to watch.

These are lovely opportunities for the children to perform to a variety of audiences and show the rewards of their hard work. I look forward to a high participation at all these events.

A letter has been sent home with children in the choir. This is to gain parent's permission for their child to sing at the Christmas School Fayre and House of Fraser. Please sign and return no later than **Friday 24 November**. Thank you.



Year 5 Assembly - Kindness

On **Tuesday 21 November** at 9.15am (refreshments at 9.00am) our Year 5 class will be performing their assembly. Everyone welcome! I hope that you will be able to attend. Thank you.



Phonics Workshop Year 1

On **Wednesday 22 November 2017** there will be a 'Phonics Workshop' for all parents who have children in Year One. The phonics workshop will begin at **9.00am**; the workshop should last approximately 45 minutes. A letter has been sent home with Year 1 children please complete and return proforma no later than **Friday 17 November**. If you require a copy of the letter please contact the school office. Thank you.



Year 2 Trip to Thinktank Science Museum

On **Tuesday 5 December**, Year 2 is going on a trip to Thinktank Science Museum. This is in relation to their Science topic of 'Animals including Humans'. Deadline for payment is **Friday 24 November** this is made payable via Parent Pay. A letter was emailed to parents on 2 November; please contact the school office if you have not received a copy.

The logo for the Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery, consisting of a red square with the text "Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery" in white, sans-serif font.

Year 3 Trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery

On **Tuesday 12 December**, Year 3 is going on a trip to the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. This is in relation to their topic of 'Ancient Egyptians'. Deadline for payment is **Friday 24 November** this is made payable via Parent Pay. A letter was emailed to parents on 9 October; please contact the school office if you have not received a copy.



Christmas Trip to watch Paddington 2

EYFS and KS1 = Monday 18 December (Meeting at Empire Cinema)

KS2 = Wednesday 20 December (Travelling from school)

We are all going on a trip to Empire Cinema, Sutton Coldfield. Deadline for payment is **Thursday 7 December** this is made payable via Parent Pay. A letter was emailed to parents giving further details; please contact the school office if you have not received a copy.



Supplementary Forms

Supplementary Forms available now from school office for children who wish to start our Early Years Class in September 2018. 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 15 January 2018**. **Please note, paperwork received after this date will not be accepted.** Thank you.



Attendance - Our school strives for 100% attendance.

Government legislation states that 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 EYFS with 100% Well done!



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



Recommendations

Recommendations: EYFS: Erin H, Madison M **Year 1:** Aidan J, Sophia H **Year 2:** Nathaniel C, Jak McS **Year 3:** Kieron McC, Myles O'D **Year 4:** Caitlin L, Orlaith F **Year 5:** Oliver B, Samuel W **Year 6:** James R, Ben O'T.



Class of the Week: EYFS.

Lunchtime Award: Eden T (EYFS).



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

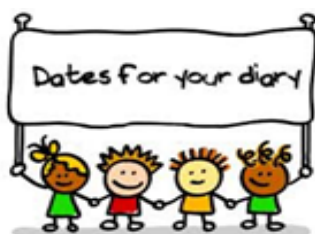
Each week we will be recognising those children who we feel have made that extra special effort and show the virtues in their daily life.

This week's winners are: **Miss Stewart:** Cian P **Miss Stevens:** Sophia H **Mr Hunt:** Maria J
Mr Mayor: Ella P **Miss Lovelock & Mrs Howes:** Christie W **Mr Rowlands:** All of Year 4 Class
Miss Cross: Stephen A, Eva P. **Miss Cotter:** Keane S (Y6).



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

Connor T (Y1), Joseph K (Y3), Jack H (Y6), Ben O'T (Y6).



Dates for Your Diary - November 2017		
Monday 13 November	Cancelled	HSBC Not coming into school
Monday 13 November to Friday 17 November	All week	Kindness week
Monday 13 November	All day	Children in Need non-school uniform day; children to wear something spotty
Tuesday 14 November	Morning	Academy Photographers - individuals, families & siblings
Friday 17 November		Takeover Day Year 6
Tuesday 21 November	9.15am-9.45am	Class 5 Assembly
Wednesday 22 November	9.00am - 9.45am	Year 1 Phonic Workshop
Friday 24 November	All day	Inset day-school closed to children
Sunday 26 November	10.30am-11.30am	Mass of Commitment for Year 3 and Year 6
Monday 27 November		HSBC in school
Dates for Diary - December 2017		
Friday 1 December	3.20pm-5.20pm	Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 5 December	All day	Year 2 Trip to Thinktank Science Museum
Friday 8 December	9.00am-12.00pm	EYFS children having eye test
Monday 11 December		HSBC in school
Tuesday 12 December	2.15pm refreshments Starts 2.30pm	EYFS/KS1 Christmas performance
Tuesday 12 December	All day	Year 3 Trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery
Wednesday 13 December	9.00am refreshments Starts 9.15am	EYFS/KS1 Christmas performance
Thursday 14 December	3.20pm-4.30pm	PTA Christmas disco
Saturday 16 December	9.45am-10.15am	School choir singing at House of Fraser
Monday 18 December	9.00am-11.30am	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Trip to Empire Cinema to see 'Paddington 2'
Tuesday 19 December	10.30am-11.30am	School choir to sing at The Parish Hall for OAPs
Tuesday 19 December	12.00pm-1.00pm	Children and staff Christmas dinner - non-school uniform day children to wear Christmas jumpers
Wednesday 20 December	9.00am-11.30am	KS2 Christmas Trip to Empire Cinema to see 'Paddington 2'
Friday 22 December	All day	Toy - Day children must wear full school uniform

**Other dates available on website*

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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