



## Newsletter No 37

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 6 July 2018



### Sports Day and BBQ

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

### Handover Day

All our children enjoyed their Handover Day on Wednesday and the opportunity to meet and work with their new class teachers. Year Six also enjoyed visiting their new Secondary schools. Where does the time go?!



### Parking and leaving babies in cars

A very concerned resident called the school this week about a number of cars being parked by the island and babies/young children being left in the cars while parents dropped children off at school. Some cars were left with all windows closed and one with the window wide open. Please be aware of safety at all times; it is safer to park the car further away and walk the rest of the journey with no children being left unattended. Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.



### Staffing Update - Mrs Cutler and Mrs Stokes

Mrs Cutler and Mrs Stokes will both be retiring (early!) at the end of the Summer term after 22 years of devoted and loyal service to Holy Cross Catholic Primary School. I am sure that you are all aware of the amazing job they have done over the years supporting children spiritually, socially, emotionally and academically. They have also fully supported the Catholic life and wider life of the school, parish and community. I know that some of our parents who are past pupils have also have many happy memories of working with them both!

For the year 2018-19, Mrs Mary Hope will be joining the teaching staff for three days a week and Miss Sarah Cotter will be joining the TA team. We hope that they will be very happy in their new roles.



**Mass:** Year 2 will lead our Mass in school on Thursday 12 July. All welcome.



### 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.



### Sutton Coldfield Community Games

These will be held on **Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 July** at Wyndley Leisure Centre.

The Games are upon us this weekend and the organisers have a packed itinerary of activity for people to enjoy that they hope inspires physical activity in our community. Please do go along over the weekend with your family and friends if you are able to. It is going to be a hot one as well so please do take care in the sunshine. Thank you.



### Holy Cross Liturgy Group

Holy Cross Liturgy Group is holding a BBQ **Sunday 8 July**, following 10.30 am Mass (commencing approximately 11.15 am) in the church hall and gardens. The suggested cost is 50p per child. A form is available for completion from a liturgy leader on the day and children should then be collected by parents/carers at 1.00pm.



### Year 3 visit to Chedworth Roman Villa

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 3 on a visit to Chedworth Roman Villa on **Tuesday 10 July 2018**. A voluntary donation of £23.00 is now required to cover the cost of transport and insurance. Payment for this trip is via Parent Pay; deadline for payment is **Monday 2 July**. A letter has been emailed to all Year 3 parents; if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.

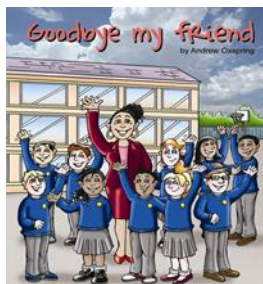


### Photographs

Class, graduation, leavers and Corpus Christi photos were sent home with children this week. If you would like to place an order please return to the school office no later than **Monday 11 July**. Thank you.

### Holy Communion Photos

Orders need to be returned direct to Academy Photographers-deadline date is given in proof pack. Thank you.



#### Year 6 Leavers' Production - Change of start time

Our Year 6 Leavers' Production 'Good-Bye my Friend' will be on **Wednesday 11 July** at **5.30pm**. Tea and coffee will be served from **5.00pm**. We have moved the start time forward as it is very hot in the hall and also we are aware that if things go well in tomorrow's World Cup match, there will be a lot of people who will want to be home in plenty of time for a 7.00pm kick off on Wednesday night!

The children are rehearsing really hard for this; I am avoiding going into the rehearsals so I will be as surprised as you will be! All welcome!



#### Year 4 visit to Bishop Walsh-Creative Arts Day

On **Wednesday 11 July** children in Year 4 will be going to Bishop Walsh to take part in a 'Creative Arts Day'. **The day starts at 9.00am so children are required to arrive at school at 8.20am to walk to Bishop Walsh.** The children will be improving their skills in culinary arts, design and art activities.

A voluntary donation of £5.00 will cover the cost of art material and ingredients for the healthy eating workshop. If you require financial assistance or additional time to pay for this item, please submit a written request to Miss Cotter. This will be dealt with discreetly and confidentially. Please login to your Parent Pay account and select this item; deadline for payment is **Wednesday 4 July**. NB **Children are required to bring in a packed lunch. Thank you.**



#### End of Term PTA Disco - Non School Uniform Day

This will be held on **Thursday 12 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 (13 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 6 visit to West Midlands Safari Park

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 6 on a visit to West Midlands Safari Park on **Tuesday 17 July 2018**. A voluntary donation of £26.00 is now required to cover the cost of transport, admission and insurance. Payment for this trip is via Parent Pay; deadline for payment is **Wednesday 27 June**. A letter has been emailed to all Year 6 parents; if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



### Class Information

There will be no guided reading after today.

There will be no homework set week commencing Monday 16 July.

- All guided reading books and diaries must be returned to school no later than **Wednesday 18 July**. Please do check around the house for any lost books.
- All library books borrowed must be returned to school by **Wednesday 18 July**.
- Your child will come home with their P.E bag during the last few days for it to stay at home and be washed ready for September.



- Your child will also bring home their books from the year- please send in a sturdy plastic bag by **Wednesday 18 July** for your child to store their books. Some books have been kept back for monitoring reasons. These books will be sent home at the end of the autumn term.
- There will be no homework set over the summer holidays.
- Please do speak to your child about their new teacher and classroom.

If you would like more information on what to expect on your child's new year ahead then please go on to the school website to their respective class pages to see the curriculum information. Any questions please do not hesitate to ask.



### Community Tree Care Day

Rob Tiling from Let's Grow Together would like to hold a tree care session for our Holy Cross families! It will be held on **Wednesday 18 July from 1.30pm until 3.00pm**; we will meet at the front of the school at 1.30pm. We will learn how to prune young fruit trees; Miss Crowley will be supporting the event, it will be a lovely way to give back to the local community. A letter has been sent home with all children. If you would like to attend with your child please complete the reply slip and return to the school office no later than **Monday 16 July**. Thank you.



### Toy Day-Full School Uniform

On **Friday 20 July** children can bring a toy into school. Please do not send your child with an expensive toy as the school will not accept responsibility for any damage or loss of any items on school property. Please note that children should not bring in electric toys to school. **The children need to wear full school uniform for this day.**



### Early Years Graduation

Our Early Years children will be celebrating their Graduation on **Friday 20 July at 2.00pm**. Parents are invited to join in this fantastic celebration!

**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: Year 4 with 99.3% Well done!**

**The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 1, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6!**



## Recommendations

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**EYFS:** Rachel J, Andrew H **Year 1:** Marian A, Aidan J **Year 2:** Dan B, Salvio J

**Year 3:** Megan P, Ella P **Year 4:** Francesca L, Ryan K

**Year 5:** Alex H, Ben B **Year 6:** Cassie G (Y5), Anna J (Y5)



**Lunchtime Award:** Eva P (Y6).

**Class of the Week:** Year 2.

**Sports Award:** Maria L, Charlotte L, Bonnie T-M (Y5).



### Virtues and Values

This half term we are concentrating on being '**Attentive and Discerning**'. 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:** Whole class **Miss Stevens:** Jessie F

**Mr Hunt:** Klaudia R (Y1), Ellie G **Mr Mayor:** Phoebe F, Harry K

**Miss Lovelock and Miss Crowley:** Mia B **Mr Rowlands:** Erin P **Miss Cross:** Niamh S.



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

**Cora L (EYFS), Olivia H (Y4), Charlie S Alan J (Y6).**



Dates for Diary - July 2018		
Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 July	12.00pm-5.00pm	Sutton Coldfield Community Games
Monday 9 July	All day	Year 2 Trip to Weston Super Mare
Tuesday 10 July	All day	Year 3 Trip to Chedworth Roman Villa
Tuesday 10 July	6.00pm-8.00pm	Rotary Awards Evening Year 6
Wednesday 11 July	All Day	Year 4 Creative Arts Day at Bishop Walsh
Wednesday 11 July (please note change of time)	5.30pm-6.30pm (Coffee/tea served from 5.00pm)	Year 6 Leavers' production-'Good-Bye My Friend'
Thursday 12 July	3.20pm-4.30pm	PTA Summer disco
Friday 13 July	7.00pm	Year 6 Leavers' party at Walmley Social Club
Monday 16 July	12.00pm-1.00pm	HSBC in school
Tuesday 17 July	All day	Year 6 Trip to West Midlands Safari Park
Wednesday 18 July	1.30pm-3.00pm	Community Tree Care Day
Thursday 19 July	9.15am	Year 6 Leavers' Mass, Mission Award, High Tea
Friday 20 July	2.00pm	EYFS Graduation-parents welcome
Friday 20 July	All Day	Toy Day - children to wear full school uniform
Friday 20 July	3.20pm	Break up for summer holidays!!!!
Saturday 21 July	10.00am-2.00pm	Holy Cross Pre School Nursery Summer Fayre
Dates for Diary - September 2018		
Tuesday 4 September	8.50am	Return to school wearing summer uniform
Thursday 13 September	1.30pm	Year 3 start swimming lessons

**\*Other dates available on website**

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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