



Newsletter No 38

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 13 July 2018



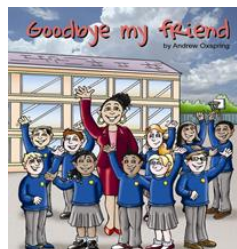
Last week the children all took part in a fantastic morning of sport. They all gave 100% across all of the 7 events, working on all the fundamental skills of PE in agility, balance and co-ordination. There was a great competitive spirit around the field as well as many examples of sportsmanship between the houses.

This year the results were as follows:

- 1st- Fisher
- 2nd- Clitheroe
- 3rd- Moore
- 4th- Campion



The majority of you returned for the family BBQ which was lovely to see. Several families told me how enjoyable the event had been and of course we were so lucky with the weather! A big 'Thank you' to the PTA for organising this event they raised an amazing **£1,928.44!** A special thank you to everyone who donated different items for this event.



Year 6 Leavers' Production

Wednesday night we all enjoyed the Year 6's production of 'Good-Bye My Friend'. These performances are always witty but poignant. The children know us all so well - especially Mr Hunt!!!



Staffing Update - Mr Peter Martin

Our Building Services Manager, Mr Peter Martin will be leaving us after 22 years of dedicated service at the end of the Summer. I thank him for all his hard work ensuring the building and school site are not only very well looked after but also a safe environment for everyone. He will be greatly missed by us all.



School Reports

School reports have been sent home with children today (please check their bags!) 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.

Mass: Year 6 will lead our Mass in school on *Thursday 19 July*. This will be followed by the presentation of our Mission Award. This prestigious award is presented annually to pupil(s) who have been nominated by staff for consistently living out our school's mission. All welcome.



Year 2 Trip to Weston-Super-Mare

On Monday, Year 2 went to Weston Super Mare to finish off their holidays topic. The children had great fun playing in the sand, building sandcastles, forts and mermaid tails. They even gave Mr Hunt a fashionable mermaid tail. Thankfully the tide was closer in so they were able to have a dip in the sea. They ended the day with an ice cream on the sea front. The children had a great time and thanks to all the volunteers who came.



Year 3 Trip to Chedworth Roman Villa

As part of the Roman Britain topic, Year 3 visited Chedworth Roman Villa earlier this week. The children enjoyed a guided tour of the site, including seeing archaeologists at work, a living history session which included making a medicine bag and dressing as a slave and finally an activity looking at genuine Roman artefacts found on the site. Year 3 children were true ambassadors for Holy Cross School; not only were their manners and behaviour excellent but also the enthusiasm and knowledge shown by all. A special thanks goes to our volunteer helpers, without whom, such trips would not be possible. Well done Year 3, we are very proud of you!



Year 4 Creative Arts Day at Bishop Walsh

Year 4 had an amazing day on Wednesday along with the Year 4 class from St Nicholas and St Joseph's schools. The children took part in a Culinary Arts lesson and an Art and Design lesson led by Bishop Walsh. The children were well behaved throughout and enjoyed the opportunity to learn new skills.



Rotary Awards

Congratulations to James, Lilliemae, Uday, Christien, Alan, Eva D, Francis, Rosena, Sam, Luke, Regine and Amy who took part in the Rotary Awards. Their hard work and commitment was celebrated at a lovely presentation evening on Tuesday at Sutton Coldfield Town Hall. Well done to all the children and a big thank you to Mrs Jupp who works so hard in supporting the children to achieve this award.



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.



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.



Scavenger Hunt

To celebrate our 50th year we will be holding a Scavenger Hunt around Holy Cross Catholic Primary School! The children will have to follow clues around the school to find photographs from the past 50 years to solve a riddle! Parents are then invited to have tea and cake in the school hall to share and record their favourite memories or what you or your child/ren love about Holy Cross Catholic Primary School.

The event will take place on **Thursday 19 July** in the afternoon and each class will take part at different time slots. A letter has been sent home with children for parents to complete if they wish to attend. If you require a copy please contact the school office. 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.***



Summer Fayre

This will be held on **Saturday 21 July**, 10.00am to 2.00pm. There will be lots of fun activities to do including bouncy castle, hook a duck, tombola, raffle and may more! A flyer has been emailed to all parents please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you.



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; get the tissues ready!



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 99.7% Well done!

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

Recommendations

Recommendations:

EYFS: Ethan P, Martha W **Year 1:** Jacob H, Gabriella L **Year 2:** Whole class **Year 3:** Whole class, Heloise C, Lily H **Year 4:** Whole class, **Year 5:** Leilagh K, Samuel S **Year 6:** Whole class.



Lunchtime Award: Jack H (Y6).

Class of the Week: Year 6.



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:** Ruby H **Miss Stevens:** Bethany McK
Mr Mayor: Marcus P-W (Y6), Calum McC **Miss Lovelock/Miss Crowley:** Thomas B **Mr Rowlands:** Cillian K
Miss Cross: Charlie S.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
 Cora L (EYFS), Sophie H (Y1), Cormac K (Y2), Ella W (Y4), Owen P (Y5).

Dates for Diary - July 2018

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
Thursday 19 July	1.00pm-2.00pm	Scavenger Hunt
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
Wednesday 19 September	7.30pm	PTA meeting

***Other dates available on website**

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

T. Cotter

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Principal



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