



Newsletter No 14

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 21 December 2018



We have finally come to the end of a very busy term. On Saturday, we entertained the Christmas shoppers in House of Fraser and yesterday we sang for the residents of The Oaks. This week has been really hectic, with KS2 performing their beautiful Advent Service, Miss Crowley and a group of children taking the Advent boxes to the homeless at The Fireside Centre; a real example of faith in action. Thanks to the generosity of the PTA, the children enjoyed a visit to the Empire Cinema to watch *The Grinch*, *Nativity Rocks* or *the Nutcracker* and *the Four Realms*. We had our Christmas disco on Tuesday and today we are celebrating the end of term by enjoying Christmas parties and a whole school sing-a-long in the hall! It really is beginning to feel a lot like Christmas!

On behalf of the staff team, I thank you for all the cards and gifts received and for your support during the term. The partnership between home, parish and school is such an important one in the life of our school.

And finally....On a personal note, I would like to thank all the hardworking staff from all areas of the school for their dedication and to the governors for their on-going support this term. They all go that extra mile in their commitment to ensure the children's needs are met in every way and within a safe, happy and exciting learning community; we are so lucky to have such a fantastic team.

May they all enjoy a very well deserved break.



May



Mass: Year 5 will lead our Mass in School on **Thursday 10 January**. Everyone is welcome.

**school
dinners**

Dinner Money

Parents of KS2 children who have school dinners, the deadline for the payment of **£64.50 is Friday 18 January 2019**; please make payment through ParentPay. If you have credit showing on your ParentPay account please deduct this from the £64.50 and pay the remaining balance. Thank you.



Swimming

Year 3 will resume their swimming sessions on **Thursday 24 January 2019**. The first two weeks of term will be used for swimming trials; letters will be sent to those involved. Thank you.



Birmingham City Council

Reception Intake - September 2019

In October 2018, the local authority wrote 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 2019. To view a copy of the Parents' Information Booklet go online at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions. The Local Authority will accept applications until the national closing date of **15 January 2019**. Thank you.



Supplementary Forms

Supplementary Forms available now from school office for children who wish to start our Early Years Class in September 2019. These forms need to be signed by Fr Neil.

The deadline for these to be returned to the school office is **Friday 15 January 2019**.



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 6 with 99% Well done!



The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6



This year we started a new termly award- '**Pride of Holy Cross**' this is awarded to children who have excelled in their role within the school and been a role-model to others:

Mental Health Ambassador - Imogen A (Y6) and Orlaith F (Y5). Chaplaincy Team - Thomas S (Y6) and Maria L (Y6). Eco Warrior - Jake M-B (Y5). School Council - Daniel B (Y3). Rights Respecting Representative - Maria J (Y3). Buddy - Gabby L (Y2). Choir member - Maria J (Y3).



Recommendations:

EYFS: Mason C, Noah N **Year 1:** George B, Emileen W **Year 2:** Klaudia R, Jack W
Year 3: Whole Class **Year 4:** Lucy L, Liam O'T **Year 5:** Christie W, Orlaith F **Year 6:** Daisy C, Johnny G **Mrs Hope:** Whole Class (Y4).
Lunchtime Award: Noah N (EYFS).



Virtues and Values

This half term we are concentrating on being 'Faith-Filled and Hopeful'. 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: **Mr Hunt:** Kaiden P-W **Mr Rowlands:** Drew B-H **Miss Stewart:** Sophie H
Miss Stevens: Whole Class **Miss Lovelock:** Liam B **Mr Mayor:** Whole Class, All of the choir
Miss Cross: Maria L.



Thank you to the choir: Maria J, Daniel B, Charlie G, Alice F, Alex S, Ella B, Ellie M-B, Iris A, Cormac K (Y3).
Lucy L, Keela K, Harry K, Joseph M, Daniel S, Liam B, Flynn B, Liam O'T, Tyrese L, Joseph K, Lily H, Megan P, Kieron McK (Y4).
Emma Mck, Isla H, Mollie-Mae H, Olivia W, Francesca L, Erin P, Orlaith F, Darren A, Caitlin L (Y5).
Erin P, Alex H, Orlaith G, Malaika W, Maria L, Ava A, Imogen A (Y6).



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week and during the Christmas holidays:

Freddie F (EYFS), Ben M, Zacary L, Cian P, Ethan P, Madison M, Jessica S (Y1), Jay M (Y2), Alice F (Y3), Megan P, Tyrese L (Y4), Eliza S (Y5), Anna J (Y6).

Dates for Diary - January 2019		
Monday 7 January 2019	8.50am	School opens for new term
Tuesday 22 January 2019	All day	Year 6 Trip to Ghamkol Sharif Mosque
Thursday 24 January	1.30pm	Year 3 start swimming
Tuesday 29 January 2019	All day	Year 4 Trip to Aston Hall

**Other dates available on website*



End of Term Prayer

We thank you Lord, for this term.

For the challenges, the successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt.

Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends.

Give us strength and courage to do what is right: to be witnesses of our faith.

Help us to be a practical Christian these holidays, to appreciate what others do for us, to give time and effort to help others.

To be peacemakers in our family.

Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun.

Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term.

We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents

And a community that cares for us.

May we always be conscious of you in our lives.



The staff, Governing Body and Board of Directors wishes you all a very happy and holy Christmas.

Enjoy the festive season and see you all in 2019!

Yours sincerely

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