



Holy Cross

Catholic Primary School

We share in Christ's life so He can guide our thoughts, words and actions.

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Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 25 January 2019



Our Early Years visited Holy Cross Church today to meet Fr Neil and hear about Mass, how we behave in Church and also to receive an individual blessing to mark their introduction to our Holy Cross family. It was lovely that some parents were able to attend. A big thank you to Fr Neil for leading this special visit.



On Tuesday, Y6 visited the Ghamkol Sharif Mosque and Islamic centre as part of their multi-faith R.E unit. It was an incredibly informative day, children learnt about the different Islamic traditions and practices as well as exploring the different areas of the Mosque. All of the children, displayed excellent behaviour, showing respect and reverence at all times. A wonderful day of learning was had by all; they are now using all of their new knowledge in their writing. Well done to all of the children for representing our school so brilliantly.



School Closed

School will be closed on **Thursday 28 March** for Sutton Coldfield By-Election.



Letters emailed to parents this week:

Year 3: Forest Schools

Please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you.



Mass: Year 4 will lead our Mass in School on **Thursday 31 January**. Everyone is welcome.



Year 3 'Forest School'

A letter has been emailed to all Year 3 parents giving further information. If you require a copy please contact the school office. In order for your child to take part in forest schools they must be appropriately dressed for all weather conditions. This will take place every Friday, starting **today, then Friday 1, 8 and 15 February**. Please send your child to school in old outdoor clothing, a warm waterproof coat, scarf and gloves. They are required a pair of wellington boots. Please send in full school uniform in a separate bag.



Rights Respecting School

On **Monday 28 January** at 2.30pm parents are invited to attend our Right Respecting Steering Group Meeting. We will be discussing our journey to meeting the gold award for Holy Cross Catholic Primary School. We would love parents to come along and share new ideas. All welcome!

Number Day 2019

Number Day-NSPCC

On **Friday 1 February** we will be celebrating the NSPCC Number Day 2019! This will be a fantastic way to have fun with maths and an opportunity for us to help fight for every childhood. The money raised will make a significant difference to the NSPCC in preventing abuse ensuring we the NSPCC can be there for every child who needs them. Every child has the right be protected from violence, abuse and neglect (Article 19). It will be a **non-school uniform day** and your child can come to school dressed in the theme of 'Maths'. This can be as simple as a patterned t-shirt or socks, to as creative as their favourite number. Each child is asked to donate £2.00 for the event and there will also have the opportunity to buy mathematical sweet treats in the Enterprise Shed from our Rights Respecting Team! The most creative maths themed costume will receive a prize and be awarded during our Gifts of God assembly. We look forward to it!



School Photographs - Groups football, netball Buddies etc

School group photographs have been sent home with children. Please return orders to school no later than 9.00am on **Monday 4 February**. Any late orders parents will be required to send direct to 'Academy Photographers.' Thank you.



Year 6 Visit to Bishop Walsh

Each year Bishop Walsh School stage a large scale production, which this year is the musical 'Sister Act'. The children in Year 6 have been invited to attend a performance on **Tuesday 5 February 2019**. A letter has been sent home. Please complete and return the proforma no later than **Friday 1 February 2018**. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact school office.



Mass of Commitment for Year 3 and Year 6

The Mass of Commitment for those children who will be receiving the Sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation will be held on **Sunday 3 February at 10.30am in Church**.

This is a very important part of Sacramental preparation and it is expected that all children shall attend. Thank you for your support.



Music Lessons

If your child has music lessons the second instalment is due no later than **Monday 11 February**. Please log into your Parent Pay account to make payment. Thank you.



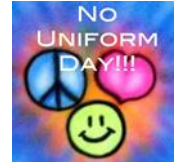
Year One Phonics Workshop

On **Wednesday 13 February 2019** we will be holding a workshop for all parents who have children in Year One. The workshop will begin at **9.00am** in the Year One classroom. A letter has been sent home with the children. Please complete the proforma and return **today**. If you require a copy please contact the school office.



Academy Staffing

Mrs Dawn Knott is leaving Bishop Walsh Catholic School where she has been School Business Manager for 13 years and from her position working with the St. John Paul II Multi-Academy where she has worked in Finance since 2013. Directors, Governors and Principals sincerely thank Mrs Knott for her years of service and wish her well in pastures anew.



PTA Spring Disco. This day will be a non-uniform day.

This will be held on **Thursday 14 February from 3.20pm to 4.30pm**. If you are available to help please contact the school office. Thank you for your support.

Please pay £2.00 entrance fee via your Parent Pay account. The deadline for payment is Monday 11 February. Any payments after this date will not be accepted.

Children can bring in a maximum £3.00 spending money in a purse on Thursday 14 February.

If you will be collecting your child/children before the end of the disco; please inform the school office before 12.00pm on **Thursday 14 February**. Thank you. Also, if your child/children will not be going to Kids' Club after the disco please let Kids' Club know as soon as possible. Thank you.



Year 5 visit to Singers Hill Synagogue

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 5 on a visit to Singers Hill Synagogue on **Monday 25 March**. A voluntary donation of £7.00 is now required to cover the cost of transport and insurance. Payment for this trip is via Parent Pay; please pay no later than **Monday 11 March**. A letter has been sent home to all Year 5 parents; if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Mothers' Day Lunches 2019

Tuesday 19 March (Children with surname A-I), Wednesday 20 March (Children with surname J-R) and Tuesday 26 March 2019 (Children with surname S-Z).

A letter has been emailed to all parents giving further details. If you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.

The deadline for ordering and paying for meals is Tuesday 5 March; We do not want anyone to miss out but as food needs to be ordered in advance, no late orders can be accepted after this date.



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 98.3% Well done!

The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 1, Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.



Recommendations:

EYFS: Aariana M, Eva P **Year 1:** Charlie C, Nancy W **Year 2:** Marian A, Ollie L
Year 3: Alfie J, Charlie G **Year 4:** Maggie R, Tyrese L **Year 5:** Eloise H, Alicia I
Year 6: Frank W, Erin P **Mrs Hope:** Keela K (Y4).
Lunchtime Award: Jake M-B (Y5).



Virtues and Values

This half term we are concentrating on being 'Eloquent and Truthful'. 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:** Eamonn G **Mr Rowlands:** Rachel J **Miss Stewart:** James W
Miss Stevens: Harry W **Miss Lovelock:** Joseph K **Mr Mayor:** Emma McK **Miss Cross:** Erin L-F
Mrs Hope: Addison H-G.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
 Sophia J (Y3), Caitlin K, Heloise C, (Y4) Leilagh K, Alexandra H (Y6).



Dates for Diary - January 2019

Monday 28 January	2.30pm	Rights Respecting Steering Group - Parents welcome
Tuesday 29 January	All day	Year 4 Trip to Aston Hall
Wednesday 30 January	All day	School nurse EYFS-height, weight and hearing checks

Dates for Diary - February 2019

Friday 1 February	All day	Number day-NSPCC non-school uniform day
Sunday 3 February	10.30am	Mass of Commitment
Monday 4 February	1.00pm	HSBC in school

Tuesday 5 February	All day	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 5 February	12.00pm	Year 6 going to Bishop Walsh - 'Sister Act'
Friday 8 February	10.00am	Andrew Mitchell visiting school
Wednesday 13 February	9.00am-10.00am	Year 1 Phonics Workshop - parents invited
Thursday 14 February	4.00pm-6.00pm	Netball matches (Sutton College) vs Mere Green School and St Joseph's
Thursday 14 February	3.20pm to 4.30pm	PTA Spring Disco Non-school uniform day
Friday 15 February	3.20pm	School closes for half-term
Monday 25 February	All day	School closed for Inset day
Tuesday 26 February	8.50am	Return to school
Dates for Diary - March 2019		
Monday 4 March	All week	Book Week
Tuesday 5 March	10.00am	Year 3 First Confession
Thursday 7 March	All day	World Book Day
Thursday 7 March	5.45pm to 7.00pm	Bedtime Stories
Monday 11 March	1.00pm	HSBC in school
Tuesday 12 March	10.00am	Year 3 First Confession
Thursday 14 March	4.20pm-6.20pm	Netball matches (Sutton College) vs Shrubbery and Maney Hill School
Tuesday 19 March	11.45am	Mothers' Day Lunch (children with surnames A-I)
Monday 25 March	All day	Year 5 Trip to Singers Hill Synagogue
Wednesday 20 March	11.45am	Mothers' Day Lunch (children with surnames J-R)
Tuesday 26 March	11.45am	Mothers' Day Lunch (children with surnames S-Z)
Thursday 28 March	All day	School closed for children Sutton By Election
Dates for Diary - April 2019		
Wednesday 3 April	3.30pm to 7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday 4 April	3.30pm to 6.00pm	Parents' Evening

***Other dates available on website**

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

T. Cotter

Miss T Cotter
Principal

