



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

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Funtime Friday

Tonight is Funtime Friday PTA event. I am sure that this will be a great success; as it has been in past years. I hope that everyone an enjoyable evening! Again, a BIG thank you to the PTA for organising this event, not only to raise money for the school but also to give parents and opportunity to meet and socialise together.



We raised £128.21 for the Good Shepherd Appeal and £1253.18 for the Lenten activities. Thank you to all parents and families for your support!



Online Safety Workshop

Thank you to those parents who attended the Online Safety Workshop on Tuesday afternoon. We explored the current issues children are facing in the Online world and what strategies we can put in place to better support our children. The parent feedback was extremely positive- 'It was very informative; learnt a lot that I wasn't aware of'. We will hold another Online Safety Workshop in the summer term and we hope to see more parents attending as it respects our children's right to be safe (Article 19). Please have a look at the following website which gives you updates and tips related to Online Safety- <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2019/sid-tv-2019/sid-tv-2019-your-choice-or-mine-film-parents>

Dates for Diary - May 2019

Monday 13 May	2.30pm	Rights Respecting Steering Group meeting- parents welcome to attend
Sunday 19 May	3.00pm	May Procession at church
Monday 20 May	12.30pm	HSBC in school
Tuesday 21 May	9.00am refreshments 9.15am start	Year 5 Assembly
Tuesday 21 May	6.00pm to 7.00pm	Confirmation information meeting for parents in church
Thursday 23 May	All day	School closed - European Elections - now confirmed

Dates for Diary - June 2019

Monday 3 June	All day	School closed Inset Day
Saturday 8 June	12.00pm	Year 3 Holy Communion
Tuesday 11 June	9.00am refreshments 9.15am start	Year 2 Assembly
Tuesday 11 June	All day	Year 6 trip to St Chad's Cathedral
Wednesday 12 June	11.45am	Fathers' Day Lunch (Children with surnames A-L)

Thursday 13 June	11.45am	Fathers' Day Lunch (Children with surnames M-Z)
Saturday 15 June	12.00pm	Year 3 Holy Communion
Monday 17 June	12.30pm	HSBC in school
Tuesday 18 June	9.00am	Academy Photographers in school class, leavers and EYFS Graduation
Tuesday 18 June	6.00pm	Induction Evening for EYFS class September 2019
Thursday 20 June	8.50am	Corpus Christi Procession
Dates for Diary - July 2019		
Monday 1 July	All day	Year 1 trip to Warwick Castle
Monday 1 July	12.30pm	HSBC in school
Wednesday 3 July	All day	Handover Day
Thursday 4 July	All day	EYFS trip to Twycross Zoo
Thursday 4 July	7.00pm	Year 6 Confirmation
Friday 5 July	7.30pm	Year 6 Leavers' party at Hollyfields Social Club
Tuesday 9 July	All day	Y5 trip to Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre
Tuesday 9 July	All day	Y2 Trip to Weston Super Mare
Friday 12 July	9.15am - 11.45am	Sports Day
Friday 12 July	3.20pm - 5.20pm	Family PTA BBQ
Monday 15 July	12.30pm	HSBC in school
Monday 15 July to Thursday 18 July	All day	Year 5 Bikeability
Tuesday 16 July	6.00pm to 7.00pm	Year 6 Leavers' production
Wednesday 17 July	All day	Year 6 trip to the Safari Park

***Other dates available on website**



Crowning the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass: Year 5 will lead our Mass in school on **Thursday 16 May**. During this Mass we will be crowning the Blessed Virgin Mary; everyone is welcome!

Early Years and KS1

Parents are reminded that if they have any queries regarding any aspect of their child's learning or wish to discuss any incidents at school, they must make an appointment at the office to see the class teacher and not try to discuss it with the TA at the KS1 gate. TAs are on duty to welcome the children into school and pass on any quick messages. It is not appropriate to have any in depth conversations at this time; these types of concerns/queries should be discussed with the class teacher. Thank you for your cooperation.



Health and Safety/Safeguarding

As we are now in the Summer Term, some Y6 (with written parental consent), are walking home from school independently. Parents are asked to ensure that children understand they go straight home via the safest route and to remember that as they are in Holy Cross uniform, they are representing our school in the community. I sent a letter asking parents to only give consent if they are confident that children are ready to have this responsibility and would be confident to deal with any situations they might have to face. Our school is committed to keeping our children safe and therefore reserve the right to refuse permission for pupils to walk home if the situation is deemed unsuitable. I thank you for your support in this important matter.

Letters emailed to parents this week:

Year 2: SATs Information

Please contact the office if you have not received copy



Football Match

Last week, the school football team played their final league match of the season. After taking an early lead, the team ran out as 6-2 winners. The team have played very well throughout the year and we are waiting for the final results to come through to complete the league table. We are proud of each of them.



Mental Health Awareness Week

Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week- to celebrate as a school, all classes will take part in a lesson learning about what Mental Health is and what strategies we can learn to look after our Mental Health. We have attached a leaflet to the newsletter which is produced by the Anna Freud Foundation - 'You're never too young to talk about Mental Health'. Please take some time to read through this and speak to your child about what Mental Health is.



May Procession

The parish May Procession will be held at Holy Cross and Saint Francis Catholic Church on **Sunday 19 May** at 3.00pm. Father Neil would like all First Holy Communion children to attend; everyone is welcome!



School Closed

Polite reminder school is closed on the following days: **Thursday 23 May** - European Elections and **Monday 3 June** - Inset Day. Thank you.



Rights Respecting Meeting- Monday 13 May

Invite to all to our next Rights Respecting meeting- Monday 13 May at 2.30p.m. We would like to invite you to our next Rights Respecting Steering Group. We will be discussing our current journey to achieving the Gold award and planning a themed 'Rights Scavenger Hunt' which will hopefully be held in June. We would love for you to attend to offer any thoughts or opinions or simply listen to what we are currently doing to respect all children's rights.



Holy Communion Practice sessions

If your child is making their Holy Communion on Saturday 8 June there will be a practice session on **Thursday 6 June**. If your child is making their Holy Communion on Saturday 15 June there will be a practice session on **Thursday 13 June**. These will take place during the school day.



Flowers and Ties

Parents are asked for a donation of £3.00 per family towards of the cost of flowers for the church. The deadline for payment is **Tuesday 21 May**. Please send this money into school in a clearly labelled envelope with 'Holy Communion' and your child's name.

Parents of boys are asked for a donation of £5.00 for the red tie, which you will then receive in the week prior to the Mass. Boys, will be given red sashes by staff in the church hall on the day. Please log onto your Parent Pay account to make payment, deadline for payment is **Tuesday 21 May**. Thank you.



Volunteers to Clean Church

As this is such a special occasion the church needs to be pristine on the day. We do appreciate that everybody is very busy, but we ask that as many parents as possible give some of their time to clean the church in preparation for First Holy Communion. The church will be open at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 7 June and Friday 14 June. Father Neil would be very grateful of your support in this important matter.



Choir

A reminder that members of the choir from Years 4-6 are asked to sing at the First Holy Communion Masses (8 and 15 June). We want this to be a special day for all our Y3 children so please support them by ensuring that if your child is in the choir they sing at both or at least one of the Masses (they can wear their own clothes!) It would be very sad if we did not have a strong choir on such an important occasion. I sincerely hope that you will show your support in this important matter.

Fathers' Day Lunches 2019

Wednesday 12 June (Children with surname A-L) and Thursday 13 June (Children with surname M-Z)

We are holding two Fathers' Day Lunch Days where your child can invite one gentleman to lunch!

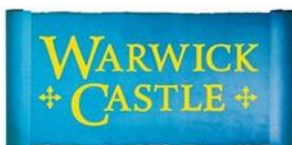
This can be a father, grandfather, uncle or a family friend. A letter has been emailed home to all parents; please contact the school office if you require a copy.

The deadline for ordering and paying for meals is Tuesday 21 May; 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.



Year 6 Trip to St Chad's Cathedral

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 6 on a visit to St Chad's Cathedral on **Tuesday 11 June**. The cost of this trip is £7.00. Please pay via Parent Pay the deadline for payment and to complete and return the proforma is **Tuesday 4 June**. A letter has been sent home to all Year 6 parents. If you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Year 1 visit to Warwick Castle

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 1 on a visit to Warwick Castle on **Monday 1 July 2019**. A voluntary donation of £21.00 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 5 June**. A letter has been sent home with all Year 1 children; if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



EYFS visit to Twycross Zoo

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in EYFS on a visit to Twycross Zoo on **Thursday 4 July 2019**. A voluntary donation of £20.00 is now required to cover the cost of transport, admission and insurance. Payment for this trip is via Parent Pay; deadline for payment is **Thursday 6 June**. A letter has been sent home with all Year 5 children; if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Year 2 visit to Weston Super Mare

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 2 on a visit to Weston Super Mare on **Tuesday 9 July 2019**. A voluntary donation of £23.00 is now required to cover the cost of transport, admission and insurance. Payment for this trip is via Parent Pay; deadline for payment is **Thursday 6 June**. A letter has been sent home with all Year 2 children; if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Year 5 visit to Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 5 on a visit to Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre on **Tuesday 9 July 2019**. A voluntary donation of £18.00 is now required to cover the cost of transport, admission and insurance. Payment for this trip is via Parent Pay; deadline for payment is **Friday 21 June**. A letter has been sent home with all Year 5 children; if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.

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 **Wednesday 17 July 2018**. A voluntary donation of £28.00 is now required to cover the cost of transport, admission and insurance. Payment for this trip is via Parent Pay; deadline for payment is **Friday 28 June**. A letter has been sent home with all Year 6 children; if you require a copy please contact the school office. 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: Year 2 and Year 6 with 100% Well done!

The Punctuality Award for the week: EYFS, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6.

Recommendations



Recommendations: **EYFS:** Marco S, Alannah K **Year 1:** Sofia H, Andrew H **Year 2:** Georgia H, Sophia H
Year 3: Sienna M, Charlie G **Year 4:** Conor McC, Joseph M **Year 5:** Jake M-B, Finbarr McG
Year 6: Daisy C, Malaika W.
Lunchtime Award: Eva H (Y5).



Virtues and Values

This half term we are concentrating on being 'Curious and Active'. 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:** Skye T **Mr Rowlands:** Jessica S **Miss Stewart:** Tabitha S
Miss Stevens: Oskar C **Mrs Hope:** Maggie R **Mr Mayor:** Caitlin L **Miss Cross:** Erin L-F.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
Alfie J (Y3), Liam O'T (Y4), Mailiaka W (Y6).

Have a weekend!
Yours sincerely

Miss T Cotter
Principal

