

Newsletter No 27

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 7 April 2017



We come to the end of another busy term. On Monday and Tuesday Key Stage Two retold the story of Holy week in a very powerful and moving way; they were both very emotionally charged performances. Well done to all the children and staff for working so hard to produce this beautiful dramatization.

Our Stations of the Cross on Wednesday and this morning's Passiontide Service helped us to prepare for the season of Easter. Thank you to all the staff and children for their participation in these services and to Fr Neil for leading our worship and reflection during the term.

Please make every effort to attend the services at Holy Cross during Holy Week and for the greatest festival of all - Easter Sunday. (Times of services have been distributed).



Palm Sunday Mass

A final reminder that Fr Neil is inviting you all to attend Palm Sunday Mass at **10:30am on Sunday 9 April** when there will be re-enacting Christ's entry into Jerusalem. Fr Neil is proposing that all First Holy Communion children take a key role by forming an 'avenue of waving palm branches' for the parish to walk through. I ask that Year 3 families will make especially make every effort to attend.



We thank you all for the support the school has received this term and I thank all the staff for always working so hard and going that extra mile. May you all enjoy a well-deserved and restful Easter break.



Lenten Activities

This year we were raising money for two charities; CAFOD and our own Mini Vinnies. We organised different successful fundraising activities especially the Sponsored Walk and the morning/afternoon teas. As a result, we have raised a fantastic £2256.33! Thank you to all families for showing such generosity; this money will have a huge impact on people's lives, both in our local community and abroad.



Letters emailed to parents this week:

EYFS: Trip to Twycross Zoo



Family Bingo Night

The Bingo Night was a great success; with £190.00 raised! Many thanks to all who helped organise the evening and to all who attended.



Jewellery

Parents are reminded that apart from stud earrings (one stud per ear) and watches, children may not wear jewellery. For safety reasons; any jewellery will be removed. Nail varnish and make up must not be worn. **Children who wear stud earrings will need to remove them on PE /swimming days.** Thank you.



Summer School Uniform

All children are required to wear their summer uniforms as soon as we return after the Easter holidays (hopefully we will be basking in tropical sunshine by then!)

Girls: Green check dress, suitable shoes with **white** socks (not tights) or grey trousers with jade green polo shirt with logo. **Boys:** Jade green polo shirt with logo, grey shorts or grey trousers, grey socks, and sensible dark school shoes - no trainers.

Please note the round neck; green sweatshirt is not part of everyday uniform. This sweatshirt is to be worn only for PE. Thank you.



Mass: Year 3 will lead our Mass on **Thursday 13 April, in School.** All welcome.



Football Match

On Wednesday night, Holy Cross played away against New Hall Primary. It was a tough match and our team played well; showing good communication and a strong team spirit. It ended in a 3-2 win to New Hall, however after complaints about the refereeing of the match; the score is now void and Holy Cross have been awarded the win! A special thank you to all the parents who attended showing their continued support.

We have a match tonight vs Penns Junior School (home); please come along and support!



School Closed

Polite reminder school is closed on the following days: **Monday 1 May** - Bank Holiday, **Thursday 4 May** due to Local Government Elections and **Friday 26 May** - Inset Day. Thank you.



Increase in School Dinner Cost

Citiserve has informed schools that from **1 April 2017** there will be an increase of 10p to the cost of a school dinner. The cost of a meal will now be **£2.25**.

Dinner Money Due

Polite reminder deadline for payment of dinner money is **Wednesday 3 May**, the amount is **£49.50** please pay using ParentPay, please deduct any credit you have from this amount and pay the balance. Any queries please contact the school office. Thank you for your support.



Roblox App

We have been made aware of the below article regarding an App named Roblox where there are concerns it could be used to facilitate targeting children and young people.

<http://www.plymouthherald.co.uk/parents-warned-about-dangerous-online-game-roblox-that-children-are-obsessed-with/story-30113017-detail/story.html#drzqe0F242Fdu4ty.99>

Roblox, which markets itself as the number one gaming site for kids and teens, invites children to "create adventures, play games, role play and learn with their friends in a family-friendly, immersive 3D environment." It hosts a chat facility on the site which means strangers can message directly and chat - with no way to screen contacts or block messages. Whilst under 13s who register for the site can only chat to their approved friends list, there is no verification of date of birth when making an account and youngsters can easily gain access to the full chat facility.



Year Two SATs Workshops

Thank you to all parents who attend the workshop. I hope you found it useful.



Rotary Award - Visit to Lee Garden Restaurant

On **Tuesday**, as part of their preparation towards the Rotary Award, Mrs Jupp took eleven Year 6 children to Lee Garden Restaurant. The children were great ambassadors to the school; their manners were impeccable and behaviour was fantastic. Well done!



Father Hudson's Society Good Shepherd Appeal

Please return the boxes for the above no later than **Wednesday 26 April**. Thank you for your generosity.



Bag 2 School - Bags have been sent home with children.

Bags 2 School is a company that specialises in good quality second hand clothing that can be re-used and we have arranged to make a collection from this school. All bags are weighed and we will be paid by the total weight collected. Remember the more you collect the bigger benefit to our School! They will collect the following items for RE-USE: adults and children's clothing, bedding, soft toys, paired shoes, hats, belts and handbags. **NO BRIC-A-BRAC PLEASE. Extra bags welcome - there is no limit.** If you need spare bags please come to the school office. Bags will be collected on **Thursday 27 April by 9.00am**. Please only drop off bags on that morning as the school cannot store overnight. Thank you for your support!

FRIDAY FUN TIME!

Funtime Friday at the Boathouse Restaurant

Holy Cross PTA presents: Funtime Friday (adults only) at the Boathouse Restaurant on **Friday 12 May 2017**. Please see attached flyer for further details.



Year 1 Trip to Warwick Castle

On **Tuesday 13 June 2017** Year 1 is going on a trip to Warwick Castle. This is in relation to their topic of 'Kings and Queens'. A voluntary donation of **£20.00** is now required to cover the cost of transport, venue, and insurance. Please login to your Parent Pay account and select this trip; deadline for payment is **Friday 5 May**. A letter was emailed to parents on Wednesday 22 March; if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Year 3 Trip to Chedworth Roman Villa

On **Tuesday 11 July** Year 3 is going on a trip to Chedworth Roman Villa/National Trust, Yanworth, near Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. This is in relation to their topic of 'Romans'. A voluntary donation of **£20.00** is now required to cover the cost of transport, venue, and insurance. Please login to your Parent Pay account and select this trip; deadline for payment is **Friday 5 May**. A letter was emailed to parents on Wednesday 22 March; if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Music Lessons

Music Invoices were sent home with children on Monday; the deadline for payment is **Friday 5 May**. Please log into your Parentpay account to make payment. The amount owing is the amount highlighted in yellow on your invoice. If you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



EYFS Trip to Twycross Zoo

On **Friday 9 June**, EYFS is going on a trip to Twycross Zoo. A voluntary donation of **£16.00** is now required to cover the cost of transport, admission and insurance. Payment for this trip is via Parent Pay. Please login to your Parent Pay account and select this trip; deadline for payment is **Thursday 25 May**. A letter was emailed to parents' on Wednesday; if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Attendance - Our school strives for 100% attendance.

Did you know...? 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 99.23 Well done!

The Punctuality Award for the week: There were no lates this week Well Done Everyone!



Recommendations: EYFS: Tabitha S, Caitlin McG **Year 1:** Maria J **Year 2:** Joseph K, Lola F **Year 3:** Christie W, Eloise H **Year 4:** James D, Charlotte L **Year 5:** Uday P, Jack H **Year 6:** Pierce B

Lunchtime Award: Fraser C (Year 3)

Class of the week: Year 6



Virtues and Values

As you know the Archdiocese of Birmingham has introduced a focus on Gospel 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:** Elijah CG, Bethany McK **Miss Stevens:** Francesca L (Year 3) **Mr Mayor:** Mia B **Miss Lovelock and Miss Crowley:** Eva H (Year 3), Scarlett T (Year 3), Francesca L (Year 3), Sam K (Year 5) **Mr Rowlands:** Lilliemae G **Miss Cross:** Rotary Children.



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

Eliza H, Caitlin McG (EYFS), Henry H (Y1), Maggie R, Calum McC, Connor McC, Kieron McC (Y2), Cilian K (Y4), Jack McK (Y5), Millie McC, Annie D (Y6).

Dates for your diary - April 2017

Monday 24 April	8.50am	School reopens for Summer term (summer uniform please)
Thursday 27 April	by 9.00am	Bags2School

Dates for your diary - May 2017

Monday 1 May	All Day	School closed-Bank Holiday
Thursday 4 May	All Day	School closed all day - Local Government Elections
Friday 5 May	3.30pm	Football match vs Moor Hall (home)
Monday 8 May	All Week	Year 6 SATs
Friday 12 May (Change of date)	7pm	Fun Time Friday (Adults only) - At The Boathouse
Friday 19 May	2.00pm-4.30pm	BCSSA Tag Rugby Competition

Wednesday 24 May	All Day	Speight of the Art-Ballet in school
Thursday 25 May	All Day	Year 6 Trip to Ghamkol Sharif Mosque
Friday 26 May	All Day	Inset Day-School closed to children
Dates for your diary - June 2017		
Saturday 10 June	12pm	First Holy Communion
Tuesday 13 June	All Day	Year 1 Trip to Warwick Castle
Wednesday 14 June	7.30pm-8.30pm	PTA Meeting
Saturday 17 June	12pm	First Holy Communion
Tuesday 20 June to Friday 23 June	All Day	Year 5 Bikebility
Tuesday 20 June	All Day	Academy Photographers-classes, leavers & graduations
Wednesday 21 June	1.30pm-3.00pm	Life Talk Year 6
Thursday 22 June	8.50am	Mass/Corpus Christie Procession
Tuesday 27 June	9.00am refreshments 9.15am start	EYFS Assembly
Dates for your diary - July 2017		
Monday 3 July to Thursday 6 July	All Day	Year 5 Bikebility
Wednesday 5 July	All Day	Transition Day
Friday 7 July	1.30pm-5.30pm	Sports Day followed by Summer Fayre
Saturday 8 July	All Day	Sutton Coldfield Games
Sunday 9 July	All Day	Sutton Coldfield Games
Tuesday 11 July	All Day	Year 3 Trip to Chedworth Roman Villa
Thursday 13 July	6.00pm-7.00pm	Year 6 Leavers' Production
Thursday 20 July	3.20pm-4.30pm	PTA Disco-Non school uniform day
Friday 21 July	3.20pm	Break up for summer!

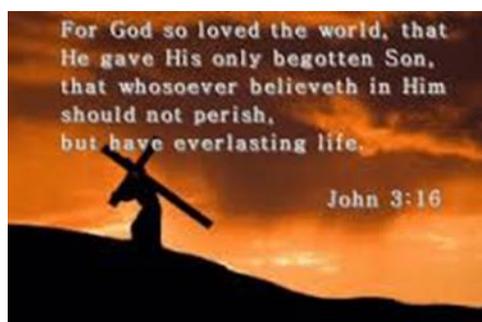
****Other dates available on website***

Have a lovely Easter break!

Yours sincerely

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Miss T Cotter
Principal



The children, staff, Academy Committee and Board of Directors wish you a joyful Easter.