



**Newsletter No 31**

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 19 May 2017

## OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY

The weather was very kind to us yesterday for our Outdoor Classroom day. The children enjoyed a variety of learning activities from across the curriculum; some of which you can see on our Twitter page.

KS1 completed their Secret Agent Training Service challenges (SATs!) this week - we are very proud of all them for working so hard during the week.

On Monday morning we are welcoming Bishop Robert Byrne who is visiting the school. We will be welcoming him again in September as part of our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations.



### Parent Academy Representative

Thank you to all those parents who voted in the recent election. I am also very grateful to both Ruth Reilly and Karen McGuigan who were prepared to give the time to support the school in such a key role. Karen McGuigan was elected and on behalf of the school, I welcome Karen as our new Academy Committee Representative.



*Please remember that the children break up for half term on **Thursday 25 May** (Friday 26 is an INSET Day).*



**Mass:** Year 5 will lead our Mass on Thursday 25 May in school. All welcome.



### Letters emailed to parents this week:

**Year 6:** Boy in the Striped Pyjamas

*Please contact office if you have not received copy*

### Funtime Friday

## Fun Time Friday

This event was a huge success! Everyone had a fantastic time and the PTA raised an amazing **£2,125.00!** A big thank you to all the PTA members for organising this and a big thank you to all of you who attended and helped raise this fantastic amount of money!



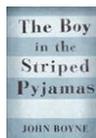
### Year 1 Assembly

Well done to all in Year 1 for their very informative and very amusing assembly about Kings and Queens. I was sorry I missed Tuesday's performance but enjoyed a special showing this afternoon! It was lovely that so many family members were there to enjoy it. I think someone is after my job!



### Year 1 Phonics Workshop

Thank you to parents for coming to our Year 1 workshop; I hope that you found it useful!



### The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas

On Monday 22 May Year 6 will be watching The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas. Year 6 Literacy and Topic work currently relates to World War Two and their purpose for viewing this movie is to look at the similarities and contrasts that students can draw between the movie and the text. This film has already been viewed by Miss Cross to check for any unsuitable content. 'The boy in the Stripped Pyjamas' contains no adult language or direct violence, but does contain scenes relating to the Holocaust. If you *do not* wish your child to watch this film; or have any concerns please contact the school office before 9.30am Monday morning. Thank you.



### Creative Arts Evening

On **Thursday 22 June at 6.00pm** there will be a Creative Arts Evening at Holy Cross School. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our children's talents with our whole school community! There will a range of performances that will include: playing an instrument, being in a band, singing, dance, gymnastics, reciting poetry and much more! If you child has been given a letter I would be grateful if you would complete and return it to the school office by **Monday 22 May**. Please make sure information is legible.



HSBC

### HSBC Bank

A member of the HSBC Bank will visit our school on **Monday 22 March**. We try to encourage our KS2 children to open and be responsible for their own bank account and manage their money.



### Holy Communion Practice sessions

On **Tuesday 23 May and Tuesday 6 June** all Year 3 children will walk from school to attend a practice session at Holy Cross Church. The children will the need to be collected from the Church at **3.00pm** on both of these days. Any children who are in Kids' Club on those days will we walked back to school to attend Kids' Club.



### Zumba Club - EYFS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3

Letters were sent home on Wednesday with children for after school Zumba. If your child would like to join this club please complete and return form with payment no later than **Wednesday 24 May 2017**. Please note that for organisational purposes, **no late orders after this date will be accepted**. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Tennis Club - Years 1 and 2



Letters were sent home on Thursday with children for after school Tennis. If your child would like to join this club please complete and return form with payment no later than **Wednesday 24 May 2017**. Please note that for organisational purposes, **no late orders after this date will be accepted**. Thank you for your cooperation.



## Year 6 Trip to Ghamkol Sharif Mosque

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 6 on a visit to the Ghamkol Sharif Mosque in Small Heath and Islamic Exhibition Centre on **Thursday 25 May**. A small voluntary contribution of **£2.50** is now required to cover the cost of the donations to both the Mosque and the Exhibition Centre. **Due to the small amount please send payment in cash or cheque made payable to 'John Paul II Multi Academy' by Monday 23 May. In an envelope marked 'Mosque Visit'**. A letter has been emailed home if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.

## Happy 50th Birthday

### Holy Cross is 50!

50th Birthday Celebrations- In September, 2017, we will start celebrating Holy Cross' 50th Birthday! In preparation for the celebrations, we need your help! We are collecting photos from over the 50 years- so if you attended Holy Cross or know anybody that did, then please send in any photos of your time at Holy Cross to- [enquiry@holycross-sch.net](mailto:enquiry@holycross-sch.net), with the subject- 'Holy Cross 50th Birthday Celebrations'.

We are also looking to collect memories, so again if you or know anybody that did attend Holy Cross, then please get in contact via the school office or enquiry e-mail address and Miss Crowley will be in touch to ask you some questions.

50th Birthday Logo Competition- A competition in preparation for our 50th Birthday Celebrations was sent home with children on Wednesday. The deadline is **Thursday 25 May 2017**.



### 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 if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



### Fathers' Day Lunches - Wednesday 14 June and Thursday 15 June

These lunch days will be held on Wednesday 14 June (children with surname A-L) and Thursday 15 June (children with surname M-Z). Dads, grandfathers, uncles or a male family friend need to arrive at **11.45am** and will enter through Key Stage 1 gate. We are really excited and looking forward to visitors coming to our school and enjoying a meal with the children; this has become a very popular event in our calendar. A letter has been sent home with children. Please contact the school office if you need another copy.

If you wish to join us please complete and return the reply slip together with the **correct money by Wednesday 24 May**. In a sealed envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and 'Fathers' Day Lunch.' Alternatively please post your order in the white post box in reception by school office. This is open from 7.00am to 6.00pm. **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**. Thank you for your support; we hope to see many of you on these days.



### Year 2 Trip to Weston-Super-Mare

On **Monday 10 July**, Year 2 is going on a trip to Weston-Super-Mare. A voluntary donation of **£22.00** 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 **Tuesday 6 June**. A letter was emailed to parents if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



### Den Day - Early Years

On **Friday 16 June** EYFS will be taking part in 'Save the Children Den Day' (more details to follow). In preparation they are asking for donations of boxes (the bigger the better!) Please send these to school with your child. This will be a great day for the children and for a worthwhile charity. Thank you.



### Year 6 Trip to West Midlands Safari Park

On **Tuesday 18 July 2017** Year 6 is going on a trip to West Midlands Safari Park. A voluntary donation of **£26.00** 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 **Wednesday 28 June**.

A letter was emailed to parents on Thursday 26 April; if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



### School Attendance Matters

**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 5 with 100% Well done!

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



**Recommendations: EYFS:** Florence H, Patrick M, Georgia H **Year 1:** Whole Class **Year 2:** Whole Class **Year 3:** Mollie-Mae H, Thomas B, Finbarr McG **Year 4:** Ava A, Ben B **Year 5:** Frances C, Luke S **Year 6:** Natalie S, Milly B, Ethan L (Y4).

**Lunchtime Award:** Erin P.

**Class of the week:** Year 2.

**Sports Award:** Joshua W (Y3).





### 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 '**Compassionate and Loving**'. 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:** Ronan L **Miss Stevens:** Sienna M **Mr Hunt:** Whole Class  
**Mr Mayor:** Eliza S **Miss Lovelock and Miss Crowley:** Alicia I (Y3), Frankie J (Y2) **Mr Rowlands:** William H  
**Miss Cross:** Jessica T, Jessica P.



**Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:**  
 Patrick M (EYFS), Tommy M (Y1), Sian J (Y3).

Dates for your diary - May 2017		
Monday 22 May	9.30am	Bishop Byrne visiting School
Monday 22 May	12.00pm	HSBC in school
Tuesday 23 May	1.30pm-3.00pm	Practice session for Y3 First Holy Communion
Wednesday 24 May	12.00pm	Class of the half term award dinner for Year 6
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
Sunday 28 May	5.00pm	May Procession at Holy Cross Church
Dates for your diary - June 2017		
Monday 5 June	8.50am	Return to school
Tuesday 6 June	1.30pm-3.00pm	Practice session for Y3 First Holy Communion
Wednesday 7 June	4.00pm-6.00pm	Sutton School Year 6 Boys' Football Festival
Thursday 8 June	All Day	School closed to children- General Elections
Saturday 10 June	12.00pm	First Holy Communion
Monday 12 June	12.00pm	HSBC in school
Tuesday 13 June	All Day	Year 1 Trip to Warwick Castle
Wednesday 14 June	11.45am-1.30pm	Fathers' Day Lunch children with surnames A-L
Wednesday 14 June	7.30pm-8.30pm	PTA Meeting
Thursday 15 June	11.45am-1.30pm	Fathers' Day Lunch children with surnames M-Z
Friday 16 June	All Day	Early Years - Den Day in aid of Save the Children
Saturday 17 June	12.00pm	First Holy Communion

Tuesday 20 June to Friday 23 June	All Day	Year 5 Bikeability
Tuesday 20 June	All Day	Academy Photographers-classes, leavers & graduations
Wednesday 21 June	6.00pm	Induction Evening for EYFS starters September 2017
Thursday 22 June	8.50am	Mass/Corpus Christie Procession
Thursday 22 June	6.00pm	Creative Arts Evening
Monday 26 June	12.00pm	HSBC in school
Tuesday 27 June	9.00am refreshments 9.15am start	EYFS Assembly
Wednesday 28 June	11.30am-3.30pm	Final for Maths Challenge-King Edwards Boys' School
<b>Dates for your diary - July 2017</b>		
Monday 3 July to Thursday 6 July	All Day	Year 5 Bikeability
Wednesday 5 July	All Day	Transition Day. Year 6 to Secondary schools. new EYFS parents to attend teddy bear picnic
Friday 7 July	All Day	Sports Day followed by Summer Fayre
Saturday 8 July	All Day	Sutton Coldfield Games
Sunday 9 July	All Day	Sutton Coldfield Games
Monday 10 July	12.00pm	HSBC in school
Monday 10 July	All Day	Year 2 Trip to Weston-Super-Mare
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 weekend!

Yours sincerely

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