

Newsletter No 36

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 30 June 2017



It has been another busy week. We enjoyed Early Years' fabulous assembly on Tuesday and Years Four and Five enjoyed visits to Bishop Walsh. Year Four took part in a Performing Arts Day and Year Five in a Science afternoon. These were fantastic opportunities to show collaboration within our Academy.

On Wednesday, four Year Four children: Ava, Charlotte, Imogen and Sam, took part in the final of the King Edwards Maths Challenge. Ninety teams originally took part and we came fifth which is an amazing achievement. Well done to all the team and to Mrs Howes for preparing them so well.



It's a Boy!

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Haywood on the safe arrival of Connor Bryan who arrived safely on Sunday 25 June weighing 6lb 14oz. Mother and baby are doing well and we are looking forward to meeting Connor very soon.



Mass: Year 6 will lead our Mass in *Church* on **Thursday 6 July**. All welcome!

Letters emailed to parents this week:

Whole School: Consultation on MAC Expansion



Please contact office if you have not received copy



EYFS Assembly

A big thank you and well done to all the EYFS children who were superstars! All the children learnt their lines and sang beautifully. We are all very proud of them.



Handover Day Wednesday 5 July

On Wednesday, our Year 6 children will visit their new Secondary schools and the rest of the school will spend the day with their new teachers. We also welcome our new Early Years children into school for a Teddy Bears' Picnic. I cannot believe we have reached that this time of year again!

Summer Fayre

The PTA have requested the following:



Bring in bottle of wine in a bottle bag

On **Friday 7 July** the PTA have requested that the children bring in a bottle of wine (one per family) in a gift bag for our Summer Fayre. Children are required to wear **full school uniform**

Thank you for all your support towards making our Summer Fayre and BBQ a great success! Let's hope for good weather. Thank you.



Sports Day Friday 7 July

Sports Day will be on Friday 7 July starting at **1.30pm** this is a lovely afternoon. Please come along to support our children.

At the end of the school day:

EYFS and KS1 children will be dismissed from the KS1 gate.

KS2 children will be dismissed in the KS2 playground.

All children must be collected at the end of the day in line with our safeguarding procedures.



Summer Family BBQ Friday 7 July 3.20pm to 5.20pm

This will be a fantastic family event to celebrate the end of term and start of Summer.

There will be a licensed bar available!

So please leave your car at home, bring your picnic rug, relax and have some fun!

Polite reminder

Parents are reminded that this is an after school event and therefore, children are the responsibility of their parents. Staff who are attending the BBQ are there to support and help at the event and not to supervise children.

In order to keep this a happy and safe family occasion, no alcohol may be brought onto the school site/grounds and any alcohol won in a raffle or wine/water stall must remain unopened. There will be a licensed bar at this event and only alcohol purchased at the bar may be consumed. Thank you for your cooperation in both these matters.

Holy Cross Pre-School



Holy Cross Pre-School will be having their Open Day on **Saturday 8 July**, from 10.00am to 2.00pm. There will be lots of games and activities and a bouncy castle. All welcome; please come along!



Photographs

Class photos and graduation photos were sent home with children this week. If you would like to place an order please return to the school office no later than **Monday 10 July**. Thank you.



Bishop Walsh Information Evening

Parents of pupils in Year 5 are invited to an 'Information Evening' at Bishop Walsh on **Monday 10 July**. Start time is 7.00pm (refreshments from 6.30pm). A flyer has been sent home with all Year 5 children. Thank you.



Early Years Graduation

Our Early Years children will be celebrating their Graduation on **Friday 21 July at 2.00pm**. Parents are invited to join in this fantastic celebration!



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, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.

Recommendations

Recommendations: EYFS: James W, Caitlin McG **Year 1:** Sophia J, Oskar C **Year 2:** Niamh C, Eden H **Year 3:** Eva H, Alicia H, Finbarr McG **Year 4:** Charlotte L, Nathan G, Whole class **Year 5:** Jack R, Charlie S Whole class **Year 6:** Charlie H, Luke L.



Lunchtime Award: Thomas B (Y3).

Class of the Week: Year 3.

Sports Award: Connor McC (Y2), Jak McS, Jack B (Y1).



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 '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: **Miss Stewart:** Molly F **Miss Stevens:** Annie E **Mr Hunt:** Whole class
Mr Mayor: Darcy W **Miss Lovelock and Mrs Howes:** Niamh P, Nhea R (Y6) **Mr Rowlands:** Ben B, Leilagh K (Y4)
Miss Cross: Jacob D, Emily E.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
 Daniel K (EYFS), Salvio J (Y1), Olivia F (Y3), Niamh S, Charlie S (Y5), Emily E (Y6).

Dates for your diary - July 2017		
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	1.30pm-3.20pm	Sports Day
Friday 7 July	3.20pm-5.30pm	Summer Fayre and Family BBQ
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
Monday 10 July	7.00pm	Year 5 Information Evening at Bishop Walsh
Tuesday 11 July	All Day	Year 3 Trip to Chedworth Roman Villa
Thursday 13 July	6.00pm-7.00pm	Year 6 Leavers' Production 'An Inspector Calls'
Friday 14 July		Year 6 Leavers' Party at Hollyfields Club - Erdington

Thursday 20 July	3.20pm-4.30pm	PTA Disco-Non school uniform day
Friday 21 July	2.00pm-3.20pm	EYFS Graduation in hall - all welcome
Friday 21 July	3.20pm	Break up for summer!
Dates for your diary - September 2017		
Tuesday 5 September	8.50am	Return to school-wearing summer uniform

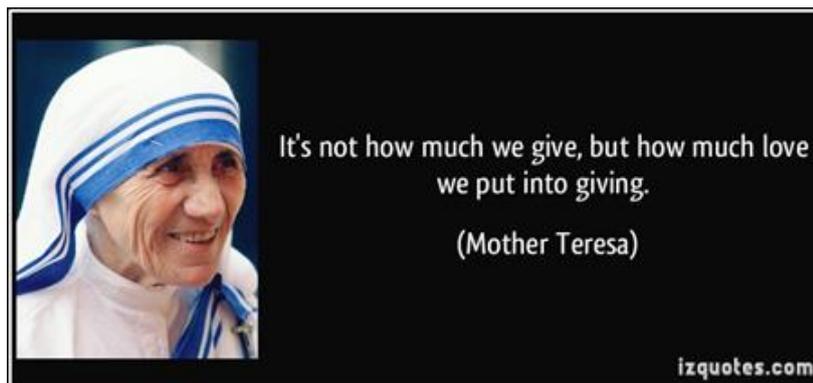
**Other dates available on website*

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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