



Newsletter No 19

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 2 February 2018



Please pray for all our Year 6 children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation from the Archbishop next Thursday.



Mass: Confirmation for our Year 6 children will take place on **Thursday 8 February**; there will be no Mass in school on this day.



Confirmation

- Children and sponsors must arrive by **6.30pm** and go straight to the Church hall where staff will be waiting. Parents to make their own way into Church.

If you wish your child to have a photograph the photographer will be available from **5.30pm to 6.15pm** in the Church hall.



Homework Consultation - Monday 29 January

Thanks you to those of you who attended on Monday or submitted your views by note or email. It was a very interesting and lively discussion and the group who attended reflected different views and concerns. Our revised guidance is based on educational research and a request from parents for clearer guidance and consistency. Once we have completed the documents including the suggestions made on Monday, we will email it to all parents for your views.

Be Saints!

Saint Speed Sharing - Year 6

Thank you to all the parents who attended last night. We hope you enjoyed this informative and fun event. Thank you for all the positive feedback and comments.



Swimming Gala

Good luck to Eden H, Daniel S (Y3) Emma McK, Orlaith G, Olivia W, Fraser C, Finbarr McG (Y4), James D, Ben B, Sam W, Alex H, Leilagh K, Erin L-F, Erin P (Y5) Luke S, Regine W, James R (Y6)

who will be competing in the Sutton Swimming Gala on Saturday afternoon.

Children are required to wear their PE kit to the swimming gala



Toiletries Tuesday

The Mini Vinnies are supporting the local food bank by organising a collection of toiletries as there is a great demand. They are asking for every child to bring in an item e.g. toothpaste, toothbrush shampoo, soap, deodorant, shower gel etc. on **Tuesday 6 February** so that they can be taken to the food bank and support the wonderful work they do in helping our local families in need. Thank you for your support.

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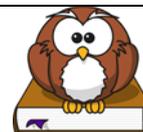
School Nurse

Our school nurse is Liz Rouse and she is available to speak to or advise parents on any concerns you might have regarding the health of your child. In line with our Attendance Policy, where attendance is consistently below 90% referrals are made to the School Nurse to support families improve their child's attendance. If you wish to contact the school nurse with any concerns, please ring **(0121) 465-5457**. She is here to help; please make use of this excellent service.



Bedtime Stories Thursday 1 March

Come along and enjoy hot chocolate, cookies and stories. All children will be given a flyer to bring home on Monday. Please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you.



Flowers for Church

Parents of Year 6 children are asked to contribute **£2.00** by **Monday 5 February** please send in a sealed envelope marked with your child's name and 'Confirmation Flowers.' Thank you.

Confirmation



Confirmation - Cleaning Church on Tuesday 6 February -6.30pm

Year 6 parents, who would be prepared to help clean the Church in preparation for their child's Confirmation are asked to please give their contact details to the school office. Thank you for cooperation.



Confirmation - Serving Refreshments Thursday 8 February

Volunteers are needed to help serve refreshments to parents and families after the Confirmation Mass. If you can spare some time please give your details to the school office or talk to a PTA member. Your help will be much appreciated - thank you.

Mathematics Workshop Year 1 to Year 6

In response to parental feedback from both Inspire workshops and at Parents' evening, we will be holding a Mathematics workshop to discuss how we teach Maths at Holy Cross Catholic Primary School. We would like to invite you to attend the afternoon workshop to explore the teaching of mathematics and understand the strategies and approaches we use. The workshop will take place on **Monday 5 February 2018 at 2.15pm until 3.15pm. One member from each family can attend.** Thank you. I hope that you will be able to join us for this event.





Year 6 Trip to Ghamkol Sharif Mosque

Year 6 is going on a visit to the Ghamkol Sharif Mosque in Small Heath and Islamic Exhibition Centre on **Monday 5 February**. This is to support the RE Curriculum and to promote good citizenship and community cohesion. The visit includes a tour of the mosque and provides the children with the opportunity to learn more about the Muslim faith.



Safety Internet Day

Safer Internet Day- On **Tuesday 6 February** Safer Internet Day we will be celebrated nationally. To support us in teaching your child about how to be safe online please follow the link to the school website where we have added new videos about online safety <http://www.holycross-sch.net/page/default.asp?pid=77> Please see attached two Online Safety Guides that have been distributed by the Police, copies of these guides are available from the school office. Thank you for your continued support.



School Photographs

School group/team photos have been sent home with children. Please return your orders to school office no later than **9.00am Wednesday 7 February**. Thank you.



PTA Meeting

There will be a PTA meeting on **Wednesday 7 February at 7.30pm** in school. We would love to welcome new members; please come along and find out more details. The more the merrier!



Police Workshops

On **Friday 9 February** and during the week beginning **Monday 12 February** we will have Police officers in the school delivering workshops for our children. Their aim is to intervene at the earliest opportunity and prevent crime and prepare children to be responsible citizens of our local community whilst respecting their right to be safe (Article 19). Please see what workshops your child will be attending:

- Road Safety Awareness- Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6
- Child exploitation and online protection - Y4/Y5/Y6
- Knife crime awareness/Weapon awareness- Y6
- Child Sexual Exploitation- Y5/Y6
- Anti-Social Behaviour- Y4/Y5/Y6
- Stranger Danger- EY/Y1/Y2/Y3

We will be tweeting about the workshops so please do check twitter to allow for follow up conversations to be had at home. If you have any questions about the workshops, then please contact the school office. Thank you.



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Year 6 Trip to Birmingham Back to Back Houses

On **Tuesday 27 February** Year 6 is going on a trip to the Birmingham Back to Back Houses. This is in relation to their topic of 'World War Two'. A voluntary donation of **£8.00** is now required to cover the cost of transport, workshops at venue, tour and insurance. Please login to your Parent Pay account and select this trip; deadline for payment is **Monday 12 February**. If you require a copy of the letter that was emailed home please contact the school office. Thank you.



Mothers' Day Lunches - Wednesday 7 March and Tuesday 13 March

These lunch days will be held on Wednesday 7 March (children with surname A-K) and Tuesday 13 March (children with surname L-Z). Mothers, grandmothers, aunts or a female 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 and we know the children are just as excited. A letter has been sent home with children. Please contact the school office if you need another copy.

A letter with order form has been sent home with children; (please contact the school office if you have not received a copy). To make a payment please log into your Parent Pay account and select 'Mothers' Day Lunch'. In addition to payment we require a complete order form. The deadline for the order form and payment is **Thursday 15 February**. **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.



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 3 with 98.52% Well done!



The Punctuality Award for the week: EYFS, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6!

Recommendations

Recommendations: EYFS: Cian P, Ben M, Ruby H **Year 1:** Addison H-G, Florence H **Year 2:** Christopher K, Alex E **Year 3:** Liam O'T, Megan P **Year 4:** Finbarr McG, Eva H **Year 5:** Alex H, Harrison S **Year 6:** Sam K, Regine W.



Class of the Week: Year 2.

Lunchtime Award: Isabel W (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: **Miss Stewart:** Zac L **Miss Stevens:** Kaya G **Mr Hunt:** Charlie G
Mr Mayor: Joseph M, Joseph K **Miss Lovelock/Miss Crowley:** Eliza S **Mr Rowlands:** Charlotte L
Miss Cross: Alan J.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:

Jack M (EYFS), Olivia A, Niamh C (Y3), Thomas S (Y5).

Dates for Diary - February 2018

Friday 2 February	All day	School nurse to carry our eye test for EYFS class
Friday 2 February	3.20pm-4.20pm	Football training starts
Saturday 3 February	2.00pm-5.00pm	Sutton Schools swimming gala
Monday 5 February	All day	Year 6 trip to Ghamkol Sharif Mosque
Monday 5 February	2.15pm-3.15pm	Mathematics Workshop
Tuesday 6 February	All day	Year 4 visit to Nishkam School
Tuesday 6 February	12.30pm-3.20pm	Year 5 at Bishop Walsh watching production 'Addams Family'
Monday 5 February	2.20pm-3.00pm	Confirmation rehearsal in Church

Tuesday 6 February	2.00pm-3.00pm	Confirmation rehearsal in Church
Wednesday 7 February	7.30pm	PTA meeting
Thursday 8 February		No school Mass
Thursday 8 February	7.00pm	Year 6 Confirmation at Church
Friday 9 February	All day	Police workshops in school
Monday 12 February to Friday 16 February	All week	Police workshops in school
Monday 12 February	12.00pm-1.00pm	HSBC in school
Tuesday 13 February	Refreshments at 9.00am starts at 9.15am	Year 1 class assembly
Wednesday 14 February	9.00am	Ash Wednesday - Mass at Church
Thursday 15 February		No school Mass
Friday 16 February	3.20pm	Break up for half-term
Monday 26 February	All day	Inset day-school closed to children
Tuesday 27 February	8.50am	Return to school
Tuesday 27 February	All day	Year 6 Trip to Birmingham Back to Back Houses
Dates for Diary - March 2018		
Thursday 1 March	9.00am	Thanksgiving Mass at Church
Thursday 1 March	All day	St David's Day-wear daffodils
Thursday 1 March	5.45pm-7.00pm	PTA Bedtime story
Friday 2 March	All ay	World Book Day-child to dress up as a book character
Monday 5 March	12.00pm-1.00pm	HSBC in school
Tuesday 6 March	Tbc	First Confessions in Church
Wednesday 7 March	11.45am-1.00pm	Mothers' Day lunch children with surname (A-K)
Thursday 8 March	Tbc	First Confessions in Church
Tuesday 13 March	11.45am-1.00pm	Mothers' Day lunch children with surname (L-Z)
Monday 19 March	12.00pm-1.00pm	HSBC in school
Wednesday 21 March	3.30pm-7.00pm	Parents' Consultation Evening
Thursday 22 March	3.30pm-6.00pm	Parents' Consultation Evening
Friday 23 March	6.45pm-9.00pm	PTA Family Bingo
Saturday 24 March	6.00pm-9.00pm	Catholic Swimming Gala
Monday 26 March	Refreshments at 9.00am starts at 9.15am	Stations of the Cross Service-parents invited
Wednesday 28 March	9.15am	KS2 Passion Play-parents invited
Thursday 29 March	9.15am	Maundy Prayer Service-parents invited
Thursday 29 March	3.20pm	Break up for Easter
Dates for Diary - April 2018		
Monday 16 April	8.50am	Return to school
Wednesday 18 April	All day	NSPCC workshops

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

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

T Cotter

Miss T Cotter
Principal



Prayer for the Help of the Holy Spirit

O God, send forth your Holy Spirit into my heart that I may perceive, into my mind that I may remember, and into my soul that I may meditate.

Inspire me to speak with piety, holiness, tenderness and mercy.

Teach, guide and direct my thoughts and senses from beginning to end.

May your grace ever help and correct me, and may I be strengthened now with wisdom from on high, for the sake of your infinite mercy. Amen.

Saint Anthony of Padua



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