

## Newsletter No 21

Dear Parents/Person with Parental Responsibility

Friday 12 February 2021

Happy Valentines' Day to you all! We have certainly been feeling the love at Holy Cross this week! Thank you to all those who entered our Valentine 'Virtual Bake Off' - we have had over 60 entries; all of whom will receive a little thank you in the post!



### Congratulations to the winners:

Two family entries - Lola, Molly and Sophia and to Niamh and Charlie and also to individual entries from Kaya and Leylah.

We have been so impressed by the standard and creativity of the contributions - move over Mary Berry; Holy Cross bakers are here!



### Lent

We hope that everyone has now received their purple envelopes through the post - don't open them until Wednesday! We will also be sending you a link for daily liturgies for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday so families can pray together as we start our journey of Lent. Information will soon be sent out about our chosen charities and fundraising activities for this year.

### World Book Day - 4 March

A heads up that whether at home or at school, we would like all children to dress up as their favourite book character on World Book Day. Get your thinking caps on!

Finally, school closes today for all pupils and staff; everyone needs a well-deserved break. This has been a challenging half term and I think we all need some time to recharge our batteries and relax. There will be no work set for this period; remote learning will resume on Monday 22 February.

*Finally, I hope you all enjoy the half term break - school reopens on Monday 22 February.*

Dates for Diary - February 2021		
Friday 12 February	Zoom PTA Family Quiz Night	cancelled
Friday 12 February	Break up for half term - school closed for all pupils	
Monday 22 February	School reopens for vulnerable children/critical workers	
Dates for Diary - March 2021		
Thursday 4 March	World Book Day	All Day
Thursday 11 March	PTA Meeting	6.30pm
Friday 26 March	PTA Virtual Bingo Night	6.30pm
Dates for Diary - May 2021		
Thursday 6 May	School Closed All Day - Remote learning for all pupils	Local Elections WMCAM & PCC

### Dates for Diary - June 2021

Monday 7 June	School Closed All Day	Inset Day
Tuesday 8 June	All Day	Academy Photographers class groups, graduation & leavers



PTA Zoom Quiz Night - Tonight



**Recommendations:** EYFS: Ellie-May L, Malachy K Year 1: Niall O'H, Josh W Year 2: Marco S, Samuel J Year 3: Jessica S, Charlie C Year 4: Jessie F, Jimmy W Year 5: Daniel B, Salvio J Year 6: Maggie R, Flynn B.

### Virtues and Values

This half term we are concentrating on being 'Grateful and Generous'. 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:** James H **Mr Rowlands:** Abigail W **Miss Cross:** Ava M **Miss Stevens:** Emileen W **Miss Nash:** Tresa B **Mr Mayor:** Daniel W **Mrs Hope:** Lily H.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Jessica S (EYFS), Joseph S-K, Sebastian B (Y1), Marco S, Louis McL (Y2), Rona L (Y4), Flynn B, Eden H (Y6).

Have a lovely weekend and half term - keep safe.

Yours sincerely

Miss T Cotter  
Principal

### A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,  
During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.  
Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.  
Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity.  
Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.  
May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.  
Amen.

