



Holy Cross
Catholic Primary School

We share in Christ's life so He can guide our thoughts, words and actions.

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Dear Parents and Friends

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OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY

The weather was very kind to us on Tuesday 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.



Thank you to the PTA who organised and helped at the disco last night. An amazing £588.00 was raised!



After yet another busy week, we are all ready to enjoy the half term break. Let us hope there's some sunshine for us to enjoy! **School reopens as normal on Tuesday 5 June.**

Enjoy the half term break!

Fun Time Friday

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This event was a huge success! Everyone had a fantastic time and the PTA raised an amazing **£2,671.50!** 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!



Mass: Year 6 will lead our Mass on Thursday 7 June, in church. All welcome.



Poetrees in the Library

There are two free events at Sutton Coldfield Library **Tuesday 29 May and Thursday 31 May 10.00am to 12.00 midday.** This is to celebrate Sutton Coldfield in Bloom. A flyer has been emailed to all parents with further information. Thank you.



Fathers' Day Lunch

Orders are now closed for our three Fathers' Day lunches being held on **Wednesday 13, Thursday 14 and Wednesday 20 June**. Lunch will be served from 12.00pm and guests are requested to arrive at the Key Stage One entrance at 11.45am. We are looking forward to welcoming you to what should be a most enjoyable event.



CAFOD

This year, the Holy Father urges us to reach out to our brothers and sisters who are forced to flee their homes. This new campaign is called *Share the Journey*. To link with this a CAFOD Schools Volunteer will be visiting school to work with Key Stage 2 pupils on **Friday June 8**. As part of the preparation for these workshops your family may like to take part in a Share the Journey walk. You and your family can *Share the Journey* by joining Holy Cross Parish Walk on **Sunday June 3**. This is not just any walk; this is a walk around the world.

Schools, parishes, and local communities across England and Wales, including our own, will be walking to show solidarity with people on the move. Together, we are aiming for 24,900 miles - the distance around the whole world.

CAFOD will use this shared journey to deliver a powerful message to world leaders, who meet in September 2018 to agree two global agreements on refugees and migration.

Please join us for our parish walk taking place June 3 after 10.30am Mass for a one mile circular walk. More details can be found in the Parish bulletin.



Nishkam Visit

On **Tuesday 12 June** it will be our last link day with Nishkam Primary school; where we will celebrate the end of linking faiths project with a day at Holy Cross Catholic Primary School. The theme of the day is to explore our local community and how we fit in. On this day the kitchen will be cooking Vegetarian food to show respect towards our visitors. We can't wait to greet them and share what being a Catholic means to us!

School Dinners

Dinner Money

If your child is in KS2 and has a school dinner the deadline for the payment of **£68.80 is Friday 15 June**. Please make payment through ParentPay. If you have credit showing on your ParentPay account please deduct this from the £68.80 and pay the remaining balance. Thank you.



Holy Communion Practice sessions

If your child is making their Holy Communion on Saturday 9 June there will be a practice session on **Thursday 7 June**. If your child is making their Holy Communion on Saturday 16 June there will be a practice session on **Thursday 14 June**.

The children will walk from school to attend their practice session at Holy Cross Church. The children will then need to be collected from the Church at **3.00pm** on both of these days. Any children who go to Kids' Club on those days will be walked back to school.



Volunteers to Clean Church

As this is such a special occasion the church needs to be pristine on the day. We do appreciate that everybody is very busy, but we ask that as many parents as possible give some of their time to clean the church in preparation for First Holy Communion. The church will be open at **7.30 p.m. on Friday 8 June and Friday 15 June 2018**. Father Neil would be very grateful of your support in this important matter.



Parking

On both Saturdays there will be a lot of extra cars. Please park carefully and do not block any of the residents' driveways. Thank you for your support.



Choir

A reminder that members of the choir from Years 4-6 are asked to sing at the First Holy Communion Masses (9 and 16 June). We want this to be a special day for all our Y3 children so please support them by ensuring that if your child is in the choir they sing at both or at least one of the Masses (they can wear their own clothes!) It would be very sad if we did not have a strong choir on such an important occasion. I sincerely hope that you will show your support in this important matter.



Year 1 visit to Warwick Castle

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 1 on a visit to Warwick Castle on **Monday 25 June 2018**. A voluntary donation of £20.00 is now required to cover the cost of transport, admission and insurance. Payment for this trip is via Parent Pay; deadline for payment is **Thursday 7 June**. A letter has been emailed to all Year 1 parents; if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Whole Academy Mass at Bishop Walsh

On **Friday 29 June** all staff and children from the four Academy schools will be attending Bishop Walsh school for a very special Mass. Parents are asked to ensure that children have sun cream applied before they come into school. Also, children will need to have a sun hat/cap to wear and are required to bring in a packed lunch clearly marked with the child's name and class in a disposable bag.



Early Years Year 1 Year 2

Packed Lunch

If your child is in Early Years, Year 1 or Year 2 and you would like the school kitchen to provide a packed lunch; please contact the school office. Deadline is **Thursday 21 June** thank you.

All children are to arrive at school normal time. Thank you.



EYFS visit to Twycross Zoo

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in EYFS on a visit to Twycross Zoo on **Tuesday 3 July 2018**. A voluntary donation of £20.00 is now required to cover the cost of transport, admission and insurance. Payment for this trip is via Parent Pay; deadline for payment is **Wednesday 13 June**. A letter has been emailed to all EYFS parents; if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Year 2 visit to Weston Super Mare

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 2 on a visit to Weston Super Mare on **Monday 9 July 2018**. A voluntary donation of £22.00 is now required to cover the cost of transport and insurance. Payment for this trip is via Parent Pay; deadline for payment is **Wednesday 6 June**. A letter has been emailed to all Year 2 parents; if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Year 3 visit to Chedworth Roman Villa

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 3 on a visit to Chedworth Roman Villa on **Tuesday 10 July 2018**. A voluntary donation of £23.00 is now required to cover the cost of transport and insurance. Payment for this trip is via Parent Pay; deadline for payment is **Monday 2 July**. A letter has been emailed to all Year 3 parents; if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Year 6 visit to West Midlands Safari Park

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 6 on a visit to West Midlands Safari Park on **Tuesday 17 July 2018**. A voluntary donation of £26.00 is now required to cover the cost of transport, admission and insurance. Payment for this trip is via Parent Pay; deadline for payment is **Wednesday 27 June**. A letter has been emailed to all Year 6 parents; if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



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 2, Year 5 and Year 6 with 98.7% Well done!

The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 1, Year 3, year 4 and Year 5!

Recommendations

Recommendations: EYFS: Ellie G, Jack M Year 1: Florence H, Connor T Year 2: Sophia H, whole class

Year 3: Eden H, Tyrese L, whole class Year 4: whole class Year 5: Ava A, Isabel W

Year 6: Jack H, Charlie B



Lunchtime Award: Lily H (Y3).

Class of the Week: Year 4.



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: **Miss Stewart: Antoni C Miss Stevens: Kaya G Mr Hunt: Ellie M-B**

Mr Mayor: Aine K, Iris A (Y2) Miss Lovelock and Miss Crowley: Niamh S, Frances C (Y6)

Mr Rowlands: Frank W Miss Cross: Year 3.



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

Patrick M (Y1), Iris A, Maria J (Y2), Nevin R (Y4), Francis C, Christien J (Y6).

Dates for Diary - June 2018		
Monday 4 June	All day	Inset day
Tuesday 5 June	8.50am	Return to school
Thursday 7 June	1.45pm-3.00pm	First Holy Communion rehearsal
Friday 8 June	All day	CAFOD in school delivering workshops for KS2
Saturday 9 June	12.00pm	First Holy Communion
Tuesday 12 June	All day	Nishkam Primary School visiting Y4
Tuesday 12 June	All day	Year 5 Trip to Hatton Adventure World
Wednesday 13 June	11.45pm-1.00pm	Fathers' Day Lunch children with surnames A-I
Thursday 14 June	11.45pm-1.00pm	Fathers' Day Lunch children with surnames J-R
Thursday 14 June	1.45pm-3.00pm	First Holy Communion rehearsal
Saturday 16 June	12.00pm	First Holy Communion
Monday 18 June	12.00pm-1.00pm	HSBC in school
Tuesday 19 June	9.00am-12.00pm	Academy Photographers-class groups, leavers
Wednesday 20 June	11.45pm-1.00pm	Fathers' Day Lunch children with surnames S-Z
Wednesday 20 June	6.00pm-7.00pm	Induction Evening for new EYFS September 2018
Thursday 21 June	9.15am-10.15am	Thanks Giving Mass of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 21 June	5.30pm-6.30pm	Creative Arts Evening
Monday 25 June	All day	Year 1 Trip to Warwick Castle
Tuesday 26 June	9.00am Refreshments 9.15am start	EYFS Assembly
Friday 29 June	11.00am	Academy Mass (pupils and staff only)
Friday 29 June	All day	There will be no music lessons
Dates for Diary - July 2018		
Monday 2 July	12.00pm-1.00pm	HSBC in school
Monday 2 July to Thursday 5 July		Year 5 Bikeability
Tuesday 3 July	All day	EYFS Trip to Twycross Zoo
Wednesday 4 July	All day	Handover Day
Wednesday 4 July	9.30am	Teddy bear's picnic for new EYFS September 2018
Friday 6 July	All day	There will be no music lessons today
Friday 6 July	1.30pm-3.20pm	Sports Day
Friday 6 July	3.30pm-5.20pm	Summer Fayre and BBQ
Monday 9 July	All day	Year 2 Trip to Weston Super Mare
Tuesday 10 July	All day	Year 3 Trip to Chedworth Roman Villa
Tuesday 10 July	6.00pm-8.00pm	Rotary Awards Evening Year 6
Wednesday 11 July	6.00pm-7.00pm	Year 6 Leavers' production
Thursday 12 July	3.20pm-4.30pm	PTA Summer disco
Friday 13 July	7.00pm	Year 6 Leavers' party at Walmley Social Club
Monday 16 July	12.00pm-1.00pm	HSBC in school
Tuesday 17 July	All day	Year 6 Trip to West Midlands Safari Park

Thursday 19 July	9.15am	Year 6 Leavers' Mass
Friday 20 July	3.20pm	Break up for summer holidays!!!!

**Other dates available on website*

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy your half-term break!

Yours sincerely

T Cotter

Miss T Cotter
Principal

A Prayer for our School

Dear God,
 Thank you for looking after our School.
 Thank you that you love each and everyone of us here.
 Help us to learn, play and share together,
 So that the wonderful world you have
 made becomes more beautiful everyday.
 Amen.



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