



Newsletter No 2

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 14 September 2018



We are very proud of our Early Years children who started their school life at Holy Cross this week. They have all settled in really well and making themselves at home! You can see how their first week has been by following us on Twitter.



60th Anniversary Mass for Holy Cross and St Francis Parish

Today is the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross; our feast day! So it is very appropriate that tonight marks the parish's 60th anniversary. The 60th Anniversary Mass celebrated by the Archbishop Longley will be held in church **tonight at 7.00pm**. The choir will be singing during the Mass. Everyone is welcome; it would be lovely if our school was well represented at this special celebration.

Letters emailed to parents this week:

Year 2: Forest Schools.

KS2: Match Day Experience Prize!

Please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you.



Mass: Year 4 will lead our Mass in school on Thursday 20 September. All welcome.



Tennis Club - Year 1 and Year 2

Letters have been sent home with children in Year 1 and Year 2. (If you require a copy please contact the school office). If your child would like to join the Tennis Club please email staff@micro-sports.co.uk no later than Tuesday 18 September. Thank you.



Year 2 Forest School

Year 2 will be taking part in weekly 'Forest School' every Friday afternoon commencing today **Friday 14 September**. In order for your child to take part in forest schools they must be appropriately dressed for all weather conditions. Please send your child to school in normal school uniform. They are required a pair of wellington boots, old outdoor clothing, a warm waterproof coat in a separate bag. A letter has been emailed out to all Year 2 parents; please contact the office if you require a copy. Thank you.

Parent Mail



All parents should have received a letter regarding Parent Mail. Communicating with parents is an important part of what we do, making sure you get the correct information about activities, events and things that really matter is something we care about. Parent Mail is the system that we use to send out emails and tests to parents. Once registered, if you have an Android or Apple smartphone, we highly recommend you download the ParentMail App for the best user experience. To do this, simply search for "ParentMail" in your App store. If you need any additional information or assistance, please visit the help site:

<https://www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/>



Twitter

Parents are reminded that we like to share life at Holy Cross through Twitter; our wish is that every family is following us! We also put messages on Twitter so that we can communicate with you as quickly as possible. Thank you to those of you who have tweeted pictures of Maths homework this week; you have been very creative. If you have sent in a follower request and it has not been accepted, please ring the office and tell us who you are!



Parent Pay

Parent Pay is used for all payments e.g.: dinner money, special lunches, trips and music lessons.



Music Lessons

Music lessons started today **Friday 14 September**. If your child has music lessons please check your Parent Pay account to make payment. Deadline for payment is **Sunday 30 September**. Thank you.



PTA Meeting

Our first PTA meeting of the new year is on **Wednesday 19 September** at 7.30pm in school. We would love to welcome new members; please come along and find out more details. The more the merrier!



Nasal Flu Vaccination

Letters have been sent home with **EYFS, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5** from Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Trust. Parents are required to read and sign the relevant forms. Please return the completed forms to the school office no later than **Wednesday 19 September**. Thank you.



Football Dates

Please see the following date for your diary:

Friday 21 September AWAY vs St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Friday 28 September HOME vs St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

Please note that all the team are expected to attend every training session please inform Mr Hunt or Miss Crowley for any apologies.



Macmillan Coffee Morning-Friday 28 September 9.00am to 10.15am

Year 6 invite you to come along to the Macmillan Coffee morning that they are organising on **Friday 28 September 9.00am to 10.15am**. Please try to support them so we can raise lots of money for this very worthwhile charity. We will also be inviting our neighbours, residents from The Oaks Residential Home and members from St Vincent de Paul Society.

Holy Cross Showstopper Cakes

The children will have the opportunity to take part in a '**Holy Cross Bake off!**'

There will be a class star baker and an overall Holy Cross star baker awarded! The cakes will be tasted during the coffee morning. If your child would like to enter

please send in their cake on **Thursday 27 September** labelled with their name and title of their bake. Thank you.

Remaining cakes will be sold outside at the end of the school day.



Grandparents' Lunch

This year we are holding three lunch days; these are being held on **Tuesday 2 October** (children with surname A-H) **Thursday 4 October** (children with surname I-N) and **Tuesday 9 October** (children with surname O-Z). A letter has been emailed to all parents (please contact the school office if you require a copy). Orders and payment via your Parent Pay are required no later than **Friday 21 September; please note that late orders will not be accepted.**

If you would like to change your allocated day please send a letter to the school office.

Grandparents need to arrive at **11.45am** and **will enter through Key Stage 1 gate.**

We are really excited and looking forward to grandparents coming to our school and enjoying a meal with the children and we know the children are just as excited. As this is a one off event we request payment via cash or cheque. Thank you.



Year 4 and Year 5 Trip to Cadbury World

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 4 and Year 5 on a visit to Cadbury World on **Wednesday 3 October 2018**. A voluntary donation of £17.00 is now required to cover the cost of transport, admission and insurance. Payment for this trip is via Parent Pay; deadline for payment is **Friday 28 September**. A letter has been sent home to all Year 4 and Year 5 parents please complete and return to the class teacher no later than **Friday 28 September**. If you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Year 6 visit to Birmingham Back to Back Houses

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 6 on a visit to Birmingham Back to Back Houses on **Tuesday 23 October 2018**. A voluntary donation of £8.00 is now required to cover the cost of transport and insurance. Payment for this trip is via Parent Pay; deadline for payment is **Wednesday 17 October**. A letter has been sent home to all Year 6 parents; if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.

Harvest Mass

Our Harvest Mass this year is on **Thursday 25 October 9:15am**. This is a lovely occasion when we thank God for the gift of food. As in previous years, we want to provide offerings for our local community in need. Therefore we are asking for shoe boxes to be sent into school to be decorated ready to make our lovely food hampers. In order to make the hampers, we would ask for the following donations from each family:



Shoe Boxes - Week beg 1 October

Tinned food - Week beg Monday 8 October one tin per child.

Packets of food (rice, pasta, biscuits etc.) - Week beg Monday 16 October one per child

Fresh fruit and vegetables by Wednesday 24 October.

Thank you in anticipation!



Open Day Tuesday 7 November

We are having two open sessions for prospective parents who have children due to start in the Early Years Reception class in September 2019. These will be on Tuesday 6 November 9.15am - 10.15am and 2.00pm - 3.00pm. If you know of any Catholic families who are in this position please let them know. We are looking forward to meeting you all.

Supplementary Forms

Supplementary Forms available now from school office for children who wish to start our Early Years Class in September 2019. These forms need to be signed by Fr Neil; please see him about this when you go to Mass. The deadline for these to be returned to the school office is **Friday 15 January 2019**.



Holy Communion Year 3

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion for our Year 3 children will be held on **Saturday 8 June** and **Saturday 15 June**. The Corpus Christi Procession will be on **Thursday 20 June**. Father Neil will confirm at a later date how the class will be split for each Saturday. Thank you

Confirmation Year 6

Please note the date for Confirmation is **Thursday 4 July**. 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 4 with 100% Well done!

The Punctuality Award for the week: EYFS, Year 1, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6!

Recommendations

Recommendations:

EYFS: Whole Class **Year 1:** Zac L, Ruby H **Year 2:** Michael B, Kaya G **Year 3:** Iris A, Alex E
Year 4: Frankie J, Joseph M **Year 5:** Scarlett T, Darcie W **Year 6:** Johnny G, Erin L-F.

Lunchtime Award: Sophie H (Y2).



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: **Mr Hunt:** Hattie K **Mr Rowlands:** Ciara P **Miss Stewart:** Jack W **Miss Stevens:** Jack B **Miss Lovelock:** Keela K **Mr Mayor:** Dylan G **Miss Cross:** Isabel W.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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

Rachel J (Y1), Florence H (Y2).

Dates for Diary - September 2018		
Friday 14 September	7.00pm	60 th Anniversary Mass at Church
Wednesday 19 September	7.30pm	PTA Meeting
Friday 21 September	3.30pm	Football Match (away) St Josephs
Friday 28 September	9.00am to 10.15am	Macmillan Coffee morning
Friday 28 September	3.20pm	Football match (home) vs St Nicholas Catholic School
Dates for Diary - October 2018		
Tuesday 2 October	11.45am to 12.45pm	Grandparents' Lunch children with surnames (A-H)
Wednesday 3 October	All day	Year 4 and Year 5 Trip to Cadbury World
Wednesday 3 October	All day	EYFS Eye Test
Thursday 4 October	11.45am to 12.45pm	Grandparents' Lunch children with surnames (I-N)
Monday 8 October	12.00pm	HSBC in school
Tuesday 9 October	9.00am Refreshments 9.15am Start	Year 4 Assembly
Tuesday 9 October	All day	Y4 Dahlicious Dress up Day
Tuesday 9 October	11.45am to 12.45pm	Grandparents' Lunch children with surnames (O-Z)
Friday 12 October	All day	Nasal flu vaccination
Tuesday 16 October	9.15am to 10.15am	Year 1 and Year 2 Inspire Workshop for parents
Monday 22 October	12.00pm	HSBC in school

Tuesday 23 October	All day	Year 6 trip to Back to Back Houses Birmingham
Wednesday 24 October	3.30pm to 7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday 25 October	9.15am to 10.00am	Harvest Mass
Thursday 25 October	3.30pm to 6.00pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 26 October	All day	Inset Day school closed to children
Dates for Diary - November 2018		
Monday 5 November	8.50am	Return to school
Monday 5 November	12.00pm	HSBC in school
Tuesday 6 November	9.15am to 10.15am And 2.00pm to 3.00pm	Open Day for prospective parents children starting September 2019

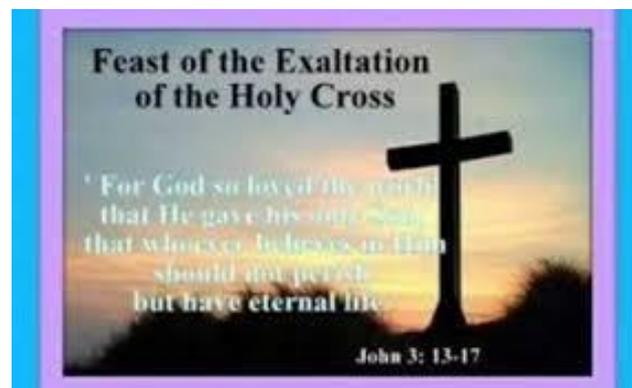
***Other dates available on website**

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



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