



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,

I'd like to begin this week's newsletter with a thank you to all our children. Our staff have been so impressed with the excellent start that they have made this term. Their behaviour has been excellent both in classrooms and the playgrounds and their manners are wonderful. It has been a pleasure to walk around our school as children hold doors open, wish us good morning and remember to say please and thank you. Well done children.

Dates for your diary - January		
Sunday 19 th	10.30am	Mass of Commitment for Year Three and Year Six at Holy Cross Church
Monday 20 th	Lunch time	School bank open for KS2 children
Thursday 23 rd	9.15am	Mass at school lead by Year Six
Monday 27 th	9.30am	Year Five/ Year Six Inspire Workshop
Monday 27 th	All day	Year Three trip to RAF Cosford
Tuesday 28 th	11.00am	Healthy Award Presentation – Birmingham Council House
Wednesday 29 th	9.30am	Year One/ Year Two Inspire Workshop
Wednesday 29 th	3.30 – 4.00pm	Confirmation 'Drop In' Session in the school hall
Friday 31 st	All day	Life Education Group – health education for KS2 classes

Holy Cross Pre School Nursery

Holy Cross Pre School Nursery will be opening in the next few weeks and there are still limited places available. As an opening offer each child will be given 15 hours free child care per week. If you or your family or friends are interested, please contact Mrs Karen Gordon on 675-1191.

Healthy Eating Policy

Please could I remind all families that our Healthy Eating Policy states that children are allowed to bring fruit to school for a break time snack. We have noticed that some children have started to bring chocolate, breakfast bars and cereal bars, all of which have very high sugar content. We do also sell wholemeal toast with low fat spread from our kitchen as an alternative option.

Year One/ Two Inspire Workshop

In preparation for their workshop Year One and Year Two need lots of boxes (preferably cereal boxes or any up to the size of a shoe box) and egg cartons. Please send them in with your child next week and we will collect them together. Thank you

Ladies Only Swishing and Pampering Evening

This will be held on Thursday 23rd January at 7.15pm at Bishop Walsh. For further information please call Bishop Walsh on 351-3215 or Elaine on 07551 607 003.

Violin lessons

There are two vacancies for violin lessons, on Tuesdays. For further details please contact the school office.

Year Five trip to Warner Bros Studio

Well done to Year Five who displayed outstanding behaviour on their trip to Warner Bros Studios this week. We are very proud of you, thank you for being such excellent ambassadors for our school.

Year Six Assembly

Well done to Year Six for presenting such an entertaining and thought provoking assembly. We all really enjoyed it.

Health and Safety

Please can you ensure that children do not ride bikes or scooters on the school site and especially on the staff car park.

Holiday Requests During Term Time

Absence during term time as a result of term time holidays, interrupts continuity of teaching and learning and disrupts the educational progress of individual children. We actively discourage parents from arranging holidays during term time and will only authorise absence for such holidays in exceptional circumstances.

The Principal reserves the right to make individual judgements as to what constitutes exceptional circumstances, which might include the following:

- A parent or grandparent is seriously/terminally ill and the holiday proposed is likely to be the last such holiday;
- There has recently been a death or other significant trauma in the family and it is felt that an immediate holiday might help the child concerned better deal with the situation;
- The holiday is a unique one off never to be repeated occasion which can only take place at the time requested.

Clearly there are many situations which may constitute exceptional circumstances, but as a generality we should interpret 'exceptional' in this context as being of unique and significant emotional, educational or spiritual value to the child, which outweighs the loss of teaching time.

A child's previous attendance is also taken into consideration when judgements are made. Your support in doing your utmost to avoid term time holidays is appreciated.

Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 4 with 100% Well done.

Recommendations: Reception: Scarlett T, Emma M **Year 1:** Ava A, Imogen A **Year 2:** Rosena J, Alan J, Uday P **Year 3:** Shawn S, Nhea R **Year 4:** Rhea T, Lewis P **Year 5:** Whole class **Year 6:** Whole class.

Super Scribes: Reception: Olivia W **Year 1:** Anna J **Year 2:** Charlie S, Charlie BH **Year 3:** Ricky M **Year 4:** Ben E **Year 5:** Ben E **Year 6:** Joseph D.

Lunchtime Award: Tiah P, Niamh L.

Top Table: Ben E, Ricky M, Imogen A, Ava A, Scarlett T, Emma M.

‘Behold the Lamb of God!’

To understand the meaning of this title we need to think of the night of Passover, when the Israelite people sacrificed a lamb and placed its blood on the doorposts of their homes so that the angel of God would pass over their households and they would thus be saved from death. To say that Jesus is the Lamb of God is to say that by the shedding of his blood, by his own self-sacrifice on the Cross, humanity has been saved. This is the love of our God!

"Lord Jesus Christ, fill me with the power of your Holy Spirit and let me grow in the knowledge of your love and truth. Let your Spirit be aflame in my heart that I may know and love you more fervently and strive to do your will in all things."



Enjoy the weekend and have a great week

I. Gallagher

Ian Gallagher (Acting Principal)
and the staff team

