



Newsletter No 9

Dear Parents and Friends

Thursday 9 November 2018



Welcome back! I hope that you all enjoyed the half term break and are ready for what is always a very busy half term. Please ensure you always read the newsletter as it contains all the information about upcoming events and dates.

Thank you for ensuring that all children were correctly dressed; looking really smart in their winter uniforms. Please note:

- pinafores/skirts must be green
- tights must be green or red
- the green round necked sweatshirt is for PE lessons **only**. Children are expected to wear green v necked jumpers or cardigans (with the school logo) as their winter school uniform.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Fr Neil is in hospital today having an operation; please remember him in your prayers.



Mass: Year 3 will lead our Mass in School on **Thursday 15 November**. Everyone is welcome.



Letters emailed to parents this week:

Year 1 to Year 6: Guided Reading Workshop on Thursday 15 November

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



Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has donated to this fantastic charity. We will let you know how much was raised at a later date.



Go Global

After celebrating the World's Largest Lesson, some of our children were inspired to use the Enterprise Shed to raise money for charities that support the Global Goals. They raised £350.00 for 'Mind' charity which promotes Health and Wellbeing. £250.00 for 'Cafod' which promotes Quality Education and £75.66 for 'Save The Children' promoting protecting children from violence. Fantastic effort from our Go Global Team, well done!



PTA Film Night (with a choice of 3 films!)

The PTA is holding a film night after school on **Tuesday 13 November**. This will start at **3.20pm** and finish at **5.20pm**. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to enjoy some Christmas shopping, knowing their children are being entertained. Pizza, popcorn and drinks are included in the price of **£3.50** per child. Forms have been sent home with children. Thank you.



Dismissing Children

At 5.20pm KS1 children will be dismissed from the KS1 door and KS2 children from the KS2 door. Thank you.



Volunteer

If you would like to volunteer to help at the Film Night please contact the school office with your details. Thank you.

Inspire Workshops

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Inspire Workshop for Years 3 and 4 this will be held on **Wednesday 14 November** (9.15am - 10.15am.)

One person per family is welcome to come along to support; please make every effort to attend.



Dinner Money

The deadline for dinner money is **today**. The amount due is **£75.25** - please log into your ParentPay account to make payment. Any credits should be deducted from the amount due. Please contact the school office if you have any queries. Thank you.



Early Years Home/School Reading Workshop - Monday 12 November 3.30pm (in school hall)

We invite Early Years' parents to a workshop to discuss how we teach reading in Early Years and also expectations regarding 'Home Readers' at Holy Cross Catholic Primary School. During the session, the books that will be sent home will be shared as well as tips and advice regarding reading with your child and how they can be supported, stretched and challenged. I hope that you will be able to join us for this event. Information will be shared on the school website after the session.

Year 1-Year 6 Reading Workshop - Thursday 15 November 5.30pm (in school hall)

Today, a letter was sent out regarding reading at Holy Cross School and the introduction of whole class guided reading. If you need further clarification or questions, there will be a workshop next **Thursday at 5.30pm**. All welcome.

Get Your Grown Ups Growing

Get Your Grown Ups Growing for Early Years, Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6.

This year we will be holding our autumn 'Get Your Grown Ups Growing' on **Monday 12 November** from 1.30-3.00 p.m. For this event parents of children in **Early Years, Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6** are invited to help us complete our big tidy up of the school grounds and plant bulbs ready to sprout in spring.

Your child will be required to bring in spare clothes and appropriate footwear (trainers or wellington boots) to change into after lunchtime ready to get messy! The event will still go ahead if it is raining! Children are asked to **bring in £1.00 donation**. During the afternoon, there will be a range of activities to help out with e.g. planting bulbs in the prayer garden and at the front of the school. Improving our school eco garden, cleaning and planting the Early Years garden, taking part in a community litter pick and supporting Lets Grow Birmingham by pruning the trees in Berryfields Community Orchard. This event respects that every child has the right to a clean environment (Article 24). We look forward to seeing you!
(Don't worry Years 2,3, and 4 - your turn will be in the Summer term!)



Donation of a wheelbarrow

If you have a wheelbarrow that you can donate to our school; we will be extremely grateful. Please contact the school office if you can help. Thank you.

School Photographer

The photographer will be in school on the morning of **Tuesday 13 November** to take both individual and family photographs.



There will also be a before school session where there is an opportunity for family photographs with siblings who do not attend Holy Cross School. Parents wishing for these types of photograph please arrive at school for **8:15am prompt**. As these are formal school photographs, I ask that the children are in full winter uniform. Thank you.



Children in Need 2018-Friday 16 November-non-school uniform day

Children in Need theme for this year will be PJs! Children can come to school in their pyjamas if they would like to make £1.00 donation for Children in Need. Thank you for your support.



Face Painting - Spots

If your child would like spots painted on their face please send in an extra £1. Thank you.



Bag 2 School - Bags have been sent home with children.

Bags 2 School is a company that specialises in good quality second hand clothing that can be re-used and we have arranged to make a collection from this school. All bags are weighed and we will be paid by the total weight collected. Remember the more you collect the bigger benefit to our school! They will collect the following items for RE-USE: adults and children's clothing, bedding, soft toys, paired shoes, hats, belts and handbags. NO BRIC-A-BRAC PLEASE. **Extra bags welcome - there is no limit**. If you need spare bags please come to the school office. Bags will be collected on **Thursday 22 November by 9.00am**. Please only drop off bags on that morning as the school cannot store overnight. Thank you for your support!



Football Information

The last girls' football training will be **Thursday 29 November**. The boys training will finish on **Friday 30 November**. Thank you.



Christmas Fayre on Thursday 6 December from 3.20pm to 5.20pm

To support the our Christmas Fayre each child is asked to bring in the following items:



Friday 16 November - Bottle Tombola Donation, any bottles from ketchup to bubbly!
Thank you once again for your support it is appreciated.



Volunteers

A letter has been sent home with children in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 asking for volunteers. Please complete and return no later than **Thursday 22 November**. If you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Year 6 Trip to Ghamkol Sharif Mosque

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 6 on a visit to the Ghamkol Sharif Mosque in Small Heath and Islamic Exhibition Centre on **Tuesday 22 January**. 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.

As we believe that the understanding of other faiths is so important and the experiences that the children will be involved in are so beneficial the Parish has again agreed to subsidise the cost of this trip this year. We are very grateful for their generosity. Therefore, a small voluntary contribution of **£3.00** is now required to cover the cost of the donations to both the Mosque and the Exhibition Centre. **Due to the small amount please send payment in cash or cheque made payable to 'St John Paul II Multi Academy' by Monday 10 December. In an envelope marked 'Mosque Visit'**. A letter has been sent home if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Year 4 visit to Aston Hall

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 4 on a visit to Aston Hall on **Tuesday 29 January 2019**. A voluntary donation of £13.00 is now required to cover the cost of transport, workshop and insurance. Payment for this trip is via Parent Pay; deadline for payment is **Monday 10 December**. A letter has been sent home to all Year 4 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: EYFS, Year 1 and Year 4 with 99.3% Well done!



The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 6.



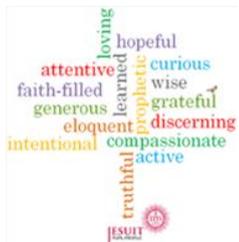
Recommendations

Recommendations:

EYFS: Anuli A, Julie G **Year 1:** Ellie G, Ethan P, Cian P **Year 2:** Ollie L, Molly F, Sophia H **Year 3:** Gracie D, Nathaniel C **Year 4:** Niamh C, Liam O'T **Year 5:** Francesca L, Ryan K **Year 6:** Malaika W, Leilagh K.



Lunchtime Award: Fraser C (Y6).



Virtues and Values

This half term we are concentrating on being 'Faith-Filled and Hopeful'. 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:** Noah N **Mr Rowlands:** Drew B-H, Erin H **Miss Stewart:** Elijah C-G

Miss Stevens: Niall O'D **Miss Lovelock:** Lucy L **Mr Mayor:** Isla H **Miss Cross:** Alex H

Mrs Hope: Jake M-B (Y5) **Miss T Cotter:** James D, Ava A, Imogen A and Erin L-F (Y6).



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

Isabella M-S (Y1), Connor T (Y2), Phoebe F, Joseph K (Y4).

Dates for Diary - November 2018		
Monday 12 November	1.30pm to 3.00pm	Get Your Grown-Ups Growing
Monday 12 November	3.30pm - 4.00pm	Early Years Home/School Reading Workshop
Tuesday 13 November	Morning	Academy Photographers - Families, siblings & individuals
Tuesday 13 November	3.20pm to 5.20pm	PTA Film Night
Wednesday 14 November	9.15am to 10.15am	Year 3 and Year 4 Inspire Workshop for parents
Wednesday 14 November	4.00pm to 6.00pm	Year 5 and Year 6 indoor athletics at Bishop Vesey
Thursday 15 November	5.30pm - 6.00pm	Year 1-Year 6 Reading Workshop
Friday 16 November	All day	Children in Need-wear PJs donate £1
Monday 19 November	4.00pm to 6.00pm	Year 3 and Year 4 Multi skills at Bishop Vesey
Wednesday 21 November	7.30pm to 8.30pm	PTA AGM Meeting - all welcome
Thursday 22 November	9.00am	Return your Bag2School
Friday 23 November	All day	Year 6 Takeover Day
Dates for Diary - December 2018		
Thursday 6 December	3.30pm to 5.30pm	PTA Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 11 December	4.00pm to 6.00pm	Year 1 and Year 2 Multi skills at Bishop Vesey
Tuesday 11 December	2.15pm refreshments 2.30pm start	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Production
Tuesday 11 December	12.00pm	Christmas Dinner for staff and children
Wednesday 12 December	9.00am refreshments 9.15am start	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Production 'Whoops a Daisy Angel'
Friday 14 December	9.00am refreshments 9.15am start	KS2 Christmas Carol Service
Saturday 15 December	9.45am	The choir singing at The House of Fraser
Monday 17 December	9.00am to 12.00pm	EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 to Sutton Empire to watch 'The Grinch'
Tuesday 18 December	9.00am to 12.00pm	Year 3 and Year 4 to Sutton Empire to watch 'Nativity'
Tuesday 18 December	3.20pm to 4.30pm	PTA Christmas disco
Wednesday 19 December	9.00am to 12.00pm	Year 5 and Year 6 to Sutton Empire to watch 'Nutcracker Four Realms'
Thursday 20 December	1.30pm to 3.00pm	The choir singing at The Oaks Residential Home
Friday 21 December	3.20pm	Break up for Christmas holidays
Tuesday 22 January 2019	All day	Year 6 Trip to Ghamkol Sharif Mosque
Tuesday 29 January 2019	All day	Year 4 Trip to Aston Hall

**Other dates available on website*

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



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