

Newsletter No 28

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 12 April 2019



We come to the end of another busy term. On Tuesday and Wednesday Key Stage Two retold the story of Holy week in a very powerful and moving way; they were both very emotionally charged performances. Well done to all the children and staff for working so hard to produce this beautiful dramatization.

Our Stations of the Cross on Tuesday and this morning's Passiontide Service helped us to prepare for the season of Easter. Thank you to all the staff and children for their participation in these services and to Fr Neil for leading our worship and reflection during the term.

Please make every effort to attend the services at Holy Cross during Holy Week and for the greatest festival of all - Easter Sunday. (Times of services have been distributed).

Haircuts

There has been a growing number of boys coming to school with haircuts that do not comply with our policy which clearly states:

*'Haircuts should be sensible, neat and clean, without extremes of fashion such as colours, tram-lines, patterns, **partly shaved heads** etc. These styles may be fun and fashionable but are not deemed appropriate for school. Long hair should be tied back discreetly for hygiene and safety reasons.*

Please ensure that your child fully complies with all areas of our school uniform policy when they return after the Easter break. Thank you for your cooperation.

European Elections

As you are aware, the Brexit situation is still not resolved so as it stands, the school will be closed on 23 May for the European Elections. This situation could change at any time and obviously we will update you if the situation changes.



We thank you all for the support the school has received this term and I thank all the staff for always working so hard and going that extra mile. May you all enjoy a well-deserved and restful Easter break. Back to school on Monday 29 April!



Summer School Uniform

All children are required to wear their summer uniforms as soon as we return after the Easter holidays (hopefully we will be basking in tropical sunshine by then!) The Summer uniform is: Green check dress, suitable shoes, with white socks or grey trousers or shorts with jade green polo shirt with logo, grey socks, and sensible dark school shoes - no trainers.

Please note the round neck; green sweatshirt is not part of everyday uniform. This sweatshirt is to be worn only for PE. Thank you for your support.



First Holy Communion Information Meeting

This meeting will take place on **Tuesday 30 April** at 6.00pm in church. It is important that all parents of Year 3 children attend this meeting. Thank you.

Letters sent to parents this week:

EYFS: Forest School

Please contact office if you have not received copy.



Mass: Year 3 will lead our Mass in church on **Thursday 2 May**. Everyone is welcome.



School Closed

Polite reminder school is closed on the following days: **Monday 6 May**, Bank Holiday, **Thursday 23 May** - European Elections (if UK included) and **Monday 3 June** - Inset Day. Thank you.



Sporting News

On Monday, the cross country team competed in the final race of the year. The boys and girls have run fantastically well all year and we are very proud of all of their efforts.

We also took the football team to compete in the Rotary Cup based at Sutton Town Football Club. The team worked very hard throughout, winning one match, drawing two and losing two matches. Sadly we didn't progress to the semi-finals, but the team did well.

On Tuesday, the football team played in a local Catholic derby versus St. Nicholas. After taking an early lead we were pegged back with the scores level at 3-3 heading into the final minutes. Just like in the other derby match versus St. Joseph's, Oliver danced through the defence to slot home the winning goal. Our final match of the league season versus Minworth J&I School has been postponed and a new date is being arranged for after the Easter break.

On Wednesday, a team representing Years 1 and 2 competed in in the small schools indoor athletics competition. The boys' team finished in 2nd place, with the girls finishing in 4th place. This gave us a final, overall position of 3rd. The boys and girls did incredibly well and showed great team spirit throughout to cheer each other in their races; great sportsmanship - well done everyone!

Unfortunately, last night's netball match versus the Denary had to be postponed; it will be rearranged after the Easter break.

Palm Sunday Mass

This will be held on **Sunday 14 April** at 10.30am in Church. A letter has been sent out to all Year 3 parents inviting their children to take part. If you require a copy please contact the school office.





Year 3 Trip to Shri Venkateswara (Balaji) Temple

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 3 on a visit to Shri Venkateswara (Balaji) Temple on **Tuesday 30 April**. 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 **Friday 26 April**. A letter has been sent home with all Year 3 children; if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



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

Bag 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 2 May by 9.00am**. Please only drop off bags on that morning as the school cannot store overnight. Thank you for your support!



EYFS Forest School

Next half term EYFS will be taking part in weekly 'forest school' activities every Friday afternoon. In order for your child to take part in forest schools they must be appropriately dressed for all weather conditions. Forest School will take place every Friday, starting **Friday 3 May to Friday 24 May**. A letter has been emailed home to all parents; please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you.



Father Hudson's Society Good Shepherd Appeal

Please return the boxes for the above no later than **Friday 3 May**. Thank you for your generosity.

Dinner Money

Parents of KS2 children who have school dinners, the deadline for the payment of **£40.85 is Friday 3 May 2019**; please make payment through ParentPay. Thank you.



ONLINE SAFETY



Online Safety Workshop

This will be held on **Tuesday 7 May** at 2.30pm to 3.15pm. Due to lack of numbers there **will not** be a session held at 5.00pm. Please contact the school office if you have any queries. Thank you.



Holy Cross PTA presents:

Funtime Friday at Castle Bromwich Hall Hotel on Friday 10 May 2019.

Funtime Friday is in four weeks' time and there is only one pay day left before the deadline for buying tickets. The final date to secure your tickets is **Friday 26th April**. If I don't have firm numbers by this date, the event cannot go ahead & we will miss the opportunity to raise money for our children. Please contact Geraldine Causer on

07525 908 012 or send a direct message via Facebook for bank details & you can transfer the amount during the Easter Holidays. Anyone who has been to Funtime Friday will tell you that it is always a great evening.

Come on everyone 'Dig Deep'!

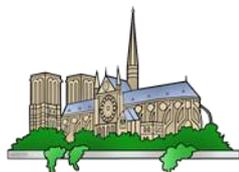
Fathers' Day Lunches 2019

Wednesday 12 June (Children with surname A-L) and Thursday 13 June (Children with surname M-Z)



We are holding two Fathers' Day Lunch Days where your child can invite one gentleman to lunch! This can be fathers, grandfathers, uncles or a family friend. A letter has been emailed home to all parents; please contact the school office if you require a copy.

The deadline for ordering and paying for meals is Tuesday 21 May; We do not want anyone to miss out but as food needs to be ordered in advance, no late orders can be accepted after this date.



Year 6 Trip to St Chad's Cathedral

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 6 on a visit to St Chad's Cathedral on **Tuesday 11 June**. The cost of this trip is £7.00. Please pay via Parent Pay the deadline for payment and to complete and return the proforma is **Tuesday 4 June**. A letter has been sent home to all Year 6 parents. If you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Year 5 visit to Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 5 on a visit to Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre on **Tuesday 9 July 2019**. A voluntary donation of £18.00 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 21 June**. A letter has been sent home with all Year 5 children; 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 **Wednesday 17 July 2018**. A voluntary donation of £28.00 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 June**. A letter has been sent home with all Year 6 children; 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: Years 2 and 4 with 99.3% Well done!

Please see below whole school attendance from September 2018 to April 2019.

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| EYFS | 96.9% |
| Year 1 | 98.0% |
| Year 2 | 97.4% |
| Year 3 | 97.1% |
| Year 4 | 97.6% |
| Year 5 | 97.3% |
| Year 6 | 97.5% |
| Total | 97.5% |

Well done Year 1 - 98%!

Your child's individual attendance report will be sent out after the Easter break.

The Punctuality Award for the week: EYFS, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6!

Recommendations



Recommendations:

EYFS: Mason C, Evie H **Year 1:** Zach L, Nancy W **Year 2:** Connor T, Jimmy W **Year 3:** Alice F, Maria J **Year 4:** Whole Class, Liam B **Year 5:** Whole Class **Year 6:** Johnny G, Isabel W.

Lunchtime Award: Ellen T (Y3).

Sports Award: James W (Y2).



Virtues and Values

This half term we are concentrating on being 'Learned and Wise'. 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:** Flynn B (Y4), Mia S **Mr Rowlands:** Cian P **Miss Stewart:** Marian A **Miss Stevens:** Ruth H **Miss Lovelock:** Enja B, Ethan L (Y6), Eden H **Mr Mayor:** Thomas B, Leilagh K (Y6) **Miss Cross:** Elyssa P.



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

Amelie M-B (EYFS), Ciara P, Eve H (Y1), Eliza H, Caitlin McG (Y2), Henry H (Y3), Maggie R, Calum McC, Connor McC, Kieron McC (Y4).

Dates for Diary - April 2019

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| Tuesday 30 April | All day | Year 3 trip to Shri Venkateswara (Balaji) Temple |
| Tuesday 30 April | 6.00pm to 7.00pm | First Holy Communion information meeting for parents in church |

Dates for Diary - May 2019

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| Monday 6 May | All day | School closed Bank Holiday |
| Tuesday 7 May | 2.30pm to 3.15pm | Online safety parent workshop |
| Tuesday 7 May | 5.00pm to 5.45pm | Online safety parent workshop cancelled |
| Tuesday 7 May | 9.00am refreshments 9.15am start | Year 3 Assembly |
| Wednesday 8 May | 7.30pm-8.30pm | PTA meeting |
| Friday 10 May | 7.00pm | Funtime Friday at Castle Bromwich Hall Hotel |
| Monday 20 May | 12.30pm | HSBC in school |
| Tuesday 21 May | 9.00am refreshments 9.15am start | Year 5 Assembly |
| Tuesday 21 May | 6.00pm to 7.00pm | Confirmation information meeting for parents in church |

Dates for Diary - June 2019

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| Monday 3 June | All day | School closed Inset Day |
| Saturday 8 June | 12.00pm | Year 3 Holy Communion |
| Tuesday 11 June | 9.00am refreshments | Year 2 Assembly |

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| | 9.15am start | |
| Tuesday 11 June | All day | Year 6 trip to St Chad's Cathedral |
| Wednesday 12 June | 11.45am | Fathers' Day Lunch (Children with surnames A-L) |
| Thursday 13 June | 11.45am | Fathers' Day Lunch (Children with surnames M-Z) |
| Saturday 15 June | 12.00pm | Year 3 Holy Communion |
| Monday 17 June | 12.30pm | HSBC in school |
| Tuesday 18 June | 9.00am | Academy Photographers in school class, leavers and EYFS Graduation |
| Tuesday 18 June | 6.00pm | Induction Evening for EYFS class September 2019 |
| Thursday 20 June | 8.50am | Corpus Christi Procession |
| Dates for Diary - July 2019 | | |
| Monday 1 July | 12.30pm | HSBC in school |
| Wednesday 3 July | All day | Handover Day |
| Thursday 4 July | 7.00pm | Year 6 Confirmation |
| Friday 5 July | 7.30pm | Year 6 Leavers' party at Hollyfields Social Club |
| Tuesday 9 July | All day | Y5 trip to Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre |
| Friday 12 July | 9.15am - 11.45am | Sports Day |
| Friday 12 July | 3.20pm - 5.20pm | Family PTA BBQ |
| Monday 15 July | 12.30pm | HSBC in school |
| Monday 15 July to Thursday 18 July | All day | Year 5 Bikeability |
| Tuesday 16 July | 6.00pm to 7.00pm | Year 6 Leavers' production |
| Wednesday 17 July | All day | Year 6 trip to the Safari Park |

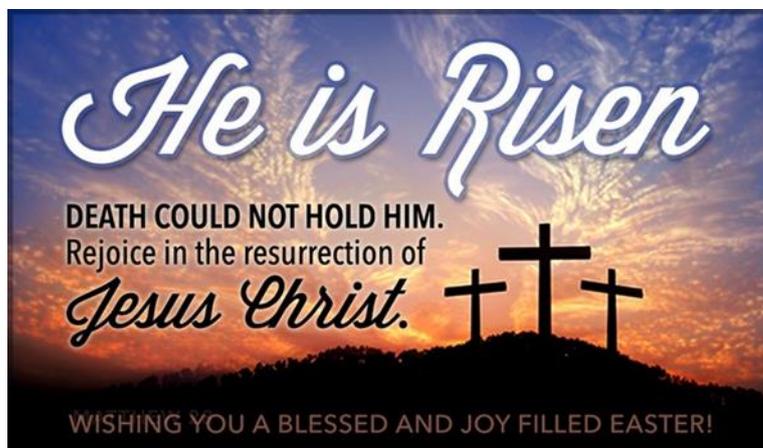
***Other dates available on website**

Have a lovely Easter break!

Yours sincerely



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The children, staff, Governors and Board of Directors wish you a joyful Easter.



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