



# Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

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



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## Newsletter No.23

Dear Parents,

7<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Dates for your diary - March		
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	All week	Y6 Lenten Activities
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	3.45 – 6.00pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	4.30 – 7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	All day	Parish Day of Prayer
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	All week	Y5 Lenten Activities
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	All day	Non uniform day – wear green for St Patrick's day
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Mar	7.30pm	PTA meeting at Holy Cross School (all welcome)
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	All week	Y4 Lenten Activities
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	2.15 – 3.30pm	Y3 Reconciliation in church
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	2.15 – 3.30pm	Y3 Reconciliation in church
Dates for your diary - April		
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	All day	Y2 Trip to Black Country Museum
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Morning	Y1 Shooting Stars Circus Skills (in school hall)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	7pm	Family Bingo

### St David's Day Daffodils

Thank you to everyone who donated flowers on Monday, we managed to make over thirty lovely bunches. Year Five were wonderful ambassadors for our school as they delivered the flowers to elderly residents in our local community. We really did manage to brighten their day.

### Bedtime Stories

This event was a huge success; we were pleased to see such a fantastic turnout, with over a hundred children returning for a selection of bedtime stories. Thank you to our PTA for organising such a lovely event to celebrate World Book Day. We raised over £150.00.

### Our New School Website

Well as is so often the case with all things related to ICT we might have hit a last minute glitch with the launch of our website. Everyone has worked incredibly hard to ensure that the site has 'gone live' only to find out that it can take up to 48 hours to propagate (no I don't understand either!!) The new URL address is [www.holycross-sch.net](http://www.holycross-sch.net). Please keep checking over the weekend as the site could appear at any time.

### Parental mail for the office

In an effort to reduce the amount of time parents are waiting to be served by the school office, we now have a post box on the wall in the main reception area. This can be used for general correspondence and payments. If you are depositing a payment please can you ensure that it is in a **sealed envelope, correct change, with child's name and what the payment is for clearly marked on the envelope.** The post box will be emptied on a regular basis during the day. Thank you.

### Holy Cross Pre School

Holy Cross Pre School are now accepting applications for September places. Please obtain the relevant paperwork and prospectus directly from the nursery. All applications must be received by Friday 4th April to be considered for initial allocation of places. Applications for full time places will be given priority as per our admissions policy. If your child is already 3, we have a limited number of free places available for an immediate start, sessions are filling up quickly so if you are looking for places before September please contact Mrs Karen Gordon directly on 0121 675 1191 for further details.

### Polite Reminder

If you arrive late with your child in the morning, please ensure that you go to the school office to sign them in. Once the playground gates are closed.

**Bags 2 School:** 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 office. Bags will be collected on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March by 9.00am. Please only drop off bags on that morning as the school cannot store overnight.** Thank you for your support!

### Great BNB Bake Off – The Edible Pedal

As well as taking part on the BIG Pedal we are also offering all children, parents and staff the opportunity to create their own edible pedal in our Great BNB Bake Off competition. Simply bake a cake in the shape of a pedal, return your entries by 9.00am Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March. The BNB Schools Team will be coming into school to judge on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March. There will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes. If you have any questions please contact Mrs Patterson.

### Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 3 with 100%. Well done.

**Recommendations: Reception:** Nevin R, Joshua W **Year 1:** Nathan G, Charlotte L **Year 2:** Regine W **Year 3:** Whole of Year 3 **Year 4:** George L, Ellie-Jo L **Year 5:** Niamh L, Louise A **Year 6:** Whole of Year 6.

**Super Scribes: Reception:** Scarlett T **Year 1:** Aaron S **Year 2:** Niamh S **Year 4:** Olivia S **Year 5:** James B **Year 6:** Manave P.

**Lunchtime Award:** Leon S Year 4, Alicia I Reception.

**Top Table:** George L, Olivia S, Niamh S, Nathan G, Leon S, Charlotte L, Alicia I.

Enjoy the weekend and have a great week.

*I. Gallagher*

Ian Gallagher  
(Acting Principal) and the staff team

### The Temptation of Jesus

The Lord Jesus is ever ready to pour out his Spirit upon us that we may have the strength and courage to resist sin. God wants us to “fight the good fight of the faith” with the power and strength which comes from the Holy Spirit.

*“Lord, your word is life and joy for me. Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may have the strength and courage to embrace your will in all things and to renounce whatever is contrary to it.”*

*Amen*

