



# 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.24

Dear Parents,

14<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Dates for your diary - March		
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)
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> Mar	3.30 – 4.15pm	SATs Information Meeting
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	All week	Y4 Lenten Activities
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	2.15 – 3.10pm	Y3 Reconciliation in church
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	2.15 – 3.30pm	Y3 Reconciliation in church
Dates for your diary - April		
Tuesday 1st Apr	All day	Y2 Trip to Black Country Museum
Wednesday 2nd Apr	Morning	Y1 Shooting Stars Circus Skills (in school hall)
Friday 4th Apr	7.00pm	Family Bingo
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Apr	9.30am	Easter Production
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Morning	Y6 visit to Ghamkol Sharif Mosque
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> Apr		Break up for Easter Holidays

### Our New School Website

Well, all good things come to those who wait. Our new website went live on Monday.

We have already received many positive comments during both parents' evenings but we still welcome any feedback from you, as we aim to make this a website that is informative but above all useful for your family. If you haven't had a chance to have a look yet, the new address is: [www.holycross-sch.net](http://www.holycross-sch.net)

### Free News and Events App

This App allows parents/guardians instant access to the school calendar through your mobile phone. The App instructions are under the school information section on our website.

### Parents' Evenings

Both evenings were very well received and many compliments were shared, it was a pleasure to see such a positive celebration of the home/ school partnership. A number of comments and suggestions were noted and are currently being explored. I will report back in due course.

### Possible Strike Action

The National Union of Teachers (NUT) is planning a national teachers' strike on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March. I am unable to confirm whether the school will or will not be open at this point but wanted to make you aware of the date should you need to begin exploring possible child care arrangements.

### Polling Day

I can confirm that Holy Cross will be used as a polling station for the local elections on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and will therefore be closed to all pupils.

### Polite Reminder

Please do not allow children to ride their bicycles and in particular, their scooters whilst on the school site. This is a health and safety issue and will ultimately result in someone getting hurt at this crowded time. We also have a row of cones that are put out each evening, this is to separate the waiting area from the car park. Please support us by ensuring that your children do not cross this boundary. This will prevent cars from being damaged and help to keep everyone safe and secure. Thank you

### Irish Dancers

We would like to invite our Irish dancers to bring their dancing costume and a piece of music to school on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March so they can dance during our assembly to celebrate St Patrick's Day.

### Lenten Activities

Our children will be raising money for important causes throughout Lent. Please remember to send your child in to school with a small amount of money so that they can support their friends' activities. It is Year 5's turn next week. Well done to Year 6 this week they raised an amazing £146.00. Well done Year 6!

**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 21st March by 9.00am. Please only drop off bags on that morning as the school cannot store overnight.** Thank you for your support!

### Parent Council Letters

We had a very successful Parent Council meeting this week, not least because we discussed just how much this group has managed to achieve in terms of school development. I would like to personally thank the current members of the council for their dedication and would also like to encourage other parents to come forward and join them. You will have received a letter from our Parent Council during your parents' evening; we look forward to seeing some new faces as well as some new ideas in the future.

### Free School Meal Entitlement

Parents may not be aware that if you are entitled for free school meals and your child does not have a school meal there are still other benefits you may be eligible to. These include assistance with school uniform and trips costs. If you think that you may be entitled to free school meals please contact the school office for a form.

### Little Green Sprouts

Good news - we've joined the new Little Green Sprouts initiative (backed by Suttons Seeds). Little Green Sprouts is an online gardening store (with a difference) offering a mix of exciting new products for the confident gardener but also trusted favourites for those who know what they like. Whether you have an acre of land or just a windowsill there are products to suit. Here's what we'd like you to do:

- Visit [http://www.littlegreensprouts.co.uk/holy\\_cross\\_catholic\\_primary\\_school](http://www.littlegreensprouts.co.uk/holy_cross_catholic_primary_school) and have a browse
- Once you've found what you'd like to buy simply place your order, safe in the knowledge that not only are you buying a quality item you are also raising funds for the school - every £10 spent will earn the school 1 sprout which we can then spend on your children.
- Tell your friends! Feel free to invite your friends and family to visit the site
- Sit back and wait for your order to arrive!

Best wishes and happy gardening! Miss Crowley.

### Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the classes with the highest attendance were Reception and Year 1 with 100%. Well done.

**Recommendations: Reception:** Mollie-Mae H, Isla H **Year 1:** Maria L, Cassandra G **Year 2:** Keane S **Year 3:** Mille M, Pierce B **Year 4:** Roan D, Ruby H, Joseph L **Year 5:** Jamie W, Julia Z **Year 6:** Megan N, Grace C.

**Super Scribes: Reception:** Sian J **Year 1:** James D **Year 2:** Niamh S **Year 3:** Alex H **Year 4:** Aidan G **Year 5:** Sophie H **Year 6:** Jessica K.

**Lunchtime Award:** Spencer W.

**Top Table:** Maria L, Cassandra G, Mollie Mae H, Isla H, Jessica K, Roan D, Ruby H, Joseph L, Pierce B, Millie M, Spencer W, Jamie W, Sophie H.

Enjoy the weekend and have a great week.

*I. Gallagher*

Ian Gallagher  
(Acting Principal) and the staff team

### The True Spirit of Lent

*A Letter from Winnie (a resident at The Oaks)*

*Thanks to all the children and teachers who brought sunshine into The Oaks following St David's Day. The flowers lasted over a week but the happy faces will last longer as we remember that Lent is for giving with joy. The best way to show your love for the God who made us is to follow his way with truth every day and to give life everlasting love.*

