



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.25

Dear Parents,

21th March 2014

Dates for your diary - March		
Monday 24 th March	All week	Y4 Lenten Activities
Monday 24 th March	2.15 – 3.30pm	Y3 Reconciliation in church
Tuesday 25 th March	2.15 – 3.30pm	Y3 Reconciliation in church
Wednesday 26 th March	All day	Strike action
Thursday 27 th March	9.15am	Mass in school lead by Y6
Dates for your diary - April		
Tuesday 1st April	All day	Y2 Trip to Black Country Museum
Wednesday 2nd April	Morning	Y1 Shooting Stars Circus Skills (in school hall)
Friday 4th April	7.00pm	Family Bingo
Tuesday 8 th April	9.30am	Easter Production
Wednesday 9 th April	Morning	Y6 Trip to Ghamkol Sharif Mosque
Friday 11 th April		Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 28 th April		New Principal – Miss T. Cotter begins

'Basic Skills Quality Mark' Renewal

You will receive a letter informing you that Holy Cross School has been awarded the renewal of the 'Basics Skills Quality Mark.' We are extremely pleased to have achieved this important endorsement of our approach to the teaching of English and mathematics in our school. There were many positive elements highlighted in our report, for example our:

'robust and effective assessment cycle', the *'ambitious range of opportunities offered, such as the involvement in the Shakespeare for Schools Festival and the Enterprise Shed.'* Also our school environment was described as *'bright, stimulating and well organised.'* My thanks go to our staff team for their constant hard work, care and enthusiasm.

Parent Questionnaires

You received a questionnaire yesterday and we ask that you please take the time to complete it and send it back to school by next Thursday. Your opinions matter greatly to us and these questionnaires help us to find out what we're doing well and help us identify areas to focus on for improvement.

Family Bingo

Can forms be returned no later than Tuesday 25th March as we have limited spaces available and tickets will you not be able to purchase tickets on the night.

Kids Club

School Closures: Strike Action Wednesday 26th March 2014 and Polling Day Thursday 22nd May 2014 Holy Cross Kids Club and Pre-school Nursery will remain open as normal. We will be running a "childcare" facility on both days a fee is payable. We have a maximum of 16 places available. Bookings for either day will be on a first come, first served basis. Please contact Mrs Gordon direct on (0121) 675-1191 for details.

Kids Club and Nursery

Kids Club and Nursery will be opening a holiday play scheme running Whitsun half term from Tuesday 27th May to Friday 30th May. This is a payable service and details can be obtained direct from Kids Club. Places are limited so if you require a place please contact Mrs Gordon on (0121) 675-1191 as soon as possible.

Edible Pedal

We had some fantastic creations. Well done! 1st prize Regine W, 2nd prize Annie and James D and 3rd prize Niamh L.

The Big Pedal

Well done to everyone who took part. We came 2nd in the North Birmingham area, 3rd in the West Midlands and out of 1,300 schools we came 306 fantastic!

Mother's Day Gift

We are giving the children an opportunity to make a 'gift' for Mothering Sunday for someone special for £1.20! Your child was given a letter to bring home. Can you please return the slip to Mrs Patterson with the money in an envelope by Monday 24th March. Thank you.

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 support their friends' activities. It is Year 4's turn next week. This week it was Year 5 and they raised the grand total of £258.00 well done!

Football Match

Our football team had a match v Mere Green last night we lost 2 – 0, the team played really well, fantastic effort.

Collecting Children from School

If another person is collecting your child on your behalf you **MUST** send a note into the class teacher informing them of the arrangements. This is for safeguarding reasons.

Year Two's Magic Fancy Dress Shop

Year Two have a new role play area in their classroom which has lots of magic but not many fancy dress costumes. If you have any costumes that your child has grown out of we would really appreciate it if you could donate them. Please send them to Mr Spindlow via the school office. Thank you

Super Swimming

We aim for all children at Holy Cross to develop their God given talents to their full potential but sometimes, through hard work and dedication, some children manage to achieve particularly impressive accomplishments. So congratulations to Erin D who has been competing over the past 3 weekends in the annual Warwickshire ASA Swimming Championships 2014. She has been training hard for this championship and was crowned Warwickshire Champion for 10 Year Old Girl on Saturday. She also achieved 5 gold medals for: 200m freestyle, 200m IM, 200m breaststroke, 50m freestyle, 50m breaststroke, silver and bronze for the relay team, black medal for Top 10 year old girl **AND** qualified for Midland Championships in 6 events that takes place in June and includes 9 counties. Erin, we are very proud of you!

Children on Sandwiches

Can parents/guardians please ensure that if their child has sandwiches they provide their own teaspoons for yoghurts etc.

Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the classes with the highest attendance were Year 6 and Reception with 98.52%. We have 100% attendance today throughout the school. Well done.

Recommendations: Reception: Olivia H, **Year 1:** Imogen A, Ava A **Year 2:** Madeline L, Niamh S, Jack H **Year 3:** Niamh P, Jake W **Year 4:** Shannon B, Elizabeth H **Year 5:** Louise A, Jamie W **Year 6:** Ethan S, Millie C.

Super Scribes: Reception: Francesca L, Jake M **Year 1:** Owen P **Year 2:** Madeline L **Year 3:** Michael M **Year 4:** Lewis P **Year 5:** Christian B **Year 6:** Megan N.

Lunchtime Award: Shawn S.

Top Table: Shawn S, Christian B, Madeline L, Olivia H, Megan N, Imogen A, Ava A, Elizabeth H, Shannon B and Michael M.

Enjoy the weekend and have a great week.

I. Gallagher

Ian Gallagher
(Acting Principal) and the staff team

Living Water

We thank you and praise you, O God, that however we may thirst, whatever we may need to satisfy our souls, You offer it freely and abundantly in Christ; So we drink deep of the living water and, as we draw from your wells, we seek to pass the cup to others who, like us, are thirsty for your grace.

Amen



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