



Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

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



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Dear Parents,

Dates for your diary - February		
Saturday 1 st Feb	6.00 – 9.00pm	Swimming Gala – Stechford Baths
Monday 3 rd Feb	9.30am	Year Three/ Year Four Inspire Workshop
Thursday 6 th Feb	9.00am	Mass (in church) led by Year 4
Friday 7 th Feb	9.15am	Year Two Class assembly
Tuesday 11 th Feb	All day	Year One trip to Thinktank
Wednesday 12 th Feb	3.30 – 4.15pm	Reconciliation 'Drop in' session
Thursday 13 th Feb	7.00pm	Year Six Sacrament of Confirmation
Friday 14 th Feb	school closed all day	Staff training day
Half Term		
Thursday 27 th Feb	9.15am	Thanksgiving Mass for Y6 Confirmation

'Be Healthy' Award

Four of our children visited the Council House in Birmingham this week. They were representing us as we received our 'Be Healthy Schools' award and they proved to be fantastic ambassadors for the school. A member of the public commented that our children were the smartest at the event. Another commented on how lovely our uniform is. Thank you children, you make us feel very proud.

Newsletter sent via email

Last week we started to send the newsletter via email, if you did not receive it this means that the school does not have your current email address. If you would like to receive the newsletter via email please arrange for the office to have your email address, thank you.

Early Years Igloo

Our Early Years children have started to build an igloo this term, for this they still need more 2 pint plastic milk containers. We would really appreciate it if you could collect them at home, wash them out and then bring them in to school with the tops on during the next two weeks.

Enterprise Shed

Thank you to the most recent groups who have set up a business in our Enterprise Shed. Not only have they been really sensible and creative, they have also gained a valuable insight into the world of business. The last three groups who have participated have decided to donate their profits towards our iPads fund. Amazingly they have donated £76.47 between them! Thank you children and thank you to parents and families who have supported in the background.

Year Three Trip to Cosford

Year Three enjoyed their trip to RAF Cosford on Monday, despite the cold. A member of staff who works at the museum said that our children were extremely polite and well behaved. Well done children

Toast and Juice

Reminder to parents that the school offers toast 20p and juice 35p to all children at morning break. If you would like your child to have toast or juice please send in the correct money each day with your child. Thank you.

RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch

Holy Cross has signed up for the RSPB Big Schools Birdwatch and we will be watching and recording throughout the weeks of 3rd February and 10th February to discover which birds share our school grounds and surrounding areas. This is part of our commitment to promote being an Eco School. This weekend you too can join in by taking part in the world's largest wildlife survey, at home in your garden or local park. Register at <https://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch> for a pack and tips for how to watch and record your findings then let Miss Crowley know. Watch this space for results!

Confirmation 'Drop In' Session

We held our 'Drop In' session on Wednesday after school. During the meeting some important questions were asked:

Do children have to wear a long sleeve shirt?

Yes please, to ensure that all children look smart and consistent.

Can we have family photographs taken alongside our children?

Yes, we have now arranged for the photographer to start taking photos from 5.45pm. You can have up to three photographs taken: an individual picture, confirmandi and their sponsor; confirmandi and their family. There is no obligation to have all three taken. If you do not wish to, we recommend that you come to the parish hall for about 6.15 as it does get very busy.

Will there be a DVD this year?

Yes, we have arranged for our regular company to film the Mass.

I hope this clears up your concerns and queries.

Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 3 with 99.26% Well done

Recommendations: Reception: Jake M, Eva H **Year One:** Aaron S **Year Two:** Keane S, James R
Year Three: All of Year Three **Year Four:** Leah R, Sam K **Year Five:** Alfie U, Louis B, George H, Louise A, Niamh L, Sean H **Year Six:** Eilish O, Patrick S, Joe D, Alfie L, Max E, Manave P.

Super Scribes: Reception: Olivia W **Year One:** Ben B, Samuel W **Year Two:** Sam K **Year Three:** Jacob D
Year Four: Alice H, Ruby H **Year Five:** Niamh L **Year Six:** Kaitlin O.

Lunchtime Award: Missy G.

Top Table: Sam K, Jacob D, Leah R, Missy G.

The Presentation of the Lord

Simeon blessed Mary and Joseph and he prophesied to Mary about the destiny of her child, Jesus and the suffering she would undergo for his sake. Simeon was not alone in recognising the Lord's presence in the temple. Anna, too, was filled with the Holy Spirit. She was found daily in the temple, attending to the Lord in prayer and speaking prophetically to others about God's promise to send a redeemer.

"Lord Jesus, may I never cease to hope in you and to trust in your promises. Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may always recognise your saving presence in my life. Help me to point others to Christ and to be an example of faith and devotion as Simeon and Anna were to their generation."



Enjoy the weekend and have a great week.

I. Gallagher

Ian Gallagher (Acting Principal) and the staff team

