



# 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,

10<sup>th</sup> January 2014

Happy New Year and welcome back; let us pray for a healthy and successful 2014, particularly for our school and parish community. This is an exciting time for Holy Cross and I am very pleased to have the opportunity to lead our school as Acting Principal for the spring term.

Dates for your diary - January		
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	All day	Year Five trip to Warner Bros Studio Tour London. Harry Potter.
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	7.30pm	PTA Meeting – all welcome
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.15am	Mass in school led by Year Five
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.15am	Year Six class assembly
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.30am	Mass of Commitment for Year Three and Year Six at Holy Cross Church
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30am	Year Five/ Year Six Inspire Workshop
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	All day	Year Three trip to RAF Cosford
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	11.00am	Healthy Award Presentation – Birmingham Council House
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30am	Year One/ Year Two Inspire Workshop
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	3.30 – 4.00pm	Confirmation 'Drop In' Session in the school hall
Friday 31st Jan	All day	Life Education Group – Health Education for KS2 classes

## **John Paul II Multi- Academy Company**

We officially formed as a multi-academy company (MAC) alongside Bishop Walsh, St Joseph's and St Nicholas' schools on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014. We look forward to the many benefits that this will bring in the future. You will notice that our new look newsletter now displays our JPIIMAC shield, made up of symbols from each of our schools.

## **Newsletters by E mail**

We are pleased to be able to offer you the new opportunity of having your newsletters emailed directly to you. This service will begin from Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January. Please ensure that the school office has your up to date email.

## **Polite Reminder**

Please can we remind you that all cheques sent in to school must be made out to: **John Paul II Multi-Academy Company.**

## **Curriculum Overviews**

Please look at our school website to view the exciting curriculum planned for your child in the spring term. This will enable you to work in partnership with your child's class teacher and to support learning at home.

## **Thank you from Mrs Deasy**

Mrs Deasy has asked me to thank you on her behalf for the many kind wishes, cards and gifts that she received from our school community. She was overwhelmed by your thoughtfulness and generosity.

### **Early Years Igloo**

Our Early Years children are hoping to build an igloo this term. To do so they need 400 plastic milk containers (2 pint or 4 pint). We would really appreciate it if you could collect them at home, wash them out and then bring them in to school during the next two weeks.

### **Health and Safety**

Please ensure that all girls with long hair come to school with their hair securely tied back at all times. Thank you.

### **School Uniform Sale**

We are currently in the process of changing our school uniform provider so that we can enable you to purchase all uniform items on-line. As a result we have some surplus stock which we will be selling at a reduced price. If you are interested and would like to grab yourself a bargain, Mrs Patterson will be in the school hall next week after school on Monday, Thursday and Friday from 3.40 – 4.15pm.

### **Reception Class 2014**

Parents/carers who have a child who was born between 1 September 2009 and 31 August 2010 need to make an application for their child to start Reception Class in September 2014 by no later than Wednesday 15 January 2014. The quickest and easiest way to make an application is online at [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) or by contacting a member of Children's Information and Advice Service on 0121 303 1888.

### **Laburnum Drive area**

Can all parents be careful and aware of pedestrians when driving/parking in the roads around school.

### **Attendance**

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 6 with 100%. Well done.

**Recommendations: Reception:** Alicia I, Dylan G **Year 1:** John J G, Oliver B, Cassandra G **Year 2:** Charlie BH, Frances, Aaron **Year 3:** Hannah E, Thomas T **Year 4:** Shannon B, Alice H **Year 5:** Christian B, Christopher H **Year 6:** Angel S, Victoria P.

**Super Scribes: Reception:** Nevin R **Year 3:** Matilda C **Year 4:** Leon S **Year 5:** Lauren M, Andrea S **Year 6:** James H.

**Top Table:** Dylan G, Alicia I, John J G, Matilda C, Christopher H.

### **A New Year Reflection**

*The great thing about walking with God in life is that there is always the opportunity to start anew – God always offers us a new day and a new dawn, no matter what has gone before. At the start of the New Year, why not take the chance to thank Him for last year, ask His forgiveness for where you have failed and commit this year to Him – to serve Him and love Him afresh.*

Enjoy the weekend and have a great week

I. Gallagher

Ian Gallagher (Acting Principal)  
and the staff team

