



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,

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Dates for your diary - January		
Monday 27 th Jan	All day	Year Three trip to RAF Cosford
Monday 27 th Jan	9.30am	Year Five/ Year Six Inspire Workshop
Tuesday 28 th Jan	11.00am	Healthy Award Presentation – Birmingham Council House
Wednesday 29 th Jan	9.30am	Year One/ Year Two Inspire Workshop
Wednesday 29 th Jan	3.30 – 4.00pm	Confirmation 'Drop In' Session in the school hall
Thursday 30 th Jan	9.15am	Mass in School led by Year Three
Friday 31 st Jan	All day	Life Education Group – health education for KS2 classes
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
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
Dates for your diary - June		
Monday 2 nd June	school closed all day	Staff training day

Inspire Workshops

Inspire Workshops next week will start at 9.30am but parents are welcome to join us in the hall for refreshments from 9.00am.

Kid's Club Vacancy

Kid's Club have a vacancy for a level 2/3 Play Coordinator Monday to Friday 7.45am to 9.00am and 3.15pm to 5.45pm, total of 18:45 hours per week term time only. Please contact Mrs Karen Gordon on 675-1191 for further details.

Holy Cross Pre School Nursery

Holy Cross Pre School Nursery will be opening in the next few weeks and there are still limited places available. As an opening offer each child will be given 15 hours free child care per week. If you or your family or friends are interested, please contact Mrs Karen Gordon 675-1191.

Holy Cross is now officially a Forest School

Congratulations to Mrs Gordon who is now a fully qualified Forest Schools Practitioner. This means that Holy Cross is now officially a Forest School. We look forward to being able to provide many exciting opportunities for our children in the future.

Wear Your Slippers To School Day! Thursday 6th February

The school will be taking part to raise funds for Age Concern Birmingham. As children will be at Mass in church they can change into their slippers when they arrive back at school. Can each child please bring in £1.00 for that day towards this good cause.

Eco Warriors

Well done to our Key Stage Two Eco Warriors who have been out and about this week helping to clear leaves from a local resident's garden. What a fantastic example of reaching out into our local community to help others. Thank you children for giving up your lunch times and thank you to Mrs Patterson for accompanying them.

Adverse Weather Conditions

If we have snow or weather conditions that may cause the school to close, a decision will be made by 7.15am and all families will be contacted by text message.

Change to Office Hours

Please note change to office hours with effect from Mon 27th January. Mon 8.30-3.45pm Tues to Fri 8.30am-4.30pm.

Staff Training Day

The last Inset Day for the term will be Monday 2nd June; children are not required to attend school.

Year Six Confirmation

Can parents of Year Six children please donate £3.00 per family for flowers to be displayed in the church for the Confirmation Service. Donations should be given to Mrs Knowles or Mrs Connor no later than Friday 7th February.

Stranger Danger

West Midlands Police are urging parents to reiterate 'stranger danger' messages to their children following reports of suspicious activity near schools in North Birmingham.

They have issued the following advice to share with your children:

- Never go off on your own with a stranger, take things from them or get in a car with them.
- Make sure you tell your parents where you are.
- If someone scares you, or makes you feel uncomfortable go somewhere safe, which could be your home, your school or a police station. Remember to tell someone what has happened straight away.

African Snail

Miss Crowley has been offered an African Snail/s for the Early Years classroom. Can anyone please donate a plastic/glass tank suitable to home the snails?

Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 4 with 100%. Well done.

Recommendations: Reception: Eloise H, Eliza S **Year 1:** Thomas S, Nathan G **Year 2:** Jack M, Christien J **Year 3:** Ioan T, Millie M, Emily E **Year 4:** Ryan B, Rebecca D **Year 5:** Tiah P, Erin D **Year 6:** Connor P.

Super Scribes: Reception: Alicia I **Year 1:** Alex H **Year 2:** Amy M **Year 3:** Ben L **Year 4:** Lewis P **Year 5:** Missy G **Year 6:** Joshua G.

Top Table: Ryan B, Alex H, Iona T, Rebecca D, Missy G.

'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men'

As followers of Jesus, we are indeed to be fishers of men and women in the sense that we are to spread that good news as a net of grace.

Dear Lord, thank you for the privilege of being one of your followers. Thank you for reaching out to me and calling me through your Spirit. And thank you for enlisting me as one of your "fishermen."

Help me, Lord, to be a good fisherman. By your Spirit, empower me to speak and live the truth of the Gospel. May I reach out to those who are needy and hurting, offering your gift of life. *Amen.*



Enjoy the weekend and have a great week.

I. Gallagher

Ian Gallagher (Acting Principal) and the staff team

