



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.21

Dear Parents,

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Dates for your diary - February		
Half Term		
Tuesday 25 th Feb	All day	Year 4 trip to National Space Centre
Thursday 27 th Feb	9.15am	Thanksgiving Mass for Y6 Confirmation
Dates for your diary - March		
Monday 3 rd Mar	All day	Reception trip to Birmingham Airport
Tuesday 4 th Mar	All day	Year 6 trip to Avoncroft Museum
Wednesday 5 th Mar	9.15am	Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday 6 th Mar	6.00pm	Bedtime Stories (more information to follow)
Friday 7 th Mar	9.15am	Year 3 Class assembly
Friday 7 th Mar	2.30pm	Parent Council meeting (all welcome)
Monday 10 th Mar	All week	Y6 Lenten Activities
Tuesday 11 th Mar	3.45 – 6.00pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 12 th Mar	4.30 – 7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 14 th Mar	All day	Parish Day of Prayer

Matters raised by the Parent Academy Committee Representative (Mireia Mangual) at the latest Full Academy Committee meeting (previously Full Governing Body meeting):

Teacher training days

The Parent Representative has been approached by some parents about the possibility of aligning teacher training days with the rest of the schools in JPIIMAC. While it will be possible in future to hold some of those days simultaneously, it is also planned that JPIIMAC schools will use some of their training days to observe another MAC school in action, so it will not be possible to make all training days coincide.

Impact of the new Holy Cross Nursery on Kids' Club

The nursery opening hours have been planned so that there is no overlap between school children attending Kids Club and nursery children. The nursery will open shortly after children have left to start school, and will close shortly before the children finish school. There will therefore be no loss of resources or space for Kids' Club children.

Holy Cross Pre School

On Monday 10th February Holy Cross Pre School welcomed its first children and families and we are very much looking forward to welcoming more families after the half term holidays. There are a few remaining places available with our opening offer of 15 hours free child care. If you would like further information please contact the nursery manager: Mrs Karen Gordon on 0121 675 1191. We would like to invite you and any interested friends and family to attend our official opening day on Friday 28th February at 1.00pm. The nursery will be opened by the Rt Hon Andrew Mitchell MP. There will be refreshments available and an opportunity to meet staff and look around our lovely friendly pre-school. If you are interested in places for September, we recommend you attend our open day for further information and collect a prospectus. Applications for September places can be submitted now, however, places will not be confirmed until after Easter. You are welcome to view the nursery by arrangement if this date is unsuitable.

Swimming for Year 2

After half term Year 2 will start swimming on Wednesdays; the first session will be on Wednesday 26th February. Can girls please wear a full costume and boys wear trunks (not loose fitted shorts) for health and safety reasons

Bike Competitions

Monday 24th February: “Big Love Bling” – bling your bike. We had some fantastic entries last year, so let’s see if this year can be even better. Rachel and Andy from the BNB Team will be judging the ‘Bling Bikes’ at 9.30am on Tuesday 18th March.

Monday 3rd March – Friday 14th March: The Big Pedal is back again this year. So, remember to travel to school every day throughout the two weeks on your bikes/scooters and register your travel in class. Any adults or siblings are welcome to join in, just make sure your child registers you at the same time. Thank you for your support.

Tuesday 11th March: “The Edible Pedal Competition”. Remember, the pedal needs to be edible like a cake or biscuit. Judging will take place on Tuesday 11th March at 9.30am.

Dinner Money

Dinner money will be £70.00 for the next term. Payments must be made in full by **Friday 28th February**. Please make cheques payable to John Paul II Multi-Academy Company. All payments must be in an envelope clearly marked with child’s name, class and what the payment is for and sent into the class teacher. Thank you for your support.

Uniform Sale Thursday 27th February

We are holding a one day ‘Knock Down Sale.’ All cardigans and jumpers £5 each, all polo tops £4 each, please remember this is a one day offer only with limited sizes left. The sale will be held at 8.30am and then again at 3.30pm. Please come to the school office.

Sickness and Diarrhoea

If your child has sickness and diarrhoea please adhere to the NHS guidelines for vomiting and diarrhoea: ‘Children with these conditions should be kept off school. **They can return 48 hours after their symptoms totally disappear.**’ This reduces the risk of cross contamination.

A big ‘Thank you’ from our Reception class

Thank you for sending in milk cartons, the igloo is now complete and it looks absolutely fantastic! Have a look at our lovely photograph.



Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Reception with 99.05%. Well done.

Recommendations: Reception: Whole class **Year 1:** Whole of Year 1 **Year 2:** Whole of Year 2 **Year 3:** Whole of Year 3 **Year 4:** Whole of Year 4 **Year 5:** Niamh M, Missy G **Year 6:** Lewis B.

Super Scribes: Reception: Emma M **Year 1:** Harrison S **Year 2:** William H **Year 3:** Trinity H **Year 4:** Sadie M **Year 5:** Niamh H **Year 6:** Whole of Year 6.

Creative Arts Award: Year 5.

Lunchtime Award: George H, Christopher H.

Enjoy the weekend and have a great week.

I. Gallagher

Ian Gallagher

(Acting Principal) and the staff team

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Spirit of wisdom and understanding, enlighten our minds to perceive the mysteries of the universe in relation to eternity. Spirit of right judgment and courage, guide us and make us firm in our baptismal decision to follow Jesus' way of love. Spirit of knowledge and reverence, help us to see the lasting value of justice and mercy in our everyday dealings with one another. May we respect life as we work to solve problems of family and nation, economy and ecology. Spirit of God, spark our faith, hope and love into new action each day. Fill our lives with wonder and awe in your presence which penetrates all creation.

Amen.

