



# 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. 35

Dear Parents/Persons with Parental Responsibility

20 June 2014



On Saturday, our second group of children: Hannah E, Iona T, Millie Mc, Clark T, Michael Mc, Jessica T, Thomas T, Niamh P, Jake W, Jessica P, Nhea R, Jake W, Natalie S, Chris S, Leon S and Shawn S will be making their First Holy Communion at 12.00 Mass at Holy Cross Church. We had a lovely day last week and I am sure that this week will be as memorable. The children have been working very hard with Mr Hunt to prepare for this Sacrament. A big thank you to the children who came to sing in the choir and all the staff who are supporting both days to ensure everything runs smoothly. Please remember the children in your prayers. (Another prayer for sunshine too please!)



### Whole Academy Mass at Bishop Walsh

Yesterday was an incredible day, with all four Academy schools sharing Mass together concelebrated by Bishop McGough, Fr Neil, Fr Van, Fr Ho, Msg Cousins, Fr Vesey and Fr Vladimir.

Our children were a credit to you and to Holy Cross School; the servers, readers and drama group (including Mr Gallagher!) were excellent as was the behaviour, reverence and enthusiasm of the children sitting in the congregation.

The success of yesterday shows us all that there are many possibilities we have as an Academy to work together to provide exciting opportunities and high quality provision for our children.

Many compliments were received from coach drivers, directors of the Academy and staff from other schools about the behaviour and contribution of our children during the day; we all felt very proud - thank you children!

### Message from Mr A McGuigan - Chair of Holy Cross Academy Committee

"It was with great pleasure and enormous pride that I was able to be involved in the St John Paul II Multi Academy Mass at Bishop Walsh yesterday which involved all children from all four schools within our Academy. It was an occasion that was moving and at the same time inspiring. I would like to personally thank Miss Cotter and the team here at Holy Cross for their hard work and planning to ensure our children had a safe and enjoyable experience. Well done also to the Holy Cross pupils involved in a great acting performance on the day. Miss Cotter and I would also like to say a special thank you on behalf of us all to Mr John Farrell, Principal at Bishop Walsh, the staff and the pupils there for their commitment to make sure the whole occasion was an experience our children will never forget".



### Sutton Area Sports

The children showed great team spirit. We had a lovely afternoon and it went well. We won first, second and third place for some individual races. The weather stayed on our side!



### Year Five Bikeability

Congratulations to twelve of our Year Five children who achieved their Bikeability certificates last week - Well done; road safety is so important.



### Early Years Class Assembly

Our Reception class children led a fantastic assembly this morning. I'm so glad that the final class assembly of the year is led by them because it enables us to see how much every child has progressed during their first year at school. Today we witnessed progress that can't always be truly measured. Every child spoke with clarity; all had learned lots of words and everyone participated with such confidence. There were some lovely 'ahhh' moments too, particularly when the children danced to music from Beauty and the Beast! Thank you to Miss Crowley and the Early Years team for enabling our children to show their full potential.



### Summer Fayre

Our Summer Fayre will be held on **Saturday 28 June 1.00pm-3.00pm**. The PTA are asking for volunteers to help at the Summer Fayre if you can spare a bit of time please speak to Alyson Pratt, Zoe O'Toole, Caroline Wall or come to the school office. Raffle tickets have been distributed to each child; there will be spare books in the school office.



### Non School Uniform Day - bring in punnet of strawberries or homemade cake

On Friday 27 June the PTA have requested that the children in KS1 bring in a punnet of strawberries or homemade cakes and the children in KS2 are requested to bring in shop bought scones or homemade cakes for our Summer Fayre. This will be a non-school uniform day.



### **Congratulations Talented Musician**

Congratulations to Jamie W (Y5) who has been selected to play in the Birmingham Schools Junior String Orchestra and has been awarded a music scholarship. This shows not only Jamie's talent as a musician but also recognition of the hard work and dedication he has demonstrated. We look forward to hearing him play at the Creative Arts Evening! Well done Jamie!



### **Ordering School Uniform**

Can we please remind you to order your child's school uniform as early as possible to avoid disappointment. As you can appreciate this will be an extremely busy time for our supplier Mapac.

Please see information below to locate the 'School Uniform' link on our website.

<http://www.holycross-sch.net>

click on

'School Information'

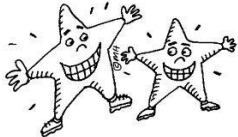
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You can then access the Mapac uniform site directly.



### **Attendance**

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 1 with 99.26%. Well done!



**Recommendations:** Reception: Whole of EYFS, Ella W Year 1: Maria L, James M Year 2: Whole of Year 2, Charlie S, Keane S Year 3: Niamh P, First Holy Communion group Year 4: Whole of Year 4 Year 5: Sophie H, Calum T Year 6: Whole of Year 6.

**Super Scribes:** Reception: Erin P Year 1: Frank W Year 2: Abigail E Year 3: Clark T Year 4: Ruby H, Millie L, James NC Year 5: Isabella J Year 6: Spencer W.

**Creative Arts:** The ten children who performed at Mass.

**Sports Award:** The athletics children and Year 5 Bikeability Children.

**Lunchtime Award:** Olivia O'T (Y5)

**Top Table:** Olivia O'T (Y5), Clark T (Y3), Keane S (Y2), Isabella J (Y5), Ruby H (Y4), Mille L (Y4), James NC (Y4).



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:  
Emma (EYFS) and Olivia (Y4)

<b>Dates for</b>		
Saturday 21 June	12.00pm	First Holy Communion
Monday 23 June	11.00am - 2.00pm	Rotary Award - Lee Garden
Thursday 26 June	9.15am	Whole School Mass - led by Year 6
Friday 27 June	All day	Non school uniform day
Friday 27 June	All day	KS1 trip to Sutton Park
Saturday 28 June	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Summer Fayre
Monday 30 June	6.30pm	Creative Arts Evening
<b>Dates for your diary - July</b>		
Wednesday 2 July	All Day	Handover Day
Thursday 3 July	9.15am	Whole School Mass - led by Year 3 followed by procession to school
Tuesday 8 July	All day	Year 3 trip to Mount Pleasant Farm
Thursday 10 July	9.15am	No Mass
Thursday 10 July	1.30pm	Sports Day
Thursday 10 July	4.00pm - 5.30pm	Bronze Ambassador Leadership Academy Presentation
Friday 11 July	All Day	Year 6 West Midlands Safari Park
Friday 11 July	1.30pm	Governor's Award Tea Party (parents and Children)
Friday 11 July		End of Year Reports sent home
Monday 14 July	3.30pm - 5.00pm	PTA Disco
Tuesday 15 July		Parent's Consultations (by request only)
Wednesday 16 July	6.30pm	Leavers' Production
Thursday 17 July	9.15am	Leavers' Mass - led by Year 6
Friday 18 July	2.30pm	EYFS Graduation Day (parents)
<b>Dates for your diary - September</b>		
Monday 1 September	All day	<b>School closed - Teacher training day</b>
Thursday 25 September	All day	<b>School closed - Teacher training day (with St Joseph's and St Nicholas Primary Schools)</b>

\*Three further Teacher Training days to be confirmed

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

*T Cotter*

Miss T Cotter

Principal

An Academy reflection for the weekend from the great man himself:



**"Have no fear of moving into the unknown. Simply step out fearlessly knowing that I am with you, therefore no harm can befall you; all is very, very well. Do this in complete faith and confidence."**

**(St John Paul II)**