



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.1

Dear Parents/Persons with Parental Responsibility

5 September 2014

Welcome Back!

We're Going Back To School



Welcome back to a new academic year, and a particularly warm welcome to our new families. You can always tell when it is the start of the Autumn term; the sun starts shining!!!! ☀

We have new children in the Nursery and we have visited our new Reception children in their homes. We hope that your children will be very happy at Holy Cross Catholic Primary School.

Thank you to all our parents for sending their children back in full school uniform; the children looked incredibly smart! (A polite reminder that pinafores and skirts must be green).

Summer Uniform



As we are enjoying some warm weather, summer uniform can be worn until October half term. After half term, it is expected that all children will be wearing the winter uniform.



A BIG well done to our Nursery staff who enjoyed (!) a visit from Ofsted in the last week of the Summer term. As you know the Nursery has only been open since January so we are delighted with the 'Good' judgement. It is a testimony to all the hard work and dedication of the staff and the enthusiasm of our amazing little learners! Please enjoy reading the report.



Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust

We have application forms for school clothing grants; if you think you are eligible for a grant please contact the school office. Forms need to be returned to the school office no later than Friday 21 November.



Dinner Money for this term

The amount payable is £77.90 (the two inset days have already been deducted) can we please have payment by **Friday 12 September**. Cheques made payable to John Paul II Multi-Academy or the correct money in a clearly marked envelope with child's name and 'dinner money'. Thank you.



PTA Meeting

Our first PTA meeting of the new year is on Wednesday 10 September at 7.00pm in school. We would love to welcome new members; please come along and find out more details. The more the merrier!



Football Match

Football match away at Maney Hill on Friday 12 September after school - We wish the team good luck!



Shakespeare Rehearsals

Shakespeare Club starts on Thursday 11 September 3.30pm - 4.30pm.

Tickets for the performance on Monday 3 November are now on sale direct from the MAC.

Please call 446-3232.



Music Lessons

Music lessons start next week with the exception of guitar lessons which will start on Tuesday 16 September.

Tuesdays: Violin and Guitar, Thursdays: Woodwind and Fridays: Cello. Music invoices will be sent out next week.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Open Evening at Bishop Walsh

Please note that the date given in the Secondary Admissions book is incorrect. The correct date is Tuesday 16 September 7.00pm - 9.00pm. Thank you.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Year 6 invite you to come along to the Macmillan Coffee morning they are organising on Friday 26 September at 10.15am to 11.15am. Please try to support them so we can raise lots of money for this very worthwhile charity.



Request for cakes

We would be very grateful for any donations of cakes to sell at the coffee morning; these can be sent into school on Wednesday 24, Thursday 25 or the morning of Friday 26 September. Thank you in mouth watering anticipation!



Rotary Meeting

There will be a Rotary meeting in school on Thursday 11 September at 3.30pm for children and parents.



Attendance



Our school strives for 100% attendance. This year we are introducing weekly class attendance and punctuality awards so we hope everyone will try really hard to contribute to their class being the weekly winners!



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
Jack M (Y4) Shannon B (Y5) Daniel W (Y6)

Dates for your diary - September

Tuesday 9 September	All day	Year 4 trip to Cadbury World
Wednesday 10 September	7.00pm	PTA meeting in school
Thursday 11 September	9.15am	Mass in school led by Year 5
Thursday 11 September	3.30pm - 1.00pm	Shakespeare Club
Thursday 11 September	3.30pm	Rotary meeting
Friday 12 September	After school	Football match away at Maney Hill
Wednesday 17 September	All day	Year 5 trip to WB Studio - Harry Potter
Thursday 18 September	9.15am	Mass in school led by Year 4
Tuesday 23 September	All day	Year 2 trip to Warwick Castle
Thursday 25 September	All day	School closed - Teacher training day (with St Joseph's and St Nicholas Primary Schools)
Friday 26 September	10.15AM	Macmillan Coffee Morning

Dates for your diary - October

Thursday 2 October	9.15am	Mass in Church led by Year 6
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Thursday 2 October	7.00pm	Confirmation meeting in Church hall
Tuesday 7 October	All day	EYFS & Year 1 trip to Twycross Zoo
Wednesday 8 October	AM	Shakespeare club at the MAC
Thursday 9 October	9.15	Mass in school led by Year 5
Wednesday 15 October	Till Friday 17 October	Year 6 Alton Castle
Thursday 16 October	9.15am	Mass in school led by Year 4
Wednesday 22 October	PM	Parent Consultations
Thursday 23 October	9.15am	Mass in school led by Year 3
Thursday 23 October	PM	Parent Consultations
Monday 27 October	Friday 31 October	Half term holiday
Dates for your diary - November		
Thursday 6 November	9.15am	Mass in Church led by Year 6
Thursday 6 November	7.00pm	Holy Communion meeting in Church hall
Thursday 13 November	9.15am	Mass in school led by Year 5
Thursday 20 November	9.15am	Mass in school led by Year 4
Thursday 27 November	9.15am	Mass in school led by Year 3
Dates for your diary - December		
Thursday 11 December	9.15am	Mass in school led by Year 5
Thursday 18 December	9.15am	Mass in school led by Year 4
Monday 22 December	Friday 2 January	Christmas holiday
Dates for your diary - February		
Thursday 12 February	PM	Confirmation
Monday 16 February	Friday 20 February	Half term holiday
Monday 23 February	All Day	School closed - Teacher training day
Dates for your diary - March		
Monday 30 March	Friday 10 April	Easter Holiday
Dates for your diary - May		
Monday 25 May	Friday 29 May	Half term holiday
Dates for your diary - June		
*Wednesday 3 June (tbc)	All Day	Whole Academy training day
Saturday 6 June		Holy Communion
Saturday 13 June		Holy Communion
Dates for your diary - July		
Wednesday 1 July	All day	Handover day
Tuesday 14 July	PM	Year 6 Leavers' production
Thursday 16 July	9.15am	Leavers' Mass led by Year 6
Friday 17 July	3.30pm	Children break up for Summer holidays
Monday 20 July	All day	School closed - Teacher training day
Tuesday 21 July		Summer holidays 2015

* to be confirmed

Yours sincerely

T Cotter

Miss T Cotter
Principal

Prayers for the Beginning of the New School Year

Dear Lord, as we begin this new school year, we gather once again as your community of believers.
We thank you for the energy and the spirit that you renewed in us through the summer months.

We thank you for the time to enjoy our family and friends and to reflect on what is important in our lives.
Let this year be marked by enthusiasm and love so that, with the inspiration of your Spirit, we may continue to grow in our faith.

Help us to fulfil Your hope for us with honest intentions and works of faith.

Let us be gentle with ourselves and bring laughter, joy and love to others.

We ask this in your name. Amen.

