



Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

'We share in Christ's life so He can guide our thoughts, words and actions'



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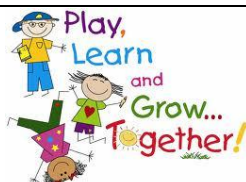
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Newsletter No.2

Dear Parents and Friends

12 September 2014



Another busy week! This week we welcomed our new Reception children in to school for the first time. They have all had a happy week which has been lovely to see. We especially welcome the new families to Holy Cross; I am sure you will be very happy here!

Thank you to Y5 for preparing Mass so well on Thursday and well done to Y4 who enjoyed their visit to Cadbury's world this week. They enjoyed the trip and I enjoyed hearing lots of positive comments about their excellent behaviour!



Open Evening at Bishop Walsh

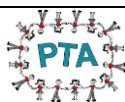
Y5 parents are invited to attend the Open Evening at Bishop Walsh. Please take this opportunity to visit our Academy Secondary school.

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.



Home School Agreement

Today, your child will bring home our revised Home School Agreement. The close partnership between home and school is so vital in supporting children. Thank you to both the School (pupils) and Parent Councils who met and contributed to their relevant sections of the agreement. Please discuss the leaflet with your child, sign the agreement and return to school. The office will record that it has been signed and return it to you so that you can keep it at home and refer to it with your child/children. Thank you for your support.



PTA

Thank you to those who attended the first PTA meeting on Wednesday. There are lots of plans for the coming year both to bring our school family together and to raise money for the children.

We have a small, very hardworking group of people who really need your help.

Successful PTAs are those where tasks and events are organised and supported by a group of people; with the workload shared. With the hectic lives we all lead, organisations cannot be run by a few people. If our PTA is to support our school and help our children, we must all try to support it in any way we can. I ask you all to consider if and how you can help this year; not necessarily on the committee but supporting particular events. They are very keen to welcome new members!

The PTA will be seeking volunteers to assist running the events this year so I do hope that you will give them your support. Thank you.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Year 6 invite you to come along to the Macmillan Coffee morning they are organising on Friday 26 September 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!



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.



Vacancies in Holy Cross Nursery

Nursery is now accepting applications for January starters. If you have younger siblings or friends wishing to start our lovely nursery please contact Mrs Gordon direct on 675-1191 for a prospectus and application form. We only have a limited number of places available therefore the cut off for applications for January 2015 is October 24th. Thank you.



'Get Your Grown-ups Growing'

On Monday 13 October Holy Cross will be taking part in 'Get Your Grown-ups Growing' event ran by the Royal Horticultural Society. We would like to invite parents, parishioners and the local community into our school to help us improve the school grounds. This will be by working with children to dig up old soil and replace with new soil, plant seasonal seeds and arrange new planting beds for each class. To prepare for this fantastic event we would like you to search around in your garden shed or garage and see if have any of the following to donate to us: seeds, top soil, steel watering cans, planting pots, tyre, a wheelbarrow, Belfast sink or even an old clean toilet to use for planting! Please let Miss Crowley know if you have any of these items, it would be greatly appreciated! Details of times will be coming soon.



Water bottles

If your child requires a new water bottle they will need to pay 50p to cover the cost, thank you.



Our Place

'Our Place' are organising a Parenting programme called 'Love and Logic'. These will be informal and supportive sessions for parents to meet and discuss different issues. Please see attached flyer for more details.



Lunchtime Play Co-Ordinator vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Play Co-Ordinator 6.40 hours per week, Monday - Friday 12.00pm to 1.20pm. We are looking for someone who will take an active part in supporting/improving lunchtime for our children. For further information please contact Mrs Harper on 675-2158



Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 5 with 99.33% Well done!

Recommendations: Year 1: Thomas B, Darcie W Year 2: Frank W, Isobel W Year 3: Jack R, Marcus P Year 4: Niamh P and all of class for a fantastic trip Year 5: Roan D, Joe S Year 6: Alfie U, Kyla S

Lunchtime Award: Charlie B (Y3)



Angel of the Week

This year we are introducing a new award recognising children who are living our Mission statement.

A friend is an angel on earth. Many of our children's behaviour and attitude reflects the fact that they are making an extra special effort to do God's work. Each week we will be recognising those children who we feel have made that extra special effort.

This week's winners are: Jake M (Y1), Orlaith G (Y2), Madeline L (Y3), Charlie H (Y4), Millie L (Y5) Olivia O (Y6)



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
Qai'Rou (Y4) and Ella (EYF5)

Dates for your diary - September

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	9.30am- 10.30am	Year 3 and Year 4 Inspire Workshop
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
Tuesday 30 September	9.30am- 10.30am	Year 1 and Year 2 Inspire Workshop

Dates for your diary - October

Thursday 2 October	9.15am	Mass in Church led by Year 6
Thursday 2 October	7.00pm	Confirmation meeting in Church hall
Tuesday 7 October	9.30am- 10.30am	Year 5 and Year 6 Inspire Workshop

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	Harvest 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		
Monday 3 November	Evening	Shakespeare performance
Thursday 6 November	9.15am	Mass in Church led by Year 6
Thursday 6 November	7.00pm	Holy Communion meeting in Church hall
Monday 10 November	All day	Academy Photographers siblings, individual & families
Tuesday 11 November	9.15am	Year 4 class assembly
Wednesday 12 November	7.30pm	PTA meeting
Thursday 13 November	9.15am	Mass in school led by Year 5
Wednesday 19 November	Am	Bags 2 School
Thursday 20 November	9.15am	Mass in school led by Year 4
Tuesday 25 November	9.15am	Year 2 class assembly
Thursday 27 November	9.15am	Mass in school led by Year 3
Dates for your diary - December		
Friday 5 December	3.30pm - 5.30pm	PTA Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 9 December	pm (tbc)	KS1 Christmas Production
Wednesday 10 December	am (tbc)	KS1 Christmas Production
Thursday 11 December	9.15am	Mass in school led by Year 5
Thursday 11 December	3.30pm	PTA Disco
Monday 15 December	(tbc)	KS 2 Carol Service
Thursday 18 December	9.15am	Mass in school led by Year 4
Monday 22 December	Friday 2 January	Christmas holiday
Dates for your diary - January		
Tuesday 27 January	9.15am	Year 5 Class assembly
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 3 March	9.15am	Year 3 Class assembly
Friday 20 March	(tbc)	Easter Egg Bingo Night
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
Tuesday 9 June	9.15am	Year 1 Class assembly
Saturday 13 June		Holy Communion
Tuesday 23 June	9.15am	Early Years class assembly
Dates for your diary - July		
Wednesday 1 July	All day	Handover day
Tuesday 7 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

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Miss T Cotter
Principal

Have a lovely weekend!



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