



# 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.3

Dear Parents and Friends

19 September 2014

I am pleased to say that all our children, from Reception to Year 6 are now fully back in the swing of the new term. Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic day at the 'Harry Potter Studio Tour'. The children had a 'magical' day and the adults accompanying the visit, commented on their excellent behaviour - well done everyone! It is Mr Spindlow's class' turn next week; they are off to Warwick Castle.

We are holding our first INSPIRE workshop of the year on Tuesday next week. I look forward to seeing as many Years 3 & 4 parents as possible.

*Please remember that next Thursday 25 September is an INSET day and the school is closed. The school will reopen as normal on Friday 26 September.*



### Helicopter Visit

Exciting news! - We will be welcoming a visit by a Royal Navy helicopter on Wednesday 24 September. It will be lovely to welcome back a former pupil Lt Joseph Keane to Holy Cross. The children will have the opportunity to watch the helicopter land and speak to the crew.

Please be assured that all the necessary safety checks have been made and authorities notified.

Unfortunately as a result of the advice given, for health and safety reasons, we cannot invite parents to this event but we will ensure there are lots of photographs on the website.



### Car Parking - Health and Safety

A polite reminder that we want to enjoy a good relationship with our neighbours and therefore I ask that cars are parked safely on Laburnum Drive, allowing residents to drive out of their driveways and room for pedestrians (with buggies etc) with enough space to walk on the pavement.

As we have many new parents, can I remind everyone that in line with Safeguarding procedures, the car park is for staff use only.

Thank you for your cooperation in these matters



### **Sports News - Football Match**

Congratulations to George, Sean H, Sophie, Louis, Alfie, Shay, Louise, Sam and Calum for their fantastic performance for the football team last Friday. They came from behind twice to defeat Maney Hill 3-2 in a thrilling game. What a great start to the season - well done everyone (and you Miss Crowley)!

### **Football Dates**

Friday 19 September - training, Friday 26 September - training, Friday 3 October - knockout match home v Whitehouse Common, Friday 10 October home v Shrubbery, Friday 24 October - no training. Home matches may change to away matches if new goal posts do not arrive in time. If you have any problems please talk to Miss Crowley. 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!



### **Alton Castle Parents' Meeting - Wednesday 24 September at 3.30pm**

A meeting will be held for the parents of Year 6 children regarding the Alton Castle visit. If you are unable attend please contact the school office. Thank you.



### **Open Day Tuesday 4 November**

We are having two open sessions for prospective parents who have children due to start Early Years class in September 2015. These will be on Tuesday 4 November 9.30am - 10.30am and 1.30pm - 2.30pm if you know of any Catholic families who are in this position please let them know. We are looking forward to meeting you all.



### '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.



### Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the Attendance Award was won by **Early Years and Year 1** class with **100%!** and the Punctuality Award for the week was won by **Year 4** Well done!

**Recommendations:** **Year 1:** Francesca L, Olivia H **Year 2:** John J G, Nathan G **Year 3:** Regine W, Alan J  
**Year 4:** Shawn S, Natalie S **Year 5:** Lewis P **Year 6:** Shay M, Niamh Mc

**Lunchtime Award:** Olivia (Y6)

**Class of the Week Award:** Year One



### Angel of the Week

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:** Niamh S (Y3), Alfie U and Matilda C (Y4), Shannon B (Y5), Christopher H (Y6)



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:  
Eva D (Y3), Nhea R (Y4), Isabella J (Y6), Niamh L (Y6)

<b>Dates for your diary - September</b>		
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
Wednesday 24 September	3.30	Year 6 Alton Castle Meeting - parents
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
<b>Dates for your diary - October</b>		
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
Friday 10 October	9.30 - 11.30	Early Years walking to Church
Wednesday 15 - 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
<b>Dates for your diary - November</b>		
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
<b>Dates for your diary - December</b>		
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
<b>Dates for your diary - January</b>		
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		
Tuesday 3 March	9.15am	Year 3 Class assembly
Wednesday 18 March	8.30am - 9.00am	Bags 2 School
Friday 20 March	(tbc)	Easter Egg Bingo Night
Monday 30 March	Friday 10 April	Easter Holiday
Dates for your diary - April		
Wednesday 22 April	All day	Photographers in school
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

**T Cotter**

Miss T Cotter  
Principal

Have a lovely weekend!



'So the last will be first and the first will be last. For many are called, but few are chosen.' (Matthew 1:16)



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