



**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 7.

Dear Parents and Friends

17 October 2014



Year Six, Miss Wright, Mrs Harper, Mrs Cutler and Mr Hunt have enjoyed a lovely and very busy few days at Alton Castle and have not let the damp conditions spoil their fun!! Fr Neil, Tony McGuigan (Chair of the Academy Committee) and I visited the children yesterday, arriving to witness them high on a climbing wall or returning from a muddy trek or bike ride! They were having a great time! All staff reported that the children's behaviour has been excellent. The staff from Alton Castle are always pleased to see the children from Holy Cross Catholic Primary School - it makes me feel very proud! I know that as parents you will be glad to have them home; get ready for plenty of washing!!



**Royal Horticultural Society**  
Sharing the best in Gardening

### **'Get Your Grown-ups Growing'**

A very big thank you for all the gardening donations for this very successful afternoon. It was such a pleasure to see adults and children working together creating new planting areas for the school. The children's faces were a picture of enjoyment and their spirits were not dampened by the rain. A BIG thank you to those of you who braved the elements to participate in the event with your children.

As a result of your generosity, we are going to develop two reflection areas on the school grounds - so watch this space.

Photographs of this event can be seen on the website by clicking on the 'School Information' tab and selecting 'School Photos'.



### **'The Wonderful Wellington Competition'**

Thank you to all children that entered 'The Wonderful Wellington Competition'. We had some beautiful entries and all wellingtons are now being used as class planters!

The first place was Lily H (EYFS) closely followed by Erin P (Y1), Amy M (Y3), Milly L (Y5) and Daniel S (EYFS) they all received a prize for their fantastic entries. Have a look at the photographs on the school website to see them!



### Dinner Money

Dinner money will be due when we return after Half Term. The deadline for the payment of £71.75 is Monday 10 November. Please make cheques payable to John Paul II Multi-Academy. Please ensure payments are in a sealed envelope marked with child's name, class and what the payment is for. Thank you.



### Zumba

Letters have been sent home with EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 children to have great fun and join Zumba held on Wednesdays in the school hall 3.30pm to 4.30pm. If you have not received a form please contact the school office. The deadline for forms and payments to be returned is **Tuesday 21 October**.



### Parent/Teacher Consultations

Mrs Harper will be available at both Parent Consultations if you want to discuss any issues you have with your child/children at lunch times.

If you have not got appointment to see your child's teacher please contact the school office thank you.



### Harvest Mass

Thank you so much for the contributions we have already received. After Mass on Thursday, the food hampers will be distributed to members of our parish community and to the Sutton food bank.

Our last request:

**Week beg Monday 20 October** - Fresh fruit and vegetables between Monday 20 and Wednesday 22 October.

We hope that you will be able to join us for our Harvest Mass at school on Thursday morning at 9:15am. Thank you for your support!



### Football Match

Our football team had a match against The Shrubbery School last Friday and enjoyed a 5 -1 victory. It was a fantastic game. Congratulations to you all - well done team!

There will be a home match on Friday 24 October against Minworth.



### Shakespeare Club

There will be **no** Shakespeare Club on Thursday 23 October. There will be a rehearsal during Half Term on Monday 27 October at Bishop Walsh from 10.00am to 3.00pm. Please contact the office with any queries.



### Open Day Tuesday 4 November

We are having two open sessions for prospective parents who have children due to start in the Early Years Reception 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.



### School Photographer

Your child has been given a letter today regarding this matter. The photographer will be in school on the morning of **Monday 10 November** to take both individual and family photographs.

There will also be a before school session where there is opportunity for family photographs with siblings who do not attend Holy Cross School. Parents wishing for these types of photograph please arrive at school for **8:15am** prompt. Please ensure that the children are in full winter uniform.



### Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance.

This week the Attendance Award was won by Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5 with 99.26%!

The Punctuality Award for the week was won by Year 1, Year 2 and Year 5 Well done!

**Recommendations:** **EYFS:** Harry K, Myles O **Year 2:** Johnny G, Daisy C, Alex H **Year 3:** Isobel H, Charlie S **Year 4:** Jake W, Niamh P **Year 5:** Matthew M, James NC **Year 6:** All children at Alton Castle.

**Lunchtime Award:** Enya B (Y2).

**Class of the Week Award:** Early Years.





### 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: **Year 1:** Owen P, Ethan L **Year 2:** Charlotte L **Year 3:** Lilliemae G **Year 4:** Ben R **Year 5:** George LF.



**Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:**  
Logan M, Harry K, Lily H (EYFS), Nathan G (Y1), Samuel K (Y3), Niamh P (Y4), Shay M, Erin D (Y6).

Dates for your diary - October		
Wednesday 22 October	3.45pm - 6.00pm	Parent Consultations
Thursday 23 October	9.15am	Harvest Mass in school led by Year 3
Thursday 23 October	4.30pm - 7.00pm	Parent Consultations
Friday 24 October	3.30pm	Break up for Half term
Monday 27 October	Friday 31 October	Half Term Holiday
Monday 27 October	10.00 - 3.00	Shakespeare rehearsal at Bishop Walsh
Dates for your diary - November		
Monday 3 November	8.50am	Return to school
Monday 3 November	Evening	Shakespeare performance
Tuesday 4 November	9.30am to 10.30am and 1.30pm to 2.30pm	Open Day for prospective parents with children to Start Early Years in September 2015
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	4.00pm - 6.00pm	Yrs 3 & 4 Multi-Skills Tournament at John Willmott School
Wednesday 12 November	7.30pm	PTA meeting
Thursday 13 November	9.15am	Mass in school led by Year 5
Tuesday 18 November	9.30am - 10.30am	Year 1 and Year 2 Inspire Workshop
Wednesday 19 November	Am	Bags 2 School
Wednesday 19 November	4.00pm - 6.00pm	Yrs 3 & 4 Multi-Skills Tournament at John Willmott 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
Tuesday 16 December	12.00pm	Christmas dinner for children
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		
Sunday 18 January	10.30am	Mass of Commitment Year 3 and Year 6
Monday 26 January	2.00pm	Fire Service coming to see Year 4
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

*Have a lovely weekend!*

Yours sincerely

**T Cotter**

Miss T Cotter

Principal

### Harvest Prayer of thanksgiving

Happy are those who have bread to eat!  
 As grain grows in the fields and  
 Rains bring the water of life we share  
 Visions of all your people united in  
 Eternal praise and kneaded together to  
 Share good news of justice and peace:  
 Taste and see that the Lord is good!



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