



Newsletter No 8

Dear Parents and Friends

24 October 2014

We have come to the end of a very busy first half term. I think that both the children and staff are ready for a well-deserved break!



Yesterday we celebrated our Harvest Mass. A big thank you for your generosity in donating harvest goods. We were able to provide many hampers for the SVP to distribute in the parish as well as provide some food for the Sutton Food Bank. I would like to also thank the staff who prepared such beautiful hampers and the children for their lovely prayers. I am told that there were some tears when the hampers were delivered yesterday.



Parent/Teacher Consultations

I hope that you were all able to attend one of the Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings. If you were unable to attend, please contact the school to make an alternative appointment to see your child's teacher to discuss their progress and how they are settling in to a new year group.



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.



Transfer to Secondary School

The closing date for applications to be submitted to the Local Authority for those children transferring to secondary school in September 2015 is **Friday 31 October 2014.**



Poppy Appeal

After half term year 6 will be selling poppies and merchandise. Please send money with your child to support this charity. Thank you.



Children in Need - Friday 14 November

This year's theme is 'Be a Hero' and therefore we are asking children to come to school on 14 November dressed as their favourite superhero and pay £1 to support children and young people who are in need.



Vacancies at our Pre School Nursery

Holy Cross Pre School Nursery is looking for an Apprentice and a Qualified Level 3 Nursery Nurse to join our successful team. Positions are full time & term time only. Both posts commence January 2015. For details please contact Ms Gordon on 0121 675 1191. Interviews will be held in December.



First Holy Communion Meeting

This will be held on Thursday 6 November at 7.00pm in the Church Hall. *Parent Meetings are an essential part of Sacramental preparation and it is expected that all children will have a parent attending. Thank you for your support.*



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.



Forest School

Year 5 will be taking part in 'Forest School' after half term. A letter will be sent home giving parents more information.



School Photographer

Your child has been given a letter 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 an 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.



Bag 2 School - Bags have been sent home with children.

Bags 2 School is a company that specialises in good quality second hand clothing that can be re-used and we have arranged to make a collection from this school. All bags are weighed and we will be paid by the total weight collected. Remember the more you collect the bigger benefit to our School! They will collect the following items for RE-USE: adults and children's clothing, bedding, soft toys, paired shoes, hats, belts and handbags. **NO BRIC-A-BRAC PLEASE. Extra bags welcome - there is no limit.** If you need spare bags please come to the school office. Bags will be collected on **Wednesday 19 November by 9.00am**. Please only drop off bags on that morning as the school cannot store overnight. Thank you for your support!



Guinness World Record Attempt

A letter has been sent home with children today giving all the information regarding this exciting event. Please return forms to your child's class teacher no later than **Monday 3 November**. Thank you.



Holy Cross FC for Dads

Calling all dads! Any Wayne Rooneys out there?! If you are interested in setting up and/or managing a Holy Cross football team to play friendly matches between the other schools in the Academy; please contact the school office for further details 675-2158. I used to teach Gabby Agbonlahor so please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any further advice!! 😊



Winter School Uniform

When we return to school on Monday 3 November children must be in their **full school winter uniform**.

Girls: Bottle green skirt/pinafore dress or grey trousers, white blouse and red tie, bottle green cardigan or jumper with school logo, plain white socks or plain red or green tights, sensible dark, low heeled school shoes no trainers/no fashion boots.

Boys: Grey trousers, white shirt and red tie, bottle green jumper with school logo, grey socks, sensible dark school shoes - no trainers



Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the Attendance Award was won by Year 2 with 97.79 %! The Punctuality Award for the week was won by **Early Years** and **Year 2** Well done!

Recommendations: EYFS: Lily H, Harry K **Year 1:** Ryan K, Joshua W **Year 2:** Samuel W, Anna J **Year 3:** Keane S, Lilliemae G **Year 4:** Whole class **Year 5:** Nina R, Ciaran F **Year 6:** Whole class.

Lunchtime Award: Stephene A (Y3).



Class of the Week Award: Year 4.

This half term's winning class is Year 4 who will be able to select a menu of their choice after half term. More information after the holidays.



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: **EYFS:** Eden H **Year 1:** Special nomination Shay McG (Y6) **Year 5:** Aidan GW **Year 6:** Sean RG, Christian B.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:

Lola F, Aaron H (EYFS), Dylan G (Y1), Oliver B, Isobel W (Y2), Chris S (Y4), Kyla S, Ben E (Y6).

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
Wednesday 5 November	3.30pm to 4.30pm	First Aid with Mr Hunt
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
Friday 14 November		Children in Need Day
Tuesday 18 November	9.30am - 10.30am	Year 1 and Year 2 Inspire Workshop

Wednesday 19 November	Am	Bags 2 School
Wednesday 19 November	3.30pm to 4.30pm	First Aid with Mr Hunt
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
Wednesday 26 November	3.30pm to 4.30pm	First Aid with Mr Hunt
Thursday 27 November	9.15am	Mass in school led by Year 3
Dates for your diary - December		
Wednesday 3 December	3.30pm to 4.30pm	First Aid with Mr Hunt
Friday 5 December	3.30pm - 5.30pm	PTA Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 9 December	pm (tbc)	KS1 Christmas Production
Wednesday 10 December	3.30pm to 4.30pm	First Aid with Mr Hunt
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		
Monday 2 March to Friday 6 March		Creative Week
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		
Tuesday 19 May	All day	Year 6 visit to St Chads Cathedral
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 half term break!

Yours sincerely

T Cotter

Miss T Cotter
Principal

As we start our half term break - a prayer for the stressed!

Dear God,

Please help us to rest.
Please help us remember that You are All There Is.

I place my list of things to do in your hands.
Just for a moment, I let it go.

I place any thoughts about how things should be different in your hands.
Just for a moment, I let them go.

I place any thoughts about how someone else should be different in your hands.
Just for a moment, I let them go.

I place any thoughts about how I should be different in your hands.
Just for a moment, I let them go.

Right now, just for a moment,
I allow things to be exactly as they are,
I allow myself to be exactly as I am,
And so I rest.



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