



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 11

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 21 November 2014



Staffing Changes from January 2015

Miss Heather Wright (Y6 Class Teacher) will be leaving us at Christmas to take up a promotion as Assistant Head Teacher at Rakegate Primary School in Wolverhampton. This is a wonderful opportunity for her to progress her career.

In January, Mr Spindlow will return to his roots to become Year 6 class teacher. Miss Lovelock will be Y2 class teacher for three days and Miss Brenda O'Neil, a very experienced practitioner, will be joining the school for the Spring and Summer terms to teach Year 2 for two days and Year 5 for one day. Miss O'Neil will visit school during this half term to get to know the children and ensure a smooth transition for Year 2 pupils.

I would like to thank Miss Wright for her hard work during her time here at Holy Cross Catholic Primary School and I am sure that we all wish her every happiness and success in the future.



Sickness in School

We have had a number of children sent home from school this week due to the child vomiting. NHS guidelines are very clear: *Vomiting and diarrhoea. Children with these conditions should be kept off school. They can return 48 hours after their symptoms disappear. Most cases of vomiting or diarrhoea get better without treatment, but if symptoms persist, consult your GP.*

I ask for your full cooperation with this serious issue by ensuring children are not sent back into school the following day. Thank you for your support.



Car Parking by Holy Cross Church

Message from Father Neil - we have received yet more complaints concerning parking on Sundays. As a result of these complaints, New Hall Neighbourhood Policing Team have informed Father Neil that they will be issuing fixed penalty notices to offending motorists. Think before you park. Please be considerate to your neighbours.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Children in Need

We raised a grand total of £207.00! Thank you well done to our little super heroes.



Anti-Bullying Week

Next week we will have a whole school focus on anti-bullying. During this week, we will discuss and work with the children on the importance of treating everyone with appropriate respect and consideration as well as what to do if they experience or witness inappropriate treatment by others.



INSPIRE Workshops. Inspire Workshop for Year 1 and Year 2

Thank you to the large number of parents who attended this workshop; we hope found it both enjoyable and useful.



School Photos

School photographs were sent home with your child this week. If you would like to place an order, please do so by **Monday 1 December**. Thank you.



Year Two Class Assembly

It is Year 2 class assembly on Tuesday 25 November at 9.15 a.m. We hope that you will be able to attend and support the children. Thank you.



Bag 2 School

Thank you for supporting this event; we will let you know how much was raised in the near future.



Mass of Commitment for Year 3 and Year 6

The Mass of Commitment for those children who will be receiving the Sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation will be held on Sunday 23 November at 10.30am in Church.

This is a very important part of Sacramental preparation and is expected that all children shall attend. Thank you for your support.



Dyslexia Workshop/Information Evening for Parents

A letter has been sent home with your child regarding this event can you please sign and return proforma to the school office by **Monday 24 November**. If you have not received letter please contact the school office for a copy, thank you.



Year 3 Trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery

This will take place on Wednesday 26 November. If you require a copy of the letter giving more details please contact school office.



Supplementary Forms

If you have a child that is due to start Early Years in September 2015, the deadline for the supplementary forms to be returned is **Wednesday 3 December**. Thank you.



Phonics Workshop

Early Years Phonic Workshop will be held on Wednesday 3 December at 4.00pm for parents. All parents are invited to learn about phonics that is delivered at Holy Cross. The workshop will be held by Miss Crowley and Miss Lovelock at 4.00pm in the Early Years classroom.

Please let Miss Crowley know if you are interested in attending.



Little Red Riding Hood

We have arranged for 'The Working Theatre Company' to visit the school on Thursday 4 December 2014 to perform Little Red Riding Hood. This is a lovely Christmas pantomime for all children and is great value for money at **£3.00** per child. Please send the correct money in a sealed envelope labelled 'Pantomime Visit' stating your child's name and class into school by **Friday 28 November**. Thank you.



Christmas Fayre on Friday 5 December from 3.30pm to 5.30pm

Please put this important date in your diary.

To support our Christmas Fayre, please note the following dates will be **non-uniform days** and each child is asked to bring in the following items on that day:

Friday 28 November - Chocolate [Boxes, bars or whatever you have, all in date, thank you] Tombola donation

Friday 5 December - Mince pies or homemade cakes

Thank you once again for your support it is appreciated.



Face Painting

We need volunteers to help do face painting at the Christmas Fayre. If you are available to help please contact the school office. Thank you for your support.



PTA Christmas Disco

This will be held on Thursday 11 December from 3.30pm to 5.00pm. If you are available to help please contact the school office. Thank you for your support.



Christmas Lunch

On Tuesday 16 December, we will be having our Christmas lunch in school. Everyone is invited to take part, so if your child does not usually have a school meal, they are more than welcome to have one on that day. A letter will be sent home with children giving further details.

Children can wear their Christmas jumpers on that day to get into the Christmas spirit.



Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the Attendance Award was won by Year 2 with 100%!

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

Recommendations: EYFS: Tyrese L, Myles O **Year 1:** Scarlett T, Harry M **Year 2:** Rva D, Aaron S **Year 3:** Isobel H, Jack H, Lilliemae G **Year 4:** Emily E, Jacob D **Year 5:** Ashlee H, Aiden G **Year 6:** Calum T, Shay McG, Tiah P, Isabella J, Ellie McG, Niamh L.



Lunchtime Award: Ellie-Jo L.

Class of the Week Award: Year 3.



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:** Ella **P Year 1:** Ryan **K Year 2:** Mr Hunt.



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

James M, Ethan L (Y2), Leah R (Y5).

Dates for your diary - November		
Monday 24 November	Am	School nurses to see Year 6 BMI checks
Tuesday 25 November	9.15am	Year 2 class assembly
Wednesday 26 November	All day	Year 3 Trip to BMAG
Wednesday 26 November	3.30pm to 4.30pm	First Aid with Mr Hunt
Thursday 27 November	6.30pm	Dyslexia Workshop at Bishop Walsh
Thursday 27 November	9.15am	Mass in school led by Year 4
Friday 28 November	All day	Non uniform - bring in chocolate for Christmas Fayre
Dates for your diary - December		
Wednesday 3 December	3.30pm to 4.30pm	First Aid with Mr Hunt
Wednesday 3 December	4.00pm	Early Years Phonic Workshop
<i>Thursday 4 December</i>	<i>2.15pm</i>	<i>Working Theatre Little Red Riding Hood</i>
Friday 5 December	All day	Non uniform - Mince pies or homemade cakes
Friday 5 December	3.30pm - 5.30pm	PTA Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 9 December	1.45pm Refreshments 2.00pm performance starts	KS1 Christmas Production
Wednesday 10 December	3.30pm to 4.30pm	First Aid with Mr Hunt
Wednesday 10 December	9.15am Refreshments 9.30am performance starts	KS1 Christmas Production
Wednesday 10 December	1.30pm	Choir to The Oaks
Thursday 11 December	9.15am	Mass in school led by Year 5
Thursday 11 December	3.30pm to 5.00pm	PTA Disco
Saturday 13 December	9.45am	Choir to House of Fraser Sutton Coldfield
Monday 15 December	1.00pm	Choir to sing at the OAP's Christmas Lunch

Monday 15 December	6.00pm	KS 2 Carol Service at Church
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

* To be confirmed

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely

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