

Newsletter No 12

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 28 November 2014



On Sunday we begin the season of Advent when we officially start the journey to Christmas. It is the time when we really reflect and prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. As you can imagine, we are all very busy preparing for the many different events to make this a very special time for all our Holy Cross family. Please try to support these events and help us to show the children the real meaning and magic of Christmas.



Year Two Class Assembly

Well done to Year Two (Mr Spindlow and Mrs Gregory) for a fantastic 'Remembrance' assembly on Tuesday; I am really sorry that I missed it but I know from the many comments I received that you enjoyed it too!



School Photos - Last chance!

If you would like to place an order for your child's school photo please do so by **Monday 1 December**. Thank you.



Mass of Commitment for Year 3 and Year 6

Thank you to everyone who attended The Mass of Commitment on Sunday 23 November.



Year 3 Trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery

The children had a fantastic day learning all about Ancient Egyptians and the adults accompanying the visit, commented on their excellent behaviour. Thank you to Mr Hunt, Mrs Harper and the volunteers for accompanying the children.



Postbox in main reception

In the main reception area by the office we have a postbox fitted on the wall. This can be used for correspondence for members of staff, payments for trips, dinner, music etc. Please place cash or cheque in a clearly marked envelope stating your child's name, class and what the payment is for. This will help parents avoid having to wait unnecessarily.



Supplementary Forms

If you have a child who 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 the way phonics is delivered at Holy Cross. The workshop, led by Miss Crowley and Miss Lovelock will be held at 4.00pm in the Early Years classroom. A letter containing full details, has been sent home with children.



Little Red Riding Hood

'The Working Theatre Company' will 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.



Football Training

There will be no football training on Friday 5 December.



Christmas Raffle Tickets

Tickets have been sent home today with Year 4, 5 and 6 children. Books and money need to be returned by **Wednesday 3 December**. Please return unsold books. Thank you for your support.



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

Please put this important date in your diary.

We have one final non uniform day to support our Christmas Fayre. Next week (Friday 5 December) we are asking for:

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.



KS1 Christmas Production

There will be two performances: Tuesday 9 December with refreshments served from 1.45pm and the performance starting at 2.00pm.

Also, on Wednesday 10 December - refreshments served at 9.15am and the performance starting at 9.30am.

The children (and staff!) have been practising really hard. We look forward to seeing you at one of the performances.



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.

School Choir

Our school choir will be singing at the following events:

Friday 5 December, 4.00pm to 4.30pm, Christmas Fayre in school.

Wednesday 10 December, 1.30pm at The Oaks (residential home)

Saturday 13 December at 9.45am, House of Fraser in Sutton Coldfield.

Monday 15 December at 1.00pm, OAP Christmas Lunch at the Church Hall.

These are lovely opportunities for the children to perform to a variety of audiences and show the rewards of their hard work. I look forward to a high participation at all these events.



KS1 Trip to Empire Cinema 'Nativity 3: Dude Where's My Donkey!'

A letter was sent home with your child yesterday regarding the above. The trip will be on Monday 15 December at a cost of £5.50. Please contact the school office if you require a copy of letter. Thank you.



Christmas Lunch

On Tuesday 16 December, we will be having our Christmas lunch in school. All children are 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 has been sent home with children giving further details.

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



Every School Day Counts

Attend today, achieve for a lifetime!

Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the Attendance Award was won by Year 2 with 99.26%!

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

Recommendations: EYFS: Liam B, Joseph K **Year 1:** Olivia F, Dylan G **Year 2:** Whole Class, Imogen A
Year 3: Luke S, Isaac J, Whole Class **Year 4:** Ben R, Iona T **Year 5:** Leon S, Joseph S, Joseph L, George LF
Year 6: Sophie H, Niamh McM, Erin D.



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 3:** Eva P **Year 4:** Millie McC.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
Daniel S (EYFS), Isla H (Y1), Charlotte L (Y2), Charlie BH (Y3), Rebecca D (Y5), Lauren McC (Y6).

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
Thursday 4 December	8.50am	Mass in Church
Thursday 4 December	2.15pm	Working Theatre Little Red Riding Hood
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 OAPs 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
Dates for your diary - January		
Monday 5 Jan	8.50am	New term
Thursday 8 Jan		Mass in Church (tbc)
<i>Friday 9 Jan</i>	<i>All Day</i>	<i>INSET Day</i>


Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely

T Cotter

Miss T Cotter
Principal

Week 1
Light one candle and sit for a moment in silence.



Christ our Light,
Shine in our lives with hope
and promise.
Give us right vision so that
we remain attentive to this holy
season.
Remind us to look for you in
small acts of kindness and love.
We await your coming with
wonder.
Amen



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