



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 15

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 19 December 2014



We have finally come to the end of a very busy term. On Monday night we watched a beautiful Advent Service by KS2 and on Tuesday we enjoyed our Christmas parties and dinners. A big thank you to Mrs Watts and our kitchen staff and to Mrs Harper and our lunchtime staff for working so hard to ensure it all ran smoothly!

On behalf of the staff, I thank you for all the cards and gifts and for your support during the term. The partnership between home and school is such an important one in the life of our school.

Today we said thank you and good bye to Miss Wright as she leaves us to take up her role as Assistant Headteacher at Rakegate Primary School. We thank her for her positive contribution to the life of Holy Cross and wish her every success in this next stage of her career. We also send our best wishes to Miss Marron as she begins her maternity leave; please pray for her as she awaits her new arrival.

And finally....On a personal note, I would like to thank all the dedicated and hardworking staff from all areas of the school for their hard work this term. They all work so hard keeping the children safe, fed and provided with so many exciting learning experiences; they really are a fantastic team. May they all enjoy a very well deserved break.



Christmas Fayre

The grand amount of £1600.00 was raised! Thank you for supporting this event; it was a great success.

As was the school disco raising £500.00!

Once again our thanks to the PTA for all their hard work.



School Choir

The school choir have sung at a number of venues this season; The Oaks, House of Fraser and for the Parishioners' Christmas Lunch. The children sang beautifully and were a credit to their families and the school - well done everyone and thank you to Mr Mayor for preparing them so well.



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

The children had a fantastic trip to the cinema and the adults accompanying the visit, commented on their excellent behaviour. Thank you to all the staff and the volunteers for accompanying the children.



EY and Year 6 Geography Trip

On Tuesday EY and Year 6 enjoyed their local walk to New Hall Valley and they did manage to find a geocache! Look on the blog for an update!



Pop Up Christmas Card Competition

The winners of the Pop Up Christmas Card Competition are Alfie U (Y6), Regine W (Y3), Madeline L (Y3) and Caitlin L (Y1) congratulations and well done children!



Reception Intake for September 2015

If you have a child that will be due to start Reception in September 2015 you need to make an application. The easiest way to apply is on line by visiting www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions, the final closing date for the receipt of applications is **Thursday 15 January 2015**.



Kids' Club

Kids' Club have a play day on Friday 9 January when school is closed due to our inset day. Bookings can be taken now and the sooner the better as there are limited spaces. Full day is £25.00 and morning or afternoon sessions are £15.00. Please contact Kids' Club direct on **675-1191**. Thank you.



Important reminder - Green or red tights

When we return to school in January, girls are required to wear grey trousers or green skirt with red or green tights. Thank you for your cooperation.



Mass

Please put a note in your diary that Mass on **Thursday 8 January 2015 will be in Church.** Thank you.



Inset Day

Please note that **Friday 9 January 2015** school will be closed due to an inset day.



Dinner Money

Dinner money is due no later than **Monday 12 January 2015** the amount is £61.50. Payments need to be put in a sealed envelope with your child's name and class, marked 'dinner money'. Cheques made payable to John Paul II Multi-Academy. Thank you for your cooperation.



Tennis Club

Letters have been sent home with the children (not EYFS) for after school tennis. If your child would like to join this club please complete and return the form with payment no later than **Monday 5 January 2015.** Please note that for organisational purposes, **NO late orders after this date** will be accepted. Thank you for your cooperation.



Zumba Club - EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2

Letters have been sent home with children. If your child would like to join the Zumba Club please complete and return forms no later than **Monday 12 January 2015.** Please note that there are limited places so it is a first come first served basis. Again please note **NO late orders** after this date will be accepted. Thank you for your cooperation.



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 1 with 96.68%!

Class Termly Attendance: **EYFS:** 96.62% **Year 1:** 97.75% **Year 2:** 97.72% **Year 3:** 97.00% **Year 4:** 96.21% **Year 5:** 98.25% **Year 6:** 94.53% **Overall Attendance:** 96.87%.

The Punctuality Award for the week was won by Year 1 and Year 4 Well done!

Recommendations: **EYFS:** Whole class **Year 1:** Alicia I, Eloise H **Year 2:** Whole class **Year 3:** Whole class **Year 4:** Whole class **Year 5:** Whole class **Year 6:** Whole class.



Lunchtime Award: Caitlin K (EYFS).

Class of the Week Award: Early Years.

This half term's winning class is Early Years who will be able to select a menu of their choice after Christmas. 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:** Harry K **Year 1:** Orlaith F **Year 3:** Alan J, Ben L **Year 4:** Pierce B **Year 5:** James NC **Year 6:** Sam F, Erin D, Ellie McG, Louise A, Kyla S.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week and over the Christmas holiday:

Megan P, Tyrese L (EY), Mia B (Y1), Anna J (Y2), William H, Matthew NC, Uday P (Y3), Ben R, Natalie S (Y4), Leon S (Y5).

Dates for your diary - January		
Monday 5 January	8.50am	New term
Tuesday 6 January	All day	Life Education in for KS2 all day
Thursday 8 January	8.50am	Mass in Church
Friday 9 January	All Day	INSET Day
Sunday 18 January	10.30am	Mass of Commitment Year 3 and Year 6
Wednesday 21 January	11.45am	Grandparents Lunch Surname A-M
Wednesday 21 January	7.30pm	PTA Meeting in school
Thursday 22 January	11.45am	Grandparents Lunch Surname N-Z
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		
Friday 6 February	2.30pm	Parent Council Meeting
Friday 6 February	3.30pm	Football match Sacred Heart
Wednesday 11 February	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Reconciliation drop in session for Year 3
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

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely

T Cotter

Miss T Cotter
Principal



The staff, Academy Committee and Board of Directors wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas.



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