



**Newsletter No 19**

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 30 January 2015



**Year 5 Class Assembly**

Thank you and well done to Year 5 for Tuesday's excellent class assembly about God's gift of water. We learned so many new facts and it was lovely to see such confident young actors and singers. Many of you who attended commented on how well the children performed and how much you enjoyed it. Thank you to Mrs Motorny and Mrs Stokes for preparing the children so well.



**EYFS Dinosaur Dress up day**

We have had a roaring time today with all our little dinosaurs! Thank you for embracing the theme so imaginatively.



**Mass: Year 3** will lead our Mass in school on **Thursday 5 February**. Everyone is welcome. Confirmation for our Year 6 children will take place on **Thursday 12 February**; there will be no Mass in school on this day.



**Confirmation - Cleaning Church Tuesday 10 February**

**Year 6 parents** if you can help clean the Church in preparation for your child's Confirmation please give your contact details to the school office. Thank you for cooperation.

**Confirmation - Serving Refreshments Thursday 12 February**

If you can please spare some time to help serve refreshments to parents and families after the Confirmation please give your details to the school office. Your help will be much appreciated.



**EYFS Trip**

On **Monday 2 February** children in EYFS are going to visit the 'Flight School' at Birmingham Airport. The children are very excited; another fantastic learning opportunity.



### Year 5 Trip to Bishop Walsh

On **Tuesday 3 February** Year 5 will be visiting Bishop Walsh to watch 'West Side Story'. The Performance ends at approximately **3.30pm**. A letter has been sent home with children, if you require any further information please contact the school office thank you.



### Football Match

Birmingham HMS Shield match on **Friday 6 February** at **2.00pm** at Holy Cross Catholic Primary School. Holy Cross will be playing Sacred Heart School from Aston. Parents are welcome to attend, please sign in at the school office before going to the school field where there will be a designated parent area. Thank you.



### Purple Pinkie Day

We are taking part in 'Purple Pinkie Day' on **Friday 13 February**. This is the Rotary Club's charity supporting work to eradicate Polio overseas. The children simply have to wear pink/purple and bring in a small donation to go towards this fantastic charity.



### Year 4 Trip to The National Space Centre

Year 4 will be going to The National Space Centre on **Wednesday 11 March**. You will receive a letter giving further information at a later date. Thank you.



### Arrangements at the end of the school day

The safeguarding and welfare of the children is of paramount importance to us, so if your child is going home with another adult, you are required to put this in **writing to the class teacher**. We will not release a child to a different adult if we have not been notified in advance. Thank you for your cooperation in this very important matter.



### Health and Safety - Road Safety

I have been approached by parents concerning dangerous driving and parking outside school. Parents/grandparents are reminded to drive and park carefully. Pedestrians also please be aware of road safety. Thank you for your support in this important matter.



### Inset Day

School will be closed on **Monday 23 February**.



### PTA Bedtime Stories

This will take place on **Thursday 5 March** to celebrate 'World Book Day' further information will be sent home with children at a later date.



### Appeal for Shelves

Can anyone help? The PTA have a new shed to store all their equipment that they use in events to raise money for our school. They are appealing for shelves/shelving units that can be used in this shed. If you can help please contact the school office. Thank you.



### St Chad's Sanctuary

St Chad's Sanctuary is a local charity supported by St Chad's Cathedral and many Catholic parishes in the Birmingham Diocese. The charity offers practical help to Refugees who have fled their homes due to war or persecution. The charity helps the needy by providing clothing, food and hygiene packs. The charity is desperately short of warm clothing, especially for children. You can help by donating items that no longer fit your children. St Chad's are also in need of adult clothing, especially in small sizes. Your donated items will go directly to help poor families, free of charge, according to their genuine needs. If you would like to help, please bring your donations to school on the morning of **Monday 2 February**. Please leave your donations outside the Reception area. Thank you very much for supporting St Chad's Sanctuary.



### 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 99.26%!

The Punctuality Award for the week was won by EYFS, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y5, and Y6 Well done!

**Recommendations:** EYFS: Myles O, Liam B **Year 1:** Christie W, Orlaith F **Year 2:** Owen P, Orlaith G **Year 3:** Charlie S, Niamh S **Year 4:** Charlie H, Jake W **Year 5:** Aiden G, Whole Class **Year 6:** Sean H, George H.



### 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:** Caitlyn L **Year 2:** Eva D **Year 4:** Natalie S **Year 6:** Sean H.



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

Heloise C, Olivia A (EYFS), Enya B, Thomas S (Y2), Ellie-Jo L, Nina R (Y5)

<b>Dates for your diary - February</b>		
Monday 2 February	All day	EYFS trip to Flight School Birmingham Airport
Monday 2 February		Rotary children to visit Lee Garden Restaurant
Tuesday 3 February	10.30	Year 6 Confessions in school
Tuesday 3 February	12.30pm - 3.30pm	Year 5 to Bishop Walsh to watch 'West Side Story'
Thursday 5 February	9.15am	Mass in school not Church
Friday 6 February	10.00am - 2.00pm	Gifted and Talented RE Workshop at Bishop Walsh letters to follow
Friday 6 February	2.30pm	Parent Council Meeting
<b>Friday 6 February</b>	<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>Football match Sacred Heart at Home</b>
Wednesday 11 February	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Reconciliation drop in session for Year 3
Thursday 12 February		No Mass
<b>Thursday 12 February</b>	<b>6.30pm</b> <b>Photographer 5.30pm</b>	<b>Confirmation</b>
<b>Friday 13 February</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Purple Pinkie Day</b>
Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February		Half Term Holiday
Monday 23 February	All Day	School closed - Teacher training day
<b>Dates for your diary - March</b>		
Monday 2 March to Friday 6 March		Creative Week
Tuesday 3 March	9.15am	Year 3 Class assembly
Thursday 5 March	5.45pm - 7.00pm	PTA Bedtime Stories - Information to follow
<b>Wednesday 11 March</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Year 4 to National Space Centre</b>
Wednesday 18 March	8.30am - 9.00am	Bags 2 School
Friday 20 March	7.15pm - 9.00pm	Easter Egg Bingo Night
Tuesday 24 March	9.30am	Easter Production
Wednesday 25 March	3.45 pm - 6.00pm	Parents' Consultation Evening
Thursday 26 March	3.45 pm - 7.00pm	Parents' Consultation Evening
Monday 30 March to Friday 10 April		Easter Holiday
Wednesday 22 April	All day	Photographers in school
Wednesday 22 April	7.30pm	PTA meeting in school
Thursday 30 April	3.30pm - 5.00pm	PTA Disco
<b>Dates for your diary - May</b>		
Wednesday 6 May	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Holy Communion drop in session
Thursday 7 May	All day	School closed Local Elections
Monday 11 May - Friday 13 May		SATS week
Tuesday 19 May	All day	Year 6 visit to St Chad's Cathedral
Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May		Half Term Holiday
<b>Dates for your diary - June</b>		
Monday 1 June	All day	School closed - Whole Academy training day
Saturday 6 June	12.00pm	Holy Communion
Tuesday 9 June	9.15am	Year 1 Class assembly
Wednesday 10 June	7.30pm	PTA Meeting in school
Saturday 13 June	12.00pm	Holy Communion
<b>Thursday 18 June</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Mass of Thanksgiving in Church</b>
Tuesday 23 June	9.15am	Early Years Class assembly
<b>Dates for your diary - July</b>		
Wednesday 1 July	All day	Handover day
Thursday 2 July	3.30pm - 5.00pm	End of term disco

Tuesday 7 July	PM	Year 6 Leavers' Production
Wednesday 8 July	All Day	Year 6 trip to Safari Park
Friday 10 July	Evening	Year 6 Leavers' Party
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

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely

*T Cotter*

Miss T Cotter  
Principal



Please pray for our Year 6 children as they make their preparations for the sacrament of Confirmation on 12 February.

### The Presentation of the Lord

Simeon blessed Mary and Joseph and he prophesied to Mary about the destiny of her child, Jesus and the suffering she would undergo for his sake. Simeon was not alone in recognising the Lord's presence in the temple.

Anna, too, was filled with the Holy Spirit. She was found daily in the temple, attending to the Lord in prayer and speaking prophetically to others about God's promise to send a redeemer.

*"Lord Jesus, may I never cease to hope in you and to trust in your promises. Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may always recognise your saving presence in my life. Help me to point others to Christ and to be an example of faith and devotion as Simeon and Anna were to their generation."*



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