



## Newsletter No 20

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 6 February 2015

Today I had the pleasure of working with a group of children from all our Academy schools at an RE workshop, working together to create an Academy Prayer. It is wonderful to see children and staff from all four schools working together on joint ventures. We will say this prayer at joint Academy occasions and it will be added to our Academy Prayer book which has been developed by all the schools.



Please pray for all our Year 6 children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation next Thursday.



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



### Confirmation

- Children and sponsors must arrive by 6.30pm and go straight to the Church hall where staff will be waiting. Parents to make their own way into Church.
- If you wish your child to have a photograph the photographer will be available from 5.30pm to 6.15pm in the Church hall.



### Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2015 is on Tuesday 10th February 2015, with the theme 'Let's create a better internet together', offering the opportunity to focus on both the creative and positive things that children and young people are doing online, as well as the role that we all play in helping to create a better Internet. In school, each year group will be learning about e-safety in their computing lessons and we encourage parents to discuss e-safety with their children at home. Please see below website addresses that will give you more information and that you might find helpful.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> and <http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/topics/stay-safe>



### Lunchtime Play Co-ordinator Vacancy

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Wendy McGinnell who is leaving us to take up a new job. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her well in her new position.

As a result, we have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Play Co-ordinator 6.40 hours per week, Monday - Friday 12.00pm to 1.20pm. We are looking for someone who will take an active part in supporting/improving lunchtime for our children. For further information please contact Mrs Harper on 675-2158.



### Notification of Absences

If your child is ill and unable to attend school, please ring and inform the school office **before 9.30am** with the reason for absence and a likely date of return. There is an answer machine facility to leave a message. If possible, all medical appointments should be made for outside of the school day. Your cooperation is appreciated.



### School Bank

The School Bank will be open on **Monday 9 February** bring in your pennies and watch your savings grow.



### 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 to 'Flight School'

Early Years went to Birmingham Airport on Monday and they had an amazing time! We learnt how the planes fly off and land, and watched passengers check in for their flight. We also met a pilot and policemen who told us how well behaved we were and how smart we looked! Thank you to the volunteers that came with us.



### Year 5 Trip to Bishop Walsh

On **Tuesday 3 February** Year 5 visited Bishop Walsh to watch 'West Side Story'. The children were very well behaved and the show was amazing! We really enjoyed watching it and seeing some former pupils performing so well. Thank you to the volunteers that came with us.





### Football Match

Our football team have a match this afternoon against Sacred Heart School. We wish them the best of luck and we will put the result in next week's newsletter.



### Tennis After School 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 **Thursday 12 February 2015**. Please note that for organisational purposes, **NO late orders after this date** will be accepted. Thank you for your cooperation.



### Purple Pinkie Day

Holy Cross, along with other Sutton Primary schools, 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 on that day and bring in a small donation to go towards this fantastic charity.



### Inset Day

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



### Nursery Open Morning

Nursery will be having an open morning on **Monday 9 February** at 10.00am to 11.15am. This is a fabulous opportunity to see what we do, to see how our children learn and enjoy their experiences and to meet the staff. If you would like to find out more about our lovely nursery please join us!



### World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 5 March 2015**. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. Further details will follow.



### St Chad's Sanctuary

A big thank you for all the donations for St Chad's Sanctuary - your generosity is very much appreciated.



## 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 5 with 98.52%!

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

**Recommendations: EYFS:** Frankie J, Kieron M **Year 1:** Olivia F, Jake MB, Dylan G **Year 2:** Aaron S, Eva D **Year 3:** James R, Keane S, Whole Class **Year 4:** Jessica P, Niamh P **Year 5:** Millie L, Ruby H, Shannon B **Year 6:** Shay M, James B.

**Lunchtime Award:** Louise A (Y6)

**Class of the Week:** Year 5.



### 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:** Isla H **Year 2:** Thomas S **Year 4:** Jessica T **Year 6:** Louise A.



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

Niamh C (EYFS), Thomas B (Y1), Aoife O (Y5).

Dates for your diary - February		
Wednesday 11 February	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Reconciliation drop in session for Year 3
Thursday 12 February		No Mass
Thursday 12 February	6.30pm Photographer 5.30pm	Confirmation
Friday 13 February	All Day	Purple Pinkie Day
Monday 16 February to 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
Thursday 5 March	All Day	World Book Day - children to dress as character from book
Thursday 5 March	5.45pm - 7.00pm	PTA Bedtime Stories - Information to follow
Wednesday 11 March	All Day	Year 4 to National Space Centre
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
Dates for your diary - April		
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

Dates for your diary - May		
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
Dates for your diary - June		
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
Thursday 18 June	9.15am	Mass of Thanksgiving in Church
Tuesday 23 June	9.15am	Early Years Class assembly
Dates for your diary - July		
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

### 'You are the light of the world'

*"Lord, you guide me by the light of your saving truth. Fill my heart and mind with your light and truth, so that I may see your ways clearly and understand your will for my life. May I radiate your light and truth to others in word and deed."*



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