

Newsletter No 24

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 13 March 2015

It has been another busy week as we prepare for the season of Easter. Our fundraising is going well - thank you for your support. This week we welcomed Mr Peter McCann from CAFOD who spoke to the children about the great work of this charity. The government have agreed to match fund money raised by CAFOD this year so we will make a donation during Lent. Next week, we will be welcoming Mr Tony McGuigan who will speak about the work of the SVP in our parish. We will be supporting both these and a Rwanda project through our Lenten fundraising.



St Patrick's Day - Tuesday 17 March

We wore our daffodils with pride on St David's day so on Tuesday we celebrate St Patrick's Day by the children wearing green (other than school uniform!) and donating £1 towards our Lenten charities if they wish. Also, children can bring in their Irish dancing costumes if they wish to perform to the rest of the school in assembly!



We wish all our very special and hardworking mums a very 'Happy Mothers' Day' - we hope you have a very special day.



Consultation - Change to time of the end of school day.

I wrote to you at the start of the term regarding the proposal to change the time of the end of the school day from 3.30pm to 3.20pm from the Summer term 2015. This change would enable us to use time more effectively and be more in line with our Academy Primary Schools and our other local Primary Schools.

The consultation period is over and the Academy Committee agreed this proposal so the changes to KS2 lunchtime and the time of the end of the school day will commence at the start of the summer term.

As a result, parents are informed that from Monday 13 April 2015, the school day will end at 3.20pm.



Mass: Year 6 will lead our Mass in school on Thursday 19 March. Everyone is welcome.



Lenten Activities

During Lent our children will be raising money for the Society of St Vincent de Paul in our own parish, CAFOD and for children in Rwanda. Please remember to send your child in to school with a small amount of money so that they support their friends' activities. It is Year 5's turn next week.



The National Space Centre

Year 4 had an excellent trip to the National Space Centre in Leicester this week. They explored the amazing history of space exploration, past, present and future and discovered what is involved in training as an astronaut. The children finished the day in the UK's largest planetarium discovering what life as an astronaut is like. Year 4 were great ambassadors for Holy Cross School, the staff at the Space Centre were very impressed with their behaviour and knowledge. A special thanks goes to Mrs Pratt and Mr Latham for their help during the day.



Football Match

Wow! Never mind Aston Villa reaching the FA Cup semi-finals - what a fantastic win for Holy Cross last week in our local derby against St Nicholas; we were determined to win, and we did! The team listened and responded to feedback from their last match and improved their positioning and communications resulting in a fantastic 4-0 win!

Good luck to our football team for their away match at New Hall Primary School tonight - we will let you know the result next week.



School Bank

HSBC will not be in school on Monday 16 March the next visit will be Monday 20 April. Children can bring in their pocket money to save and see their money grow.



Year 1 Dress up as a Clown Day

On Friday 20 March children in Year 1 are required to come to school dressed as clowns. This is to support their 'Circus Topic' the children are really excited about this! Thank you for your support.



Family Bingo Night

This very enjoyable and popular event will be held on **Friday 20 March** in the school hall. Doors open at 7.15pm, bingo starts at 7.30pm. Easter Eggs for all winners! Flyers giving you more information and the opportunity to order your food have been sent home with children. As we are limited on numbers, forms need to be returned no later than **Monday 16 March**; please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Thank you for your support.



Easter Production

KS2 Easter Production this will take place on Tuesday 24 March at 9.30am. All parents welcome.



Easter Activities

On **Friday 27 March** Key Stage 2 children will need to bring in a decorated egg for Easter. Eggs will be on display at end of the school day by the bike sheds for parents to see.

On **Friday 27 March** children in Key Stage 1 will need to bring in their Easter Bonnets. They will parade around the key stage 1 playground at 8.50, parents are invited to stay in the playground and watch the parade.



Palm Sunday Mass

Fr Neil is inviting you all to attend Palm Sunday Mass at 10:30am on Sunday 29 March when we will be re-enacting Christ's entry into Jerusalem. Fr Neil is proposing that all First Holy Communion children take a key role by forming an 'avenue of waving palm branches' for the parish to walk through.

This is the start of Holy Week, our final preparations for the great season of Easter so we do hope that as many families as possible attend.



Bag 2 School

Bags were sent home with children last week; please contact the school office if you require further bags. Bag 2 School will accept clothing, paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), handbags, ties, belts, hats, soft toys and jewellery. The bags will be collected on **Wednesday 18 March**. Please leave the bags outside the main reception area under cover, in the morning, as school cannot store overnight. Thank you for your support.



Zumba Club - EYFS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3

Letters were sent home with children this week. If your child would like to join the Zumba Club please complete and return forms no later than **Friday 20 March 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.



Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the Attendance Award was won by 5 Year with 99.26%!

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

Recommendations: **EYFS:** Joseph R, Daniel S, **Year 1:** Scarlett T, Emma McK, Darcie W **Year 2:** Maria L, Johnny G, Oliver B **Year 3:** Sam K, Whole class **Year 4:** Whole class **Year 5:** Matthew M, Rhea T **Year 6:** Kyla S, Niamh McM.

Lunchtime Award: Ben O'T (Y3).

Class of the Week: Year 6.





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:** Joseph M **Year 1:** Dylan G, Mia B, Eliza S **Year 2:** Owen P, Imogen A, **Year 3:** Luke S, Eva P, Abigail E **Year 4:** Jake Wot, Alex H **Year 5:** Matthew M, Rebecca D **Year 6:** Sean RG, Sophie H, James NC.



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

Frankie J (EYFS), Sam W (Y2), Lilyella H (Y3), Charles H (Y4),
Ciaran F (Y5), Sean RG (Y6).

Dates for your diary - March		
Monday 16 March	All Day	Year 1 Circus Skills - in school
Tuesday 17 March	2.45pm - 3.30pm	Year 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation at Church
Wednesday 18 March	8.30am - 9.00am	Bags 2 School
Wednesday 18 March	11.45am	Mothers' Day Lunch (children with surname A-K)
Wednesday 18 March	3.30pm	Year 1 and Year 2 Indoor Athletics Competition
Thursday 19 March	2.45pm - 3.30pm	Year 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation at Church
Friday 20 March	All Day	Year 1 children to dress up as a clown
Friday 20 March	3.30pm	Football Match v Mere Green home
Friday 20 March	7.15pm - 9.00pm	Easter Egg Bingo Night
Tuesday 24 March	9.30am	Easter Production
Wednesday 25 March	11.45am	Mothers' Day Lunch (children with surname L-Z)
Wednesday 25 March	3.45 pm - 6.00pm	Parents' Consultation Evening
Thursday 26 March	3.45 pm - 7.00pm	Parents' Consultation Evening
Friday 27 March		KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade and KS2 Decorate an egg
Monday 30 March to Friday 10 April		Easter Holiday
Dates for your diary - April		
Friday 17 April	2.20pm	Parent Council Meeting
Monday 20 April	AM	HSBC in school for children to save their money
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
Monday 22 June - Friday 26 June		Creative week

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	Evening	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

For all our busy mums:

And our mums in heaven:

A Mother's Prayer

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Dear Lord, it's such a hectic day
With little time to stop and pray
For life's been anything but calm
Since You called me to be a mom
Running errands, matching socks
Building dreams with building blocks
Cooking, cleaning, and finding shoes
And other stuff that children lose
Fitting lids on bottled bugs
Wiping tears and giving hugs
A stack of last weeks mail to read
So where's the quiet time I need?
Yet when I steal a minute, Lord
Just at the sink or ironing board
To ask the blessings of Your grace
I see then, in my small one's face
That you have blessed me
All the while and I stop to kiss
That precious smile.

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I am with you always
I live in your heart
I speak to your soul
We are not far apart

When you feel a light breeze
Hear the songs the birds sing
Know that I see every smile
Your kindness can bring

I see you building your dreams
With wisdom and grace
And asking His guidance
With each challenge you face

I am more than a memory
You will feel our love grow
I am forever your angel
Some things you just know

Please tell me your thoughts
Your hopes and your fears
And know that through faith
He will heal all your tears

For today, I can share
That in Heaven above
God has taken my hand
I am complete, I am love

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