

Newsletter No 26

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 27 March 2015

We come to the end of another busy term. On Monday and Tuesday Key Stage Two retold the story of Holy week in a very powerful and moving way; I literally was reduced to tears. Well done to all the children and staff for working so hard to produce this beautiful dramatization.

Our Stations of the Cross this morning helped us to prepare for the season of Easter. Thank you to all the staff and children for their participation in this event and to Fr Neil for leading our worship and reflection during the term.



Palm Sunday Mass

A final reminder that 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.

There are several services and Masses at Holy Cross Church throughout Holy Week and the Easter weekend and the times of all these are attached.

A very BIG thank you to all the staff for always working so hard and going that extra mile. May they all enjoy a well deserved break.



Reminder!

School reopens on Monday 13 April with the new end of the day time of 3:20pm.



Questionnaire Reminder

Thank you to all parents who attended Parents' Evening on Wednesday and Thursday and to those of you who have already completed questionnaires. We do value your feedback so if you took your questionnaire home to complete, please return to school no later than **Monday 13 April**. Please see attached blank copy of required, thank you.



Easter Activities

We were very impressed by the colourful designs of Easter bonnets and eggs. Thank you for supporting these fun end of term activities and well done to all the winners.



Mothers' Day Lunch

It was lovely to see so many of you here this week enjoying lunch with your children. Thanks you to all the staff for ensuring everything ran smoothly! Do not worry dads - you are going to be invited very soon!



Eco Warriors

Our Eco Warriors had a fantastic two days cleaning up; receiving positive comments from the local community about what a fantastic job they were doing! Well done to Mrs Patterson and all children involved! Please see photographs on our website.



Mass: Year 4 will lead our Mass in school on Thursday 16 April. Everyone is welcome.



Lenten Activities

The children have enjoyed their fundraising during - we will let you know the total raised after the holidays.



Football Match

What are they eating for breakfast?! Well done to the football team for their 3-1 victory against Mere Green! Keep up the hard work!



School Bank

HSBC will be in school on **Monday 20 April**. Children can bring in their pocket money to save and see their money grow.



Family Bingo Night

The Bingo Night was a huge success; with a fantastic £502.00 raised! Many thanks to all who helped organise the evening.



Increase in Dinner cost

We were notified yesterday that from Monday 13 April the price of a school meal will increase from £2.05 to £2.10.

Dinner Money Due

Polite reminder deadline for payment of dinner money is **Monday 20 April**; the amount is £58.80 and £59.30 if you use ParentPay. Thank you for your support.



EYFS Trip to Sutton Park

A letter has been sent home this week with children in Early Years giving information about trip to Sutton Park on **Friday 24 April**. Deadline for payment is **Thursday 16 April**. Please contact office if you have not received a copy thank you.



Year 6 Visit to St Chad's Cathedral

A letter has been sent home this week with children in Year Six giving information about a visit to St Chad's on **Tuesday 19 May**, deadline for payment is **Friday 17 April**. Please contact office if you have not received a copy thank you.



Parent Council Meeting

The next Parent Council meeting will take place on **Friday 17 April at 2.20pm.**



PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting will take place on **Wednesday 22 April at 7.30pm.** New members always welcome; please come along.



Academy Photographers

The photographers will be in school on **Wednesday 22 April** to take class photos, leavers, teams and sports teams.



Fire Day with Sacred Heart School

On **Monday 20 April** Year 3 has invited the Year 3 children from Sacred Heart School for a Fire Day. For this day children will be required to wear suitable outdoor clothes and footwear. Also, children are required to bring in a packed lunch for an outdoor picnic. This will be a great opportunity for our children to share the Forest School experiences we have at our school. Thank you for your support.



Funtime Friday at the Boathouse Restaurant

Holy Cross PTA presents:

Funtime Friday at the Boathouse Restaurant on Friday 8 May 2015.

The evening comprises of:

3 course dinner and DJ **£20.00 per person 7.30pm.** This will be a fantastic night for parents please come along, thank you for your support.

A flyer has been sent home with your child today giving you further information regarding the above and a booking form. The deadline for the forms to be returned is **Thursday 30 April.** If you have not received flyer please contact school office.



Summer School Uniform

All children are required to wear their summer uniforms as soon as we return after the Easter holidays (hopefully we will be basking in tropical sunshine by then!) Thank you for your support.

Girls: Green check dress suitable shoes or sandals with white socks. **Boys:** Jade green polo shirt with logo Grey shorts/trousers, grey socks, sensible dark school shoes - no trainers.



Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the Attendance Award was won by Year 5 with 98.15%!

The Punctuality Award for the week was shared between all classes this week well done!

Recommendations: **EYFS:** Lucy L **Year 1:** Mollie-Mae H, Finbarr McG, Mia B **Year 2:** Orlaith G, Imogen A **Year 3:** Matthew NC **Year 4:** Whole Class **Year 5:** Whole Class **Year 6:** Olivia O'T, Niamh McM, Missy G.

Lunchtime Award: Thomas B (Y1), Aoife O'C (Y5).

Class of the Week: Year 3.

Class of the Term: 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: **Year 1:** Eloise H, Thomas B **Year 5:** Joseph L, Ellie-Jo L
Year 6: Callum T.



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

Maggie R (EYFS), Caitlin L (Y1), Eva D, Cillian K (Y2), Millie McC, Annie D (Y4), Matthew M, Caitlin M, Alice H, Lizzie H (Y5) and Louise A (Y6).

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
Monday 20 April	All day	Sacred Heart coming in to join Year 3 - Forest Schools
Wednesday 22 April	All day	Photographers in school

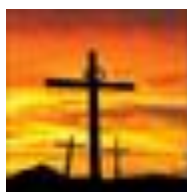
Wednesday 22 April	7.30pm	PTA meeting in school
Friday 24 April	All Day	EYFS Trip to Sutton Park
Thursday 30 April	3.30pm - 5.00pm	PTA Disco
Dates for your diary - May		
Wednesday 6 May	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Holy Communion drop in session
Thursday 7 May	All day	School closed Local Elections
Friday 8 May	7.30pm	PTA Family Fun Night at Boathouse Restaurant
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
Monday 22 June	All Day	Year 4 and Year 6 Trip to Birmingham Art Museum
Tuesday 23 June	All Day	Year 3 to Museum of Jewellery Quarter
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

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The children, staff, Academy Committee and Board of Directors wish you a joyful Easter.



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