



**Newsletter No 27**

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 17 April 2015

Welcome back! I hope that you all enjoyed your Easter break. It is hard to believe that we are beginning our final term. This is always a very busy time with First Holy Communion, Creative Arts Evening, a variety of different trips and sporting events and of course SATs coming up shortly.

The children returned to school, all looking very smart! Please remember that all children should now be wearing Summer uniform; see below for clarification.



**Lenten Activities**

We raised a fantastic £1,023.85 with our Lenten Activities. CAFOD, the SVP and our Rwanda charities will all benefit. Thank you to all of you and to the children and staff for working so hard to support our charities.



**Summer Uniform**

All children should now be wearing Summer uniform. The summer uniform is as follows:

**Girls:** Green check dress, grey trousers and polo shirt, sensible black shoes with white socks.

**Boys:** Jade green polo shirt with logo, grey shorts/trousers, grey socks, sensible dark school shoes - no trainers.

Thank you for your cooperation.

School  
Office

**Communication with Teachers**

We are committed to a strong working partnership between home and school and therefore we do want to you to speak to us about any concerns or queries that you may have.

If you wish to speak to or make an appointment to see your child's teacher, please do so through the **school office**. This can be done through a variety of ways:

- Visiting the office during the set office hours.
- Emailing the office at [enquiry@holycross-sch.net](mailto:enquiry@holycross-sch.net)
- Telephoning the office (Please note that the answer machine is on 24 hours a day so messages left in the evening will be picked up and dealt with the next day.)

Mrs Knibbs will liaise with appropriate staff and you will be contacted as soon as possible to address the query or concern.

Please note that staff must **not** be emailed directly and only emails sent through the office will receive a response.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in this matter.



### Football Match

We have a football match tonight home v Penns - we will let you know result next week. Good luck team!



### Dinner Money Due

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



### 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.



### Volunteers for Gardening

On **Monday 20 April** Coppice Garden Centre are delivering bushes for our KS1 and KS2 Prayer Garden. Mrs Pratt will be planting these bushes from 12.00pm onwards if you have a big spade and strong arms then please come along and help. You will be rewarded with a cup of tea. Your help is very much appreciated, thank you.



### Year 3 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.



### Academy Photographers

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



### Class of the Term Award Dinner

Congratulations to Year Six who were awarded last half term's Class of the Term Lunch Time Award. A letter was sent home with children yesterday who have sandwiches. This needs to be returned with payment by **Wednesday 22 April**. Please contact school office if you have not received a copy. Thank you



### PTA Meeting

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



**Mass: Year 5** will lead our Mass in school on **Thursday 23 April**. Everyone is welcome.



### Father Hudson's Society Good Shepherd Appeal

Please return the boxes for the above no later than **Friday 24 April**. Thank you for your help and support.



### Application for School Clothing Grant 2015

We have application forms for school clothing grants; if you think you are eligible for a grant please contact the school office. The forms need to be returned no later than **Friday 24 April**.



### St George's Day - Thursday 23 April

To celebrate the feast of St George, Thursday will be a non-uniform day with children being asked to wear red for the day! No donation required.



### Holy Communion

Any Year 3 parents who are happy to help organise flowers in the Church for their child's Holy Communion can you please pass on your details to the school office. 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 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.



### Creative Arts Evening

This lovely evening will be held on **Thursday 18 June, 6.00pm start**. Please come along and enjoy watching our talented children, all welcome.



### Year One Trip to Warwick Castle

A letter has been sent home with Year One children yesterday giving all the information regarding this trip. Please contact the school office if you have not received one. Thank you.



### Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance.

Did you know...? Whilst an attendance figure of 90% does appear to be good, this is equal to missing half a day every week and across the whole year, is equal to four weeks of missed school work!

This week the Attendance Award was won by Year 5 with 99.26%!

The Punctuality Award for the week was won by Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 well done!

**Recommendations:** **EYFS:** Liam O'T, Maggie R **Year 1:** Ella W, Olivia H **Year 2:** Charlotte L, Ethan L **Year 3:** Stephene A, Charlie S **Year 4:** Jacob D, Michael McG **Year 5:** Aiden GW, Ruby H **Year 6:** Louis B, Ellie McG.

**Lunchtime Award:** Joseph L (Y5).

**Class of the Week:** Year 2.



### 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:** Lucy L **Year 1:** Eliza S **Year 4:** Milly B **Year 5:** Ciaran F.



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

Kieran McC, Calum McC, Connor McC (EYFS), Jack McK (Y3), Sophie H (Y6).

Dates for your diary - April		
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	tbc	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
Friday 8 May	7.30pm	PTA Family Fun Night at Boathouse Restaurant
Monday 11 May - Friday 15 May		SATS week
<b>Monday 18 May - Friday 22 May</b>		<b>Multicultural week</b>
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
<b>Wednesday 10 June</b>	<b>am</b>	<b>Year 6 visit to Ghamkol Sharif Mosque</b>
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
<b>Thursday 18 June</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Creative Arts Evening</b>
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
<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	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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