



Newsletter No 28

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 24 April 2015

A belated Happy St George's Day! We were a vision in red yesterday; it was a great sight!

We welcomed Mr Paul Walmsley from the Birmingham Catholic Primary Partnership and Mr Peter McCann from CAFOD to school this week to accept our contributions to the Rwanda charity and CAFOD. They asked for their thanks to be passed on to you all for supporting these charities so generously.

We welcomed Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School to enjoy a fire day with us on Monday (see below). I was very proud at the positive comments I received from the staff of the school regarding the excellent behaviour of our children. Well done everyone and thank you Mr Hunt for an exciting day!

We have a very close community here at Holy Cross and what better way to celebrate than enjoying a great night together! The PTA are organising 'Funtime Friday' at the Boathouse on 8 May. It should be a really lovely event so please try and support it. See below for more details.



Healthy School/Healthy snacks

Parents are reminded that as we are a Healthy School, we enjoy healthy snacks. Children are welcome to bring in fruit for playtime or can buy toast from the kitchen. No other snacks are permitted. I thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Football Match

Our winning streak came to an end with a 4-1 defeat against Penns Primary School on Friday 17 April. It was a great team effort and they all played very well.



Mass: Year 6 will lead our Mass in Church on **Thursday 30 April**. Everyone is welcome.



Year 3 Fire Day with Sacred Heart School

On Monday, Year 3 had the chance to work with the Year 3 class from Sacred Heart Primary school in Aston. Together we celebrated an outdoor learning fire day with the children working side by side together. We had a go at fire lighting, shelter building, cooking on an open fire and finally creating a picture out of natural materials. The children's behaviour was excellent and both schools worked closely together, making new friends and having a great time. All of the staff from both schools were extremely proud of each class for the way in which they welcomed each other and worked together.



Music Invoices

If your child has music lessons invoices will be sent out week commencing Monday 4 May. Thank you for your support.



PTA Disco

This will be held on **Thursday 30 April from 3.20pm to 4.30pm (please note new timings)**. If you are available to help please contact the school office. Thank you for your support. **This day will be a non-uniform day.**

£2.00 entrance to the disco per child and a maximum £3.00 spending money in a separate purse please.



Bike/Scooter Breakfast - Friday 1 May

Bring your bike, scooter or walk to school and enjoy breakfast with your friends. This will take place outside from **8.15am**.

You will be able to purchase a variety of breakfast items and drinks from 20p to 50p.

All monies going to support Holy Cross Eco Warriors.



Bling your Bike Competition - Friday 1 May

We have had some fantastic entries in the past. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.



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.



Year 2 Trip to Seal Life Centre on Wednesday 13 May

A letter has been sent home this week with children if you have not received this please contact the office for a copy. Thank you.



Year 5 Trip to St Chad's Cathedral Wednesday 20 May

A letter has been sent home this week with children. If you have not received this please contact the office for a copy.

As you are aware, whenever possible in order to keep costs down, we try to transport children to events by bus rather than coach. However, we cannot do this on this occasion as we could not get the children to the Cathedral in time for the Mass. I do appreciate your support in this matter.

Thank you.



As part of Creative Arts week:

Year 4 and Year 6 Trip to The Birmingham Art Museum Monday 22 June

A letter has been sent home this week with children. If you have not received this please contact the office for a copy. Thank you.

As part of Creative Arts week:



Year 3 Trip to The Museum of Jewellery Quarter Tuesday 23 June

A letter has been sent home this week with children. If you have not received this please contact the office for a copy. Thank you.

As part of Creative Arts week:



Year 5 Trip to The Red House Glass Cone Wednesday 24 June

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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.



Sports Day Friday 3 July

Sports Day will be on Friday 3 July starting at **1.30pm** this is a lovely afternoon. Please come along to support our children.



Summer Family BBQ Friday 3 July 3.30pm to 5.30pm

This will be a fantastic family event to celebrate the end of term and start of Summer. Further information will be sent home closer to the date.



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 EYFS with 98.67%!

The Punctuality Award for the week was won by EYFS, Y1, Y3, Y4 and Y5 well done!

Recommendations: **Year 1:** Ryan K, Eliza S **Year 2:** Thomas S, James D **Year 3:** Uday P, Charlie S and Whole Class **Year 4:** Pierce B, Niamh P **Year 5:** Michael B, James NC **Year 6:** Shay McG, Christopher H.

Lunchtime Award: Jack McK.

Class of the Week: Year 1.



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 2:** Ethan L, Owen P, Erin LF **Year 4:** Matilda C, Natalie SL **Year 5:** Millie L, **Year 6:** Niamh L, George H.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
A Wheeler (Y5).

Dates for your diary - April		
Thursday 30 April	tbc	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
Wednesday 13 May	All day	Year 2 Trip to Sea Life Centre
Monday 11 May - Friday 15 May		SATS week
Monday 18 May - Friday 22 May		Multicultural week
Tuesday 19 May	All day	Year 6 visit to St Chad's Cathedral
Wednesday 20 May	9.15am to 12.00pm	Year 5 Good Shepherd Mass at 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
Monday 8 June	11.45am	Fathers' Day Lunch A-L
Tuesday 9 June	9.15am	Year 1 Class assembly
Wednesday 10 June	am	Year 6 visit to Ghamkol Sharif Mosque
Wednesday 10 June	7.30pm	PTA Meeting in school
Saturday 13 June	12.00pm	Holy Communion
Wednesday 17 June	11.45am	Fathers' Day Lunch M-Z
Thursday 18 June	9.15am	Mass of Thanksgiving in Church
Thursday 18 June	6.00pm	Creative Arts Evening
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
Wednesday 24 June	All Day	Year 5 to The Red House Glass Cone
Dates for your diary - July		
Wednesday 1 July	All day	Handover day
Thursday 2 July	3.30pm - 5.00pm	End of term disco
Friday 3 July	1.30pm	Sports Day
Friday 3 July	3.20pm - 5.30pm	Summer Family BBQ
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
Saturday 11 July	12.00pm - 14.00pm	Parish Summer Fayre
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

A poem shared with Parent Council last week:



UNITY

*I dreamed I stood in a studio
And watched two sculptors there,
The clay they used was a young child's mind
And they finished it with care.*

*One was a teacher; the tools he used
Were books and music and art;
One a parent with a guiding hand
And a gentle and loving heart.*

*Day after day the teacher toiled
With a touch that was deft and sure
While the parent laboured by his side
And polished and smoothed it o'er.*

*And when at last their task was done
They were proud of what they had wrought,
For the things they had moulded into the child
Could neither be sold nor bought*

*And each agreed he would have failed
If he had worked alone.
For behind the parent stood the school
And behind the teacher, the home.*

Anon. * 1998



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