



Newsletter No 29

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 1 May 2015



On Tuesday, you will receive an attendance report for the Autumn and Spring terms. Attached will be a colour coded chart that explains how low attendance corresponds to lost learning in a year. I will make appointments to see parents where attendance is a concern but please ask me if there are any queries.

Please remember that the school will be closed on Monday for the Bank Holiday; opening as normal on Tuesday morning and closed to pupils on Thursday for Election Day, opening as normal on Friday morning.



Parent Questionnaire

Thank you so much for your completed questionnaires - all 190 of them! This really does give the school a true reflection of how we are doing and we are very pleased with the positive responses. We are so proud that 100% of you said that your children are happy at school; that is so important to all of us.

Parent Council and School Council will be discussing the findings and agreeing any future actions. Please see summary at the end of the newsletter.

It is hard to believe that we are in May already, fingers crossed for sunshine for the Bank Holiday!



As we are now in May, the month we honour Our Lady, please encourage your children to say the Hail Mary every day.



Mass: Year 3 will lead our Mass in school on **Thursday 14 May**. Everyone is welcome.



School Photographs

School group photographs have been sent home with your child today. If you wish to order a copy the deadline for returning orders to school is **Friday 8 May**. After this date all orders will be required to be posted direct to the photography company, thank you for your support.



Eco Warriors

On **Tuesday 5 May** our Eco Warriors will be selling snacks and drinks at break time. Please send your child in with money if they wish to buy. Thank you for your support.



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

As always, this was very well attended last night. Thank you to the PTA for organising this popular event.



Holy Communion Drop in Session

This will be held on **Wednesday 6 May** from 3.20pm to 4.20pm for parents' to drop in if they have any questions regarding the Holy Communion.



School Closed

Polite reminder to all the school is a local polling station, and therefore will be **closed to children** on **Thursday 7 May**. Thank you.



Please note booking forms to be returned by
Monday 7 May



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. If you have not received flyer please contact school office.



Year 3 Trip to Dewa Roman Experience in Chester

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.



Birmingham City Council - Parenting Support Team

Promoting Happier Parenting

Parenting Support invites parents' of children aged 0 - 8 years to the above. This will be held on **Wednesday 13 May for 5 weeks at Sutton Baptist Church 1.00pm - 3.00pm**.

Promoting Happier Parenting is a five week programme for parent and carers with children aged 0-8 years old. The sessions are for two hours, one day a week. Sessions involve discussion, sharing of ideas and looking at scenarios to promote positive behaviour. Parents are encouraged to think about planning in advance and looking after their own needs in order to understand their children's needs. If you require any further information please contact the school office. Thank you.



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.



Return to School

Please note Thursday 3 September and Friday 4 September will be Inset Days. Children will return to school on **Monday 7 September**. Please note the remaining 3 Inset Days will be confirmed at a later date. 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 EYFS with 98.63%!

The Punctuality Award for the week was won by EYFS, Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5 well done!

Recommendations: **EYFS:** Keela K, Connor McC **Year 1:** Thomas B, Orlaith F **Year 2:** Erin LF, Ben O'T **Year 3:** Eva P, Stephene A **Year 4:** Jake W, Iona T **Year 5:** Millie L, Nina R **Year 6:** Jamie W, Calum T.

Lunchtime Award: Millie L (Y5).

Class of the Week: Year 4.



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:** Whole Class **Year 3:** Keane S **Year 4:** Shawn S **Year 5:** Sam K.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
Krupa S (Y1), Madeline L (Y3), Milly L (Y5).

Dates for your diary - May		
Wednesday 6 May	3.20pm - 4.20pm	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 Week	Book Fayre
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

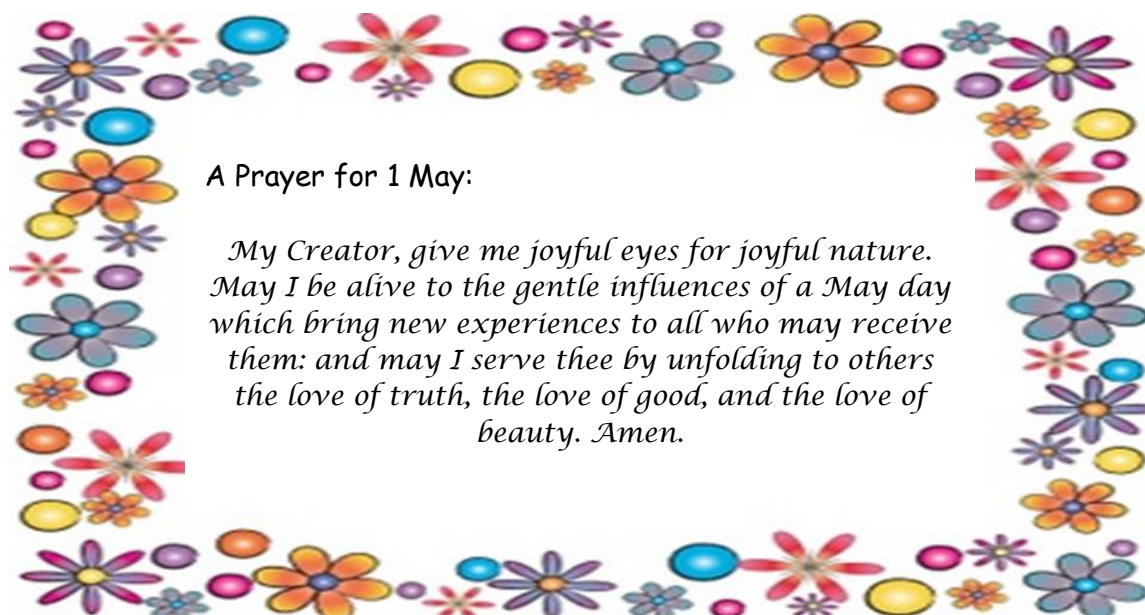
Dates for your diary - July		
Wednesday 1 July	All day	Handover day
Thursday 2 July	3.30pm - 5.00pm	End of term disco
Friday 3 July	1.30pm	Sports Day
Friday 3 July	3.20pm - 5.30pm	Summer Family BBQ
Tuesday 7 July	Evening	Year 6 Leavers' Production
Wednesday 8 July	All Day	Year 6 trip to Safari Park
Friday 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
Thursday 3 September	All day	Inset Day
Friday 4 September	All day	Inset Day

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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