

Newsletter No 31

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 15 May 2015



It has been a very long and hard week with SATs coming to end on Thursday; you could almost hear the sigh of relief and that was just Mr Spindlow! Well done to all in Year 6 who tried their best all week and to all the staff for running breakfast clubs, supporting intervention work and ensuring that all the SATs tests ran as smoothly and calmly as possible.



Multi Faith/Cultural Week.

Next week we will be having a very creative week across the St John Paul II Academy. During the week, children will be learning about different faiths and cultures; which is a very important part of living in a diverse world, as well as enjoying some lively cultural experiences, for example, Bollywood dancing, making Samba music and an African dance workshop given by Bishop Walsh.

The week will finish with a very special liturgy on Friday morning where children will share some of the work and experiences they have enjoyed during the week as well as a liturgy regarding respecting and accepting other faiths. Parents are very welcome to attend this liturgy on Friday morning at 9:15am. I hope that you will attend if possible.

FRIDAY FUN TIME!

Funtime Friday - Boat House Restaurant

This event was a huge success! Everyone had a fantastic time and the PTA raised **£1,390.50!**

Thank you to all the PTA members for organising this and a big thank you to all of you who attended and helped raise this amazing amount of money.

The next Funtime Friday will be on **25 September**, you will be notified of details at a later date.



Academy Committee Parent Representative

After 3 years, Lisa Shelley is stepping down as a Parent Academy Representative. She has worked so hard for the school in her time as a Governor and now an Academy Representative and we thank her for her commitment, challenge and support. One nomination was received, so I am informing you that the new Academy Committee Parent Representative is Mr Stephen Murphy (dad of Joseph in EYFS). I thank him for taking on this role in making a positive contribution to the management of our school.



Uniform Supplier

From Saturday 16 June Clive Mark on Birmingham Road, Wylde Green will be stocking our uniform. Parents can still purchase from Mapac via our website. Please see link to Clive Mark website <http://schooluniform.clivemark.co.uk/shop/schools/holy-cross-catholic-primary-school/c-1-1000-10426/>. Thank you, Please see voucher for 15% off your first order.



Year 5 Football Tournament

This has now been postponed until **Tuesday 23 June**, Wyndley Leisure Centre (4.00pm -6.00pm) - thank you.



Year 2 Trip to The Sea Life Centre

Year 2 had an excellent trip to The Sea Life Centre in Birmingham this week. Year 2 were great ambassadors for Holy Cross School, the staff at the Sea Life Centre were very impressed with their behaviour and knowledge. A special thanks to the staff and volunteers for their help during the day.



Mass: Year 4 will lead our Mass in school on **Thursday 21 May**. Everyone is welcome.



Bikeability Year 5

Reminder - Ten children in Year 5 are taking part in Bikeability next week, Monday to Thursday. Please remember to bring your bikes to school. Thank you



Seaside Special - Traditional Fish and Chips

On **Thursday 21 May** we will be having a Seaside Special Theme Day Meal.

A child's meal is £2.10. If your child would like to take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy a fish and chip lunch, please forward the correct money or cheque made payable to John Paul II Multi-Academy in a clearly marked envelope with child's name and 'Seaside Special' by **Tuesday 19 May**. If your child has school meals every day please pay for their meal in the normal way. Late orders cannot be accepted.



'Train with Mr Hunt' Sponsored Run

On Sunday 31 May Mr Hunt will be running the Great Midlands Fun Run through Sutton Coldfield on behalf of the Acorns Children's Charity.

On **Friday 22 May** the children will take part in a 'Train with Mr. Hunt' sponsored run around the school field. The children will run for about 10 minutes around the school field to raise money for Acorns. Every penny raised will go straight to the charity to help those children in desperate need. Please return sponsor forms no later than **Friday 5 June**. A letter and sponsor form has been sent home with children if you require a copy please contact the school office, thank you.



Forest School

Year 6 Forest School

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 4 Trip to Birmingham Hebrew Congregation Singers Hill Synagogue

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.



Tennis Club

Letters were sent home with children this week (Not Early Years). If your child would like to join the Tennis Club please complete and return forms no later than **Tuesday 19 May 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.

Welcome to the
Parent Council

Parent Council Meeting

The next Parent Council Meeting will be on Friday 5 June at 2.20pm.



The children in Year 3 will be celebrating their First Holy Communion on two Saturdays - 6 and 13 June.

Although this is a special day for Year 3, it is also an important school and parish event and we support the children by the choir from Years 4-6 singing at the Masses; in the same way they had been supported during their own First Holy Communion Mass when they were in Year 3.

Being part of the school choir is a commitment and I ask that all members of the choir participate in at least one of the First Holy Communion Masses if possible. It would be very sad if we did not have a strong choir on such an important occasion. I sincerely hope that you will show your support in this important matter. Thank you.



Hair Braiding - Summer Fayre

We would like to have a hair braiding stall at our Summer Fayre. If you can braid hair or know of anyone that can please contact the school office with your details. Thank you for your support.



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 2 and Year 6 with 100%!

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

Recommendations: **EYFS:** Maggie K, Olivia A **Year 1:** Olivia H, Dylan G **Year 2:** Whole Class, Ava A **Year 3:** Isobel H, Jack McK, Madeline L **Year 4:** Ricky M, Jessica P **Year 5:** Ellie-Jo L, Lewis P **Year 6:** Whole Class.



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:** Keela K **Year 1:** Thomas B **Year 3:** Marcus PW.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
Sian J (Y1) and Ellie McG (Y6)

Dates for your diary - May		
Wednesday 13 May	All day	Year 2 Trip to Sea Life Centre
Friday 15 May	All day	Year 5 Villa Vitality
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
Tuesday 19 May	AM	Year 4 visit to Synagogue
Wednesday 20 May	9.15am to 12.00pm	Year 5 Good Shepherd Mass at St Chad's Cathedral
Friday 22 May	PM	'Train with Mr Hunt' sponsored run
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
Friday 5 June	2.20pm	Parent Council Meeting
Friday 5 June	pm	Year 6 to do Forest School
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	pm	Catholic Swimming Gala
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
Tuesday 23 June	4.00pm - 6.00pm	Year 5 Football Tournament
Wednesday 24 June	All Day	Year 5 to The Red House Glass Cone
Monday 29 June	am	HSBC Bank in school
Tuesday 30 June	am	Early Years - School nurses to do eye tests
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 - 4.00pm	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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Principal

A thought for the weekend:



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