

Newsletter No 32

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 22 May 2015



Multi Faith/Cultural Week

We have had a really exciting time this week learning about the faith of the four main world religions and enjoying some different cultural experiences. Across the Primary schools in our Academy, children enjoyed listening to a Muslim speaker who spoke to all the children, created Samba music, learnt some Bollywood dancing and Y4 visited the Synagogue. Year 6 who will be visiting a Mosque after half term, participated in a dance workshop led by Bishop Walsh's Year 7 dance leaders.

This morning we brought our week to an end with a closing liturgy where all classes had the opportunity to share some of the work they had completed and where we all came together, with Fr Neil, praying to God that all faiths will show mutual respect and acceptance towards each other. We live in a diverse world and it is through learning about these different religions that we grow in knowledge and understanding.



Safeguarding - Arrangements at the start and end of the school day

The safeguarding and welfare of the children is of paramount importance to us. All parents are reminded that children must not be left unaccompanied at the school gate in the morning as there is no one responsible for them and therefore they are not safe. Please wait for the gates to be opened by a member of staff and ensure that your child is safely in school. Also, if your child is going home with another adult, you are required to put this in writing to the class teacher. We will not release a child to a different adult if we have not been notified in advance. An adult is required to collect children from the school at the end of the day this also includes any after school activities. Your cooperation is needed in this very important matter. Thank you.



Inset Day

School is closed on **Monday 1 June** we are having a whole Academy training day. School will reopen as normal on **Tuesday 2 June**.



First Holy Communion - Saturday 6 June

A reminder that the first group of Year 3 children will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Saturday 6 June. Please remember them in your prayers.

All Year 3 children will be going to Church for practices on Tuesday 2 June and Wednesday 3 June. Parents are required to collect their child from **Holy Cross Church at 3pm** on these days. Thank you.

As this is an important parish event, children who are part of the choir are expected to attend at least one of these Masses. I urge parents with children in the choir to please support the school and parish for this very special occasion. Thanks you.

Welcome to the
Parent Council

Parent Council Meeting

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



Year 6 Forest School - starting on Friday 5 June

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

**FATHER'S
DAY**



Fathers' Day Lunch

We are holding two Fathers' Day Lunch Days where your child can invite one gentleman to lunch! To help the organisation of the lunches, they will be held on two separate days:

Monday 8 June: Children with surname A-L

Wednesday 17 June: Children with surname M-Z

Lunch will be served from 12:00 - 1:00 and guests are requested to arrive at 11.45.

The deadline to order a lunch is **Wednesday 3 June** please note no late orders will be accepted. If you require a letter please contact the office, thank you.



Year 5 Football Tournament

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



Mass: Year 5 will lead our Mass in school on **Thursday 4 June**. Everyone is welcome.



'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.

Today 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.



Non School Uniform Day

On Friday 12 June the children can come to school in their own clothes. Please send in a contribution of £2.00. The money raised will be for Macmillan 'Dress up and Dance' and for the Nepal aid. Please support these worthwhile charities. Thank you to Lewis and Sam in Y5 who suggested a fundraising event for Nepal.



Prayer Garden

We would like to start a prayer garden committee to help improve and sustain the prayer gardens in KS1 and KS2. If you are interested in getting involved the first meeting will be Wednesday 3 June at 3.30p.m. Children are welcome to come along. Please let the office know if you are interested.

Thank you.



Football Training

Well done to the year 6 football team! We came second in the league! What a season!! We have been invited to the presentation evening at Sutton Town Hall where football players will present awards to the children including Chris Brunt (West Bromwich Albion). Miss Crowley is happy!!

Friday 5 June will be the last football training session for the current Year 6 class for this academic year. Thank you to the football team for all their hard work and dedication this year, it has been a pleasure to work with them. Details about the Sutton Coldfield League presentation night will follow.



PTA

A big thank you to the PTA who have purchased lots of fantastic musical instruments for our school. Your hard work and generosity is much appreciated by all the children, staff and parents. Thank you.



Save the Children

Save the Children - Den Day

On **Friday 5 June** our EYFS class will be taking part in Den Day for Save the Children. They will spend the day outdoors building dens, they can let their imaginations take over and create their own incredible den - and by getting sponsored to build super shelters at school, they'll be making life better for children who don't have a safe place to sleep tonight. The money we raise by taking part will help to make life better for children all over the world.

Please send in donation of boxes, bedsheets, curtains or blankets.

Letters and sponsor forms were sent home with EYFS children yesterday, please contact the office if you require a copy, thank you for your support. Please return sponsor form and monies by **Friday 12 June**.



Year 2 Swimming

Please note there will be no swimming for Year 2 class until **Thursday 18 June**.



Roman Topic

Year 3 are doing a topic on Roman times. Please send in donations of A3 boxes to enable the children to make shields for the Roman soldiers. Thank you for all your support.



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.



BOWOW - Bike or Walk on Wednesday

BOWOW - Bike or Walk On Wednesday - including Scooters. So remember to pedal or scoot to school to gain house points and a healthy life style!

This will take place every Wednesday commencing **Wednesday 3 June**.



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 with 98.52%!

Attendance for each class from September 2014: **EYFS: 97.39% Year 1: 97.50% Year 2: 97.15% Year 3: 96.46% Year 4: 96.22% Year 5: 97.53% Year 6: 95.19%.**

Total overall: 96.77%

The Punctuality Award for the week was won by Year 1, Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 well done!

Recommendations: EYFS: Whole class Year 1: Eva H, Isla H Year 2: Whole Class Year 3: Whole Class Year 4: Whole Class Year 5: Nina R, Whole Class Year 6: Isabella J, Julia Z.

Lunchtime Award: Daisy C (Year 2).

Class of the Week: Year 1.

Class of the Half Term: 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 winner is: **Year 4: Chris S.**



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week and during half term:

Nevin R (Y1), Christien J, Francis C (Y3), Alexandra H (Y4), Ashlee H (Y5)

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
Friday 12 June	All Day	Non school uniform day Macmillan and Nepal Aid
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

Enjoy a lovely half term break.

Yours sincerely

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Principal

We are a nation of communities - a brilliant diversity spread like stars, like a thousand points of light in a broad and peaceful sky.

George H W Bush



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