

Newsletter No 35

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 19 June 2015



First Holy Communion - Saturday 13 June

On Saturday, the second group of children received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Both weeks have been very special and reverent occasions. I would like to thank Mr Hunt and Mrs Harper for preparing the children so well; they were a credit to their families and the school. Thanks also to the children (and parents!) who sang in the choir, our altar servers, the parish choir, the school staff and of course Deacon Andrew and Fr Neil. These were special days for everyone in our Holy Cross family.



Holy Communion Photographs

Your child was given their Holy Communion photographs to take home yesterday. There is a pre-paid envelope in the pack. Please send your order direct to Academy Photography Ltd; the deadline date is **30 July** thank you.

Fathers' Day Lunch

We welcomed another large number of dads this week for our second Fathers' Lunch. It was lovely to see so many of you enjoying lunch with your children. Thank you to Mrs Harper and all the lunchtime staff for ensuring both lunch dates were a smoothly run success!



Creative Arts Evening

We had a very successful Creative Arts Evening last night; Holy Cross has very talented children! It was lovely to see children having the opportunity of showing their talents to an audience. Thank you to all our music teachers; Mr Fekete, Mr Holmes, Mr Smith, Miss Lauer and to Mr Mayor and all the school staff for organising last night's extravaganza!

Fundraising Day



Thank you for supporting last week's fundraiser for Macmillan Cancer Research and Nepal Aid. We raised an amazing £343.31! We are very grateful for your generosity and support!



School Art Gallery - Friday 26 June

Next week is Creative Week; when children will be enjoying and experiencing different creative opportunities including educational visits for KS2, a visiting artist for EYS and KS1 and working with students from Bishop Walsh. To celebrate what the children have learnt, parents are invited to come and view Holy Cross Catholic Primary School Art Gallery. This will be held on Friday 26 June, 3.20pm to 4.30pm in the school hall. Please come to the main entrance.



There will also be a raffle to raise money for our Prayer Garden, please come along and support our children!



On Sunday 31 May Mr Hunt ran through Sutton Coldfield as part of the Great Midlands Fun Run, raising money for the Acorns Children's Charity. Thank you to all parents for your support in both your sponsorship and those that cheered as Mr Hunt ran past you!

We have managed to raise the fantastic amount of £755.30! Thank you for all your support and generosity.



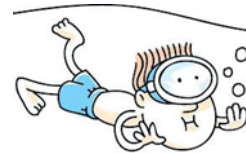
Health and Safety - Parking

I am again writing to for your cooperation regarding parking both at school and at Church. Fr Neil has received complaints following Saturday's Holy Communion Mass as someone had literally parked outside a house blocking them in. I have also received complaints from worried parents regarding parents parking or dropping off on double yellow or zigzag lines. I urge everyone to park with both consideration for safety of our children and for our neighbours. Thank you.



School Dinners

If your child has school dinners and would like to change to sandwiches please remember that you are required to give half a terms notice in writing to the school office. Notice given this half term will mean that children can start having sandwiches in **September**. Please note that children who are currently having school meals will be charged until the **end of the summer term**. Thank you for your support.



Catholic Swimming Gala

Well done to all the children who competed in the Catholic Sports Swimming Gala last Saturday. The children all swam very hard and only just missed out in reaching some of the finals. Congratulations to Erin who took the gold medal in the 1 length girls' breaststroke competition.



Sutton Sports Athletics Competition

On **Wednesday 17 June**, 31 children took part in the Sutton Sports Athletics Competition at Wyndley Leisure centre. All of the staff were very proud with the effort and determination that the children put into this competition. We had a very successful competition with gold medals in the Year 4 girls 60m sprint, gold in the Year 3/4 girls, relay, silver medals in the Year 6 high jump, silver in the Year 3 long jump. Finally a bronze medal in the Year 3 girls, sprint, Year 6 long jump and a bronze in both the girls, and boys, Year 6 relays.

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On **Monday 22 June** Year 4 and Year 6 are going to the Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery to support Creative Art week. I am sure they will find it a very enjoyable and exciting learning experience.



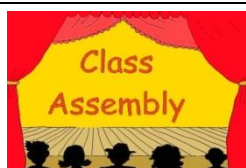
Museum of Jewellery Quarter

On **Tuesday 23 June** Year 3 are going to the Museum of Jewellery Quarter. This will be a great experience for the children to enjoy a guided tour around a real jewellery factory where little has changed since the early part of the last century, including a demonstration of jewellery making techniques at the jeweller's bench.



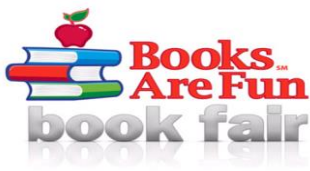
The Red House Glass Cone

On **Wednesday 24 June** Year 5 are visiting The Red House Glass Cone. This will be a great experience for the children to discover more about glass making.



Class Assembly - Early Years

On **Tuesday 23 June at 9.15am** Our Early Years class will be presenting their assembly about 'The Gruffalo' and the great outdoors. They have been rehearsing really hard and they look fantastic! Please come along and support our children.



Book Fair

This will take place from **Tuesday 23 June until Tuesday 30 June from 3.20pm**. There will be special 3 for 2 offers (cheapest book free).

READiscover.....adventure, nature, oceans, dinosaurs, space and many more! Please come along to support, 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: There will be no Mass on Thursday 25 June 2015.



BOWOW - Bike or Walk on Wednesday

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Freeze-Pop Friday

Following our prayer garden committee meeting we have come up with ideas to move forward and ways to raise money in order to put our plans into action! On Friday 12 June we will be starting freeze-pop Friday! This event will take place **after school on Fridays 12, 19, 26 June and 10 July** where children will be selling ice lollies for 20p for a Friday treat. Please come along and support us!

Non School Uniform Day - Bring in Bottle of Wine in a Bottle Bag

On **Friday 26 June** the PTA have requested that the children bring in a bottle of wine (one per family) in a gift bag for our Summer Fayre. ***This will be a non-school uniform day.***



Non School Uniform Day - KS1 Bring in Punnet of Strawberries and KS2 Scones

On **Friday 3 July** the PTA have requested that the children in KS1 bring in a punnet of strawberries and the children in KS2 are requested to bring in shop bought scones for our Summer Fayre. ***This will be a non-school uniform day.***



Appeal for Gazebos

We are appealing for gazebos to use at our Summer Fair. Please contact the school office if you can help, thank you for your support.



School Uniform

Do you have any unwanted uniform at home? The PTA needs your donations to raise valuable funds for the school. Please bring any items to the school office. Thank you for your support.



HSBC

Children can bring their money in on **Monday 29 June** to watch their savings grow!



E-Safety Competition! (Please see attached flyer)

Whilst the Internet can be a great tool for fun, communication and research, it can at times hold dangers which all young users should be aware of. E-safety is a crucial part of day-to-day life in our school. Children are always discovering new technologies and it is important that they are guided to use them effectively and responsibly. Primary school children, up and down the country, are being challenged to design their own e-safety poster! All of the entries will be showcased on the Internet and the winning entry will be designed and printed so that it can be displayed in classrooms. The poster should:

- Provide advice about e-safety
- Be written for primary school children
- Be colourful and engaging!

If you are interested in entering this competition, please see the attached handout for more information about prizes and how to enter. Good Luck!

Why not use this opportunity to discuss e-safety with your child at home? Using technology in the right way is a great starting point to ensure pupils see the positive, rather than negative effects of the web. The CBBC website [Stay Safe](#) has a brilliant selection of videos and quizzes to help young pupils learn independently about the safety on the Internet. There are also alternatives to the CBBC website which are more suitable for pupils in Key Stage 2. [Kidsmart](#) is an informative site with a user friendly interface that deals with a range of issues; also the children's section of [Think U Know](#) has a great selection of e-safety tips, games and activities to get users applying their knowledge.



Sutton Community Games

We are proud to be working in partnership with the Sutton Coldfield Community Games and look forward to welcoming lots of our families at Wyndley on 11 and 12 July.

SUPPORT A SPORTING LEGACY

Got any old sporting equipment that doesn't get used? Organisers of the Sutton Coldfield Community Games have teamed up with sponsors Green & Co Estate Agents to help find a home for it - and support the sporting legacy of the Games.

From bats to balls, shuttlecocks to skipping ropes, local people are being asked to drop off any unwanted sports equipment at their local Green & Co branch any time before mid-July.

All the equipment collected will be redistributed to local causes to help encourage and deliver greater participation in sport - including The ReUsers, located next to Sutton Coldfield Household Recycling Centre, and Sport Birmingham, harnessing the power of sport and physical activity to improve lives across the city.

The legacy campaign is all part of run up to the Sutton Coldfield Community Games, a two-day event designed to get people playing sport. More than 65 sports are now signed up to the free event, which runs on 11th and 12th July at Wyndley Leisure Centre.

Collection boxes are now in place at Green & Co branches in Sutton Coldfield, Boldmere, Four Oaks, Walmley, Great Barr, Erdington and Castle Bromwich. Simply pop in to drop off your unwanted sports equipment.



Holy Cross Prayer Garden

We have started plans to create a Prayer Garden in the KS2 field. The Prayer Garden committee have met and put together a proposed plan and need your help to get the ball rolling! Are you a keen gardener and willing to give a helping hand? Come along to our next meeting on **Wednesday 15 July at 3.30pm** at Holy Cross School. Have you got any contacts or know anyone that could donate resources to our school? Please let the office know.



Invite your friends and family along to our next gardening event - the more hands the better! Come along to our next 'Get your Grown Ups Growing' event on **Tuesday 14 July at 1.30pm** please come and 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 3 with 97.72%!

The Punctuality Award for the week: EYFS, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 5.

Recommendations: **EYFS:** Heloise C, Liam O'T **Year 1:** Olivia W, Thomas S **Year 2:** Layla K, Daisy C **Year 3:** Pablo B, James R **Year 4:** Jake W, Hannah E **Year 5:** Shannon B, Ruby H, Elizabeth H, Lewis P **Year 6:** Shay McG, Lauren McC, Ben E.

Lunchtime Award: Abigail W (Y5).

Class of the Week: Year 3.



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 1:** Eva H **Year 3:** Isobel H, Whole Class **Year 4:** Milly B, Natalie S, Thomas T, Matilda C, Benjamin L **Year 5:** Joseph L, Millie L, Joseph S, Matthew M, Aiden GW **Year 6:** Sean H.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week
Emma McK (Y1), Lilliemae G (Y3) Olivia S (Y5).

Dates for your diary - June		
Monday 22 June - Friday 26 June		Creative week
Friday 26 June	3.20pm	School Art Gallery - all parents welcome
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
Thursday 25 June		No Mass today
Friday 26 June	All Day	Non uniform day bring in bottle of wine in bag
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	All Day	Non uniform day KS1 bring in strawberries and KS2 scones

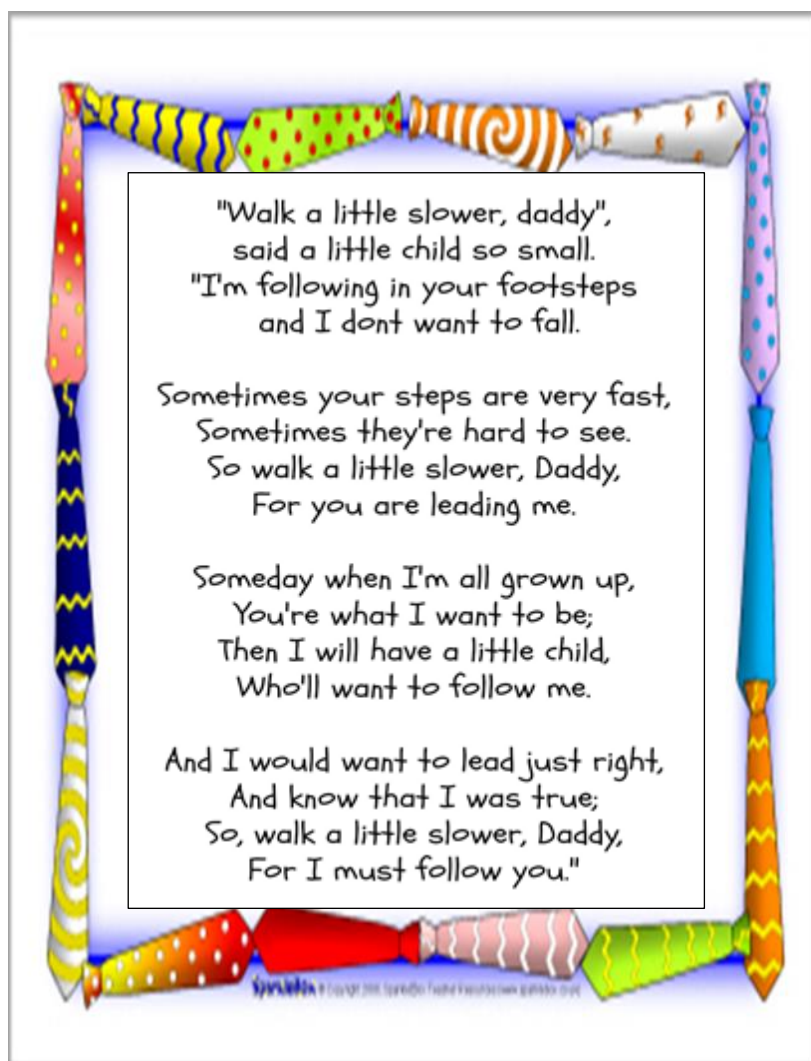
Friday 3 July	3.20pm - 5.30pm	Summer Family BBQ
Tuesday 7 July	Evening	Year 6 Leavers' Production
Wednesday 8 July	All Day	Year 6 trip to Safari Park
Friday 10 July	Evening	Year 6 Leavers' Party
Saturday 11 July	12.00pm - 4.00pm	Parish Summer Fayre
Tuesday 14 July	tbc	Get Your Grown Ups Growing
Wednesday 15 July	3.30	Holy Cross Prayer Garden Meeting
Thursday 16 July	9.15am	Leavers' Mass led by Year 6
Thursday 16 July	10.15am	High Tea with Chair of Academy Committee
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. Happy Fathers' Day to all our lovely dads!

Yours sincerely

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