

Newsletter No 36

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 26 June 2015

Staffing from September 2015

The end of term is a time of change and this is certainly the case this summer! We are saying goodbye to three members of staff: Mrs Motorny, who has gained promotion and will become Deputy Headteacher of Five Spires Academy in Lichfield. She of course is also looking forward to a very important new role, with her first child due in December. Miss Jackson will be taking up a new position at St John the Baptist as will Mrs Patterson who will fulfil her dream of training to be a Nursery Teacher. I am sure we would like to thank them all for their hard work and dedication in their time at Holy Cross and wish them every success for the future.

We welcome Miss Stevens, Mr Rowlands and Mr Howell to the staff in September and therefore the class teachers for September will be:

EYFS: Miss Crowley & Miss Lovelock

Y1: Miss Stevens

Y2: Mr Hunt

Y3: Mr Mayor

Y4: Miss O'Neil & Mr Howell

Y5: Mr Rowlands

Y6: Mr Spindlow

Miss Stevens met her class yesterday and will spend the day with her new class on Wednesday 8 July and the other children will meet their new teachers on Handover Day on Wednesday 1 July.



Creative Art Week

We have had a very busy and creative week this week! We have welcomed a visiting artist to EYS and KS1, staff and students from Bishop Walsh and KS2 have enjoyed some interesting creative visits!

The work created was displayed in the hall today, so I hope you had the opportunity to admire it!

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On Monday Year 6 had the opportunity to visit Birmingham Art Museum where they took part in art and sculpture workshops and got to look around the galleries and exhibits. Year 6 also got to visit the Birmingham Library for a flying visit where they got to see the terrace gardens and Shakespeare room. They all had a great time!

As part of the Creative Arts Week, Year 4 had the wonderful opportunity of visiting Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. The children not only looked at but learned about portraits from the sixteenth to the twentieth centuries, had opportunities of sketching and, as part of the Anglo Saxon topic, paid a visit to the internationally renowned collection The Staffordshire Hoard. A great time was had by all; the visit was most informative and the children were excellent ambassadors for Holy Cross School. Especial thanks to the parent volunteers for their help.



Museum of Jewellery Quarter

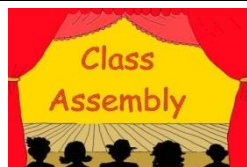
On Tuesday the children were taken on a tour in the Museum of the Jewellery Quarter. They were able to walk around the jeweller's workshop as it had been left when the factory closed. The children also created their own pattern using the designs from jewellery from around the world to create their own print work. They had a great time!



The Red House Glass Cone

On Wednesday Year 5 visited the Red House Glass Cone. We had a fantastic time learning about the history of glassmaking - walking around the inside of the cone gave us a real impression of what it would have been like to work inside the impressive structure. We were lucky enough to watch a demonstration of glass blowing and some of us even gave it a try! Finally we all had the opportunity to engrave our own pieces of glass. We loved learning this new skill! The children were a credit to the school with the interest they showed and their behaviour. Well done!

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped with our school trips!



Class Assembly - Early Years

There were many teary eyes on Tuesday morning following Early Years' wonderful assembly! The children were so confident in their performance and remembered their lines correctly! It was an absolute pleasure to watch the children perform and enjoy it! A huge success- Miss Crowley and Mrs Patterson are extremely proud!



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.*



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 3.20pm to 5.20pm

This will be a fantastic family event to celebrate the end of term and start of Summer.

There will be a licenced bar available!

So please leave your car at home, bring your picnic rug, relax and have some fun!



Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets have been sent home with children today for our 'Summer Raffle' this will be drawn on Friday 3 July during the Summer Fayre. There are some fantastic prizes, please contact the school office if you require extra books. Thank you for all your support.



Year 6 Leavers' Production

Our Year 6 Leavers' Production 'Olivia' will be on *Tuesday 7 July starting at 6.00pm*. The children are rehearsing really hard for this and it looks fantastic!



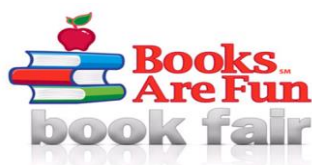
Year 6 Leavers' Mass

This will be held on Thursday 16 July 9.15am in school, please come along everyone welcome.



Den Day for Save the Children

On Friday 5 June our EYFS class took part in Den Day for Save the Children. They managed to raise £104.95! Thank you to all that supported this fantastic charity.



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.



Mass: Year 5 will lead our *Mass in school* on **Thursday 2 July**. Everyone is welcome.



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!



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.



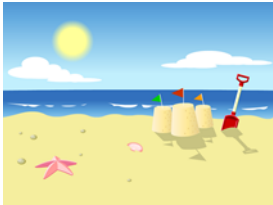
HSBC

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



End of Term PTA Disco - This will be a non-school uniform day

This will be held on **Thursday 2 July** from **3.20pm to 4.30pm**. If you are available to help please contact the school office. Thank you for your support. **£2.00 entrance to the disco per child (in a clearly marked envelope with child's name and 'Disco' also a maximum £3.00 spending money in a separate purse please.**



Year 2 'Holiday Day'

On **Friday 10 July 2015** Year two will be going on holiday without even leaving school! This day will be an opportunity for the children to immerse themselves in our 'Holidays' topic by role playing a holiday trip here in school. It will include packing a suitcase, visiting the airport, catching a flight, checking in to a hotel and relaxing by the pool at our final destination, Marbella, Spain!

A letter giving you more details regarding this has been sent home with your child this week; please contact the school office if you have not received one.



Parish Summer Fayre

This will be on Saturday 11 July 12.00pm to 4.00pm. All welcome please come along to support our Church.



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.



'Get your Grown Ups Growing'

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.

New National Curriculum



On our website under each class page (Y1-Y6), you will now see assessment grids for reading, writing and mathematics. These assessment grids have been introduced across the MAC in line with the new national curriculum. You will see that some objectives are highlighted yellow- these are called Key Performance Indicators (KPI). These are the main objectives a child needs to achieve in order to be working at national expectation. Currently years 1, 3, 4 and 5 are using these assessment grids. From September all classes (Y1-Y6) will be using these assessment grids. A letter about assessing without levels will be sent home in due course to explain in more detail.

My Care in Birmingham

Do you want to know more about children's and family services or adult social care in Birmingham? If so visit the 'My Care in Birmingham' Website at: <http://www.mycareinbirmingham.org.uk>. 'My Care in Birmingham' is a website designed to support you or someone you care for to make well informed choices about adult social care needs and to remain as independent as possible. 'My Care in Birmingham' includes information on services relevant to supporting adults to live in the community. The My Care website also contains information on the local offer for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. For more information on the local offer please refer to the Special Educational Needs and Disability Information Report on our school website.



Another Funtime Friday

Holy Cross PTA presents..... another 'Funtime Friday!' **Friday 25 September at 7.30pm** at The Boathouse Restaurant, Bracebridge Pool, Sutton Park. £25.00 per person (non-refundable.) Please see flyer.



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 5 with 99.23%!

The Punctuality Award for the week: EYFS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4.

Recommendations: **EYFS:** Whole Class **Year 1:** Scarlett T, Harry M, Fraser C, Caitlin L **Year 2:** Orlaith G, Charlotte L **Year 3:** Christien J, Whole Class **Year 4:** Whole Class, Benjamin L **Year 5:** Whole Class **Year 6:** Darragh R, Julia Z, Erin D, Georgia S, Niamh Mc.

Lunchtime Award: Isobel H (Y3).

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:** Sebastian H **Year 4:** Shawn S.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week
Olivia F (Y1), Niamh S (Y3), Ryan B (Y5), Jamie W (Y6).

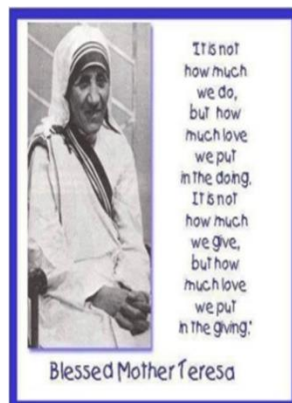
Dates for your diary - June		
Monday 29 June	am	HSBC Bank in school
Tuesday 30 June	am	Early Years - School nurses to do eye tests
Dates for your diary - July		
Wednesday 1 July	All day	Handover day
Thursday 2 July	3.20pm - 4.30pm	End of term disco
Friday 3 July	1.30pm	Sports Day
Friday 3 July	All Day	Non uniform day KS1 bring in strawberries and KS2 scones
Friday 3 July	3.20pm - 5.30pm	Summer Family BBQ
Tuesday 7 July	6.00pm	Year 6 Leavers' Production
Wednesday 8 July	All Day	Year 6 trip to Safari Park
Friday 10 July	All Day	Year 2 Holiday Day
Friday 10 July	Evening	Year 6 Leavers' Party
Saturday 11 July	12.00pm - 4.00pm	Parish Summer Fayre
Tuesday 14 July	1.30-3.20pm	Get Your Grown Ups Growing
Wednesday 15 July	3.20pm	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	3.20pm	Children break up for summer holidays
Monday 20 July	All day	School closed - Teacher training day
Tuesday 21 July		Summer holidays 2015
Dates for your diary - September		
Thursday 3 September	All day	Inset Day
Friday 4 September	All day	Inset Day
Friday 25 September	7.30pm	Another Funtime Friday! at the Boathouse

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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