

Newsletter No 37

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 3 July 2015



Sports Day and BBQ

A very busy day planned today with sports day followed by our family BBQ. I hope many of you will be able to attend and enjoy the afternoon. A BIG thank you again to the PTA for organising the family BBQ - looks like we will be lucky with weather too!



On a personal note - a big thank you to the children and staff who have given me a lovely day today to celebrate my big birthday! I really have been made to feel very special and I am sincerely very touched.



Sun Cream

Some parents have approached me seeking clarification regarding sun screen. Our procedures are unchanged. For health and safety reasons e.g. younger children not being able to apply correctly and getting sun screen in their eyes or the possibility of an allergic reaction, children do not bring sunscreen to school. Parents are asked to apply a suitable high factor sun cream to their child/children before the school day begins. This will provide adequate protection for the rest of the school day. The school obviously monitors weather conditions, ensuring water available and children being reminded to seek shady areas and wear sun caps when outside. Thank you for your support.



Non-School Uniform Days

Polite reminder when we have non-school uniform days please ensure that children come to school in suitable clothes. Sensible shoes are also required to avoid accidents whilst children are playing outside. Thank you for your support.



Alton Castle

Arrangements have been made for the children currently in Year Five to take part in a residential visit to Alton Castle in Staffordshire early in the new academic year. The visit will take place from **Wednesday 14 October** until **Friday 16 October 2015**. This proved to be a very enjoyable and successful experience for the current Year Six children who went on the same residential visit during the autumn term. Letters have been sent home with children this week; if you have not received a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Liturgy

Reminder for children from EYFS to Year three who attend Holy Cross Liturgy, the summer BBQ is on **Sunday 5 July** after 10.30am Mass.



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.



Mass: Year 2 will lead our Mass in school on **Thursday 9 July**. Everyone is welcome.



BOWOW - Bike or Walk on Wednesday

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Freeze-Pop Friday

No freeze - pop Friday today - last one next week (10 July). Please come along and support us!



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

The Prayer Garden committee have 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? If you do, please inform the office.



'Get your Grown Ups Growing'

This will be a non-school uniform day; children are required to wear old clothes suitable for gardening. Invite your friends and family along to our next gardening event. We will be tidying, weeding all our garden areas ready for the new academic year - 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.



Early Years Graduation and Afternoon Tea

Our Early Years children will be celebrating their Graduation on **Friday 17 July at 2.00pm**. This will be followed by a picnic. Parents are invited to join in this fantastic celebration! Thank you.



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 Early Years with 97.46%!

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

Recommendations: EYFS: Whole Class Year 1: Whole Class Year 2: Whole Class, Daisy C Year 4: Jessica T Year 5: Milly L, Ashlee H Year 5: Nina R Year 6: Whole Class.

Lunchtime Award: Eva D (Y2).

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: **Year 1:** Olivia F **Year 5:** Joseph L, Rebecca D **Year 6:** Niamh L, Ben E, George H, Christopher H.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week
Olivia H (Y1), Charlie S (Y3), Emily E (Y4).

Dates for your diary - July		
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 (no school uniform old clothes suitable for gardening required)
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
Friday 17 July	2.00pm	Early Years Graduation
Monday 20 July	All Day	Inset Day
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
Dates for your diary - October		
Wednesday 14 October	3 days	Alton Castle
Friday 16 October		
Dates for your diary - November		
Tuesday 3 November	tbc	Open Morning for Prospective Parents for Reception Intake September 2016
Wednesday 4 November	1.30pm	Shakespeare Performance
Wednesday 4 November	7.00pm	Shakespeare Performance (Old Rep)

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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Miss T Cotter

Principal

This morning we observed the national minute silence for all those who have suffered as a result of the tragedy in Tunisia. We particularly remember in our prayers members of our school family who have been directly affected.



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