



## Newsletter No 38

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 10 July 2015



### Sports Day/Summer BBQ

What a fun filled afternoon. We enjoyed a very successful Sports Day and then many of you stayed for the BBQ which was a fantastic family occasion. So many of you have told me how much you enjoyed it and of course we were so lucky with the weather!

A big 'Thank you' to the PTA for organising this event which raised an amazing **£2,000.00**; this money is being used to provide new reading books for school.

The Raffle prize winners from the BBQ are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Dinner for 2 at the Boat House Restaurant - Rosie Keane
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Men's Cut Throat shave with Hot Towels - Jane Parry
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: ProValet - Bronze Car Valet - Rachael Sherry
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize: Water Fun Hamper - Niamh McMenamin
- 5<sup>th</sup> Prize: Picnic Hamper - Amy Iche

We also have raffle prizes from the tickets from your programmes. Please contact the office if your programme was numbered: 22, 91 or 354 thank you.



### Year 6 Leavers' Production and Party Tonight

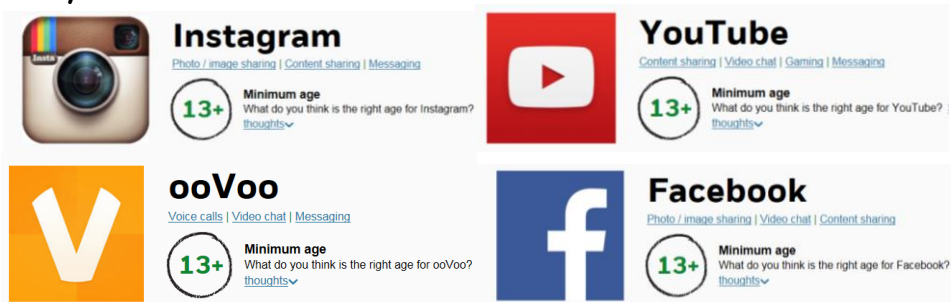
On Tuesday night we all enjoyed the Year 6's production of 'Olivia'. I am sure that in years to come some of these children will be appearing in the West End! Tonight is the Leavers' party, a time for Year 6 and their families to enjoy a final celebration together. I am sure that it will be a great night.



### School Reports

School reports will be sent out with children on **Monday** (please check their bags!). You will be invited to offer written feedback which will be greatly valued by the school; we do take on board your opinions. Your child's attendance record will also be enclosed. As the reports are very detailed, there will be no Parents' Evening before the end of term. If you have any specific queries regarding your child's report, please arrange to see your child's class teacher.

## Net Aware - E-Safety



We have had some queries about Internet sites, social networks and apps that the children are accessing at home. Parents are not always fully aware of the content of these or the minimum age that the children should be to access these sites. Did you know that anyone accessing Facebook, ooVoo, You Tube or Instagram should be 13 years old or older?

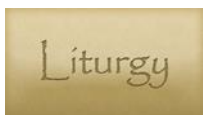
Just how well do you know and understand the social networks and apps that your children are using every day? Have you read the terms and conditions of each app? Is the apps age appropriate for your children? To support e-safety at home, we would like to highlight a website that you can use at home to find out this information. Visit <http://www.net-aware.org.uk/> to stay up to date and keep your child safe in today's digital world.

Net-Aware is a guide, primarily aimed at parents of 8-12 year olds, about the social networks, apps or games with an interactive element that children use most frequently. The purpose of the guide is to provide parents with the information they need to be able to keep their children safe online, to encourage parents to look for themselves and form their own views about the appropriateness of popular sites, and to give parents the confidence to facilitate balanced and informed conversations about what their children are doing online. It is based on other parents' experiences and the views of young people. Please do take the time to look at this site to support your child's e-safety education at home.



### Safari Park

Year 6 had a fantastic day at West Midlands Safari Park for their final trip at Holy Cross. The children were a credit to themselves and the school. Mr Spindlow and Mrs Jupp were so proud of their behaviour. Thank you to Mr McGuigan, Mrs Gillespie and Mrs O'Toole for volunteering to help.



### Liturgy

Reminder for children from EYFS to Year three who attend Holy Cross Liturgy, the summer BBQ is on **Sunday 12 July** after 10.30am Mass.



### Year 6 Leavers' Mass

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



### Year 2 'Holiday Day'

Year 2 had a fantastic 'Holiday Day' the children were so excited at the airport getting ready to jet off! The airport staff were very helpful and professional. The hotel they stayed in was awarded a 5 star! I'm sure the children will tell parents all about their adventure!



### The Ugly Bug Ball

We welcomed a lot of ugly bugs in Early Years today! They had a fantastic time.



### Parish Summer Fayre

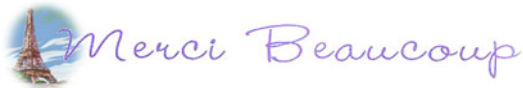
This will be on **Saturday 11 July 1.00pm to 3.00pm**. All welcome please come along to support our Church.



### Bastille Day Tuesday 14 July

Bastille Day is a day of celebrations of French culture. Many large-scale public events are held, including a military parade in Paris, as well as communal meals, dances, parties and fireworks.

At break time on Tuesday 14 July croissants (50p each) will be sold to all children to celebrate our French neighbours and Mrs Stokes with Year 4 has organised a Bastille themed assembly for the whole school.



### 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.



### **Toy Day**

On Friday 17 July children can bring a toy into school. Please do not send your child with an expensive toy as the school will not accept responsibility if this gets broken. Also please do not send your child in with an electrical toy. **The children need to wear full school uniform for this day.**



### **Early Years Graduation and Afternoon Tea**

Our Early Years children will be celebrating their Graduation on ***Friday 17 July at 1.30pm***. This will be followed by a picnic. Parents are invited to join in this fantastic celebration! Thank you.



### **Berryfield Estate**

Community Spirit- On Tuesday 21 July there will be a meeting about plans to develop the Berryfield Estate behind the school. The meeting is at 2.00pm at the Berryfields Site Office at 40 Berryfields Road. Miss Crowley will be attending to discuss how our school can support and help out next academic year. There are proposed plans for an orchard to be planted just behind the school and more plans in the pipeline. Please do come along to offer any suggestions, support or simply a voice to represent the local community. Thank you.



### **Summer Uniform**

Reminder to parents when we return to school in September children are required to wear full ***summer uniform***. They will change to winter uniform after October Half Term, thank you for your support.



### Parking

We have again received complaints from local residents in Laburnum Drive, Hilary Drive and Yew Tree Rise regarding parents parking over residents' driveways preventing them from being able to drive out of their properties. There is also an issue with parking on the junction causing an obstruction. Good relations with our neighbours are essential and I urge all drivers to show more consideration when driving and parking. I thank you for your cooperation and support in this important matter.



### 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.



Missing School  
Matters



### 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 and Year 2 with 100%!

The Punctuality Award for the week: EYFS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 5.

**Recommendations: EYFS:** Whole Class **Year 1:** Finbarr McG, Alicia I **Year 2:** Whole Class **Year 3:** Kyle W **Year 4:** Whole Class **Year 5:** Whole Class **Year 6:** Whole Class, George H, Mrs Gillespie, Mr McGuigan, Mrs O'Toole.

**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: **EYFS:** Caitlin K.



**Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week**

Olivia H (Y1), Owen P (Y2), Alan J (Y3), Jessica P (Y4),



Dates for your diary - July		
Saturday 11 July	1.00pm - 3.00pm	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	All Day	Toy Day. Children to wear full school uniform
Friday 17 July	3.20pm	Children break up for summer holidays
Friday 17 July	1.30pm	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
Wednesday 16 September	7.30pm	PTA Meeting
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

*T Cotter*

Miss T Cotter  
Principal

*One for our Leavers:*

As long as we have  
**MEMORIES**  
yesterday remains.  
As long as we have  
**HOPE**  
tomorrow awaits.  
As long as we have  
**LOVE**  
today is beautiful.

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