



**Newsletter No 1**

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 11 September 2015



**Welcome Back!**

Welcome back to a new academic year, and a particularly warm welcome to our new families. We also welcome Miss Stevens, Mrs Hayward, Mr Rowlands and Mr Howell to the staff team; we hope that they will all enjoy being part of our Holy Cross family. As always; as a new year starts, the sun starts shining!!!!

We have welcomed new families to both the Nursery and to School and we have visited our new Reception children in their homes. We hope that all our new families will be very happy at Holy Cross Catholic Primary School.

Thank you to all our parents for sending their children back in full school uniform; the children looked incredibly smart!

I would like to remind you that as stated before the summer break, children should be wearing Summer uniform until October half term.

**Summer Uniform**



After half term, it is expected that all children will be wearing the winter uniform.



**Thank you Mrs Harper!**

Mrs Harper has decided to step down as Lunchtime Manager. I would like to thank her for her hard work in this very difficult role. Lunchtimes have been revolutionised here by the introduction of Play Coordinators; with children being encouraged to have active and fun lunchtimes. Lunchtimes are very well organised so a BIG and well deserved thank you!

**RE Inspection**

The school will undertake a one day Section 48 RE Inspection on Tuesday 22 September. In preparation I would be very grateful if you could complete the parent questionnaire that will be sent home tonight and return to school by Wednesday 16 September. Your views are very important to us. Thank you for your cooperation in this very important matter.

I will report on the inspection findings when they are received.



**Mass: Year 3** will lead our Mass in school on **Thursday 17 September**. Everyone is welcome.



### **Dinner Money for this term**

The amount payable is **£73.50** can we please have payment by **Friday 18 September**. Cheques made payable to John Paul II Multi-Academy or the correct money in a clearly marked envelope with child's name and 'dinner money'. Thank you for your support.



### **Homework Logs**

In response to comments made on the Parent Questionnaires, we are changing our Homework routines.

From September 2015 each child in Year 1 -5 will have a homework log. This will replace the way your child previously received and recorded their homework. The homework log is designed for your child to reflect and respond to learning within the classroom in a creative and individual approach. Each week your child will be given a learning objective or a task set from a learning objective that has been covered in a lesson previously. Your child will then need to produce what they have learnt from this lesson and have the opportunity to extend their learning by researching what else they can find out. Please refer to the school website under 'Parents Information' for more details. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you for your support.



### **Cadbury World**

Our Year 4 children are going to Cadbury World on **Thursday 17 September** to support their 'Chocolate' topic. We hope they have a lovely chocolatey time and learning experience! Deadline for payment of **£19.00** is **Tuesday 15 September**.

# ZUMBA

### **Zumba Club - Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3**

Letters were sent home with children this week. If your child would like to join the Zumba Club please complete and return forms no later than **Monday 14 September 2015**. Please note that there are limited places so it is a first come first served basis. Again please note **NO late orders** after this date will be accepted. Thank you for your cooperation.



### **Music Lessons**

Music lessons start next week with the exception of guitar lessons which has changed to Thursdays all lessons will stay on the same day.

Tuesdays: Violin, Thursdays: Woodwind and Guitar Fridays: Cello. Music invoices will be sent out in the near future.

Any queries please contact the school office. Thank you for your cooperation.



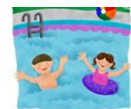
### Open Evening at Bishop Walsh

There is an Open Evening at Bishop Walsh School for prospective Year 7 parents on Wednesday 16 September 7.00pm to 9.00pm. For further information please contact Bishop Walsh on 0121 351 3215.



### PTA Meeting

Our first PTA meeting of the new year is on Wednesday 16 September at 7.30pm in school. We would love to welcome new members; please come along and find out more details. The more the merrier!



### Swimming Lessons

Year 3 will start swimming on **Thursday 17 September**. Girls please wear a full costume and for health and safety reasons, boys must wear trunks (not loose fitted shorts). Please ensure that appropriate swimming kit is sent with your child every Thursday. Thank you for your support.



### EYFS visit to Holy Cross Church

On **Friday 18 September** Early Years will be walking up to Holy Cross and St Francis Church to meet Father Neil and have a tour around the Church. There will be time for the children to ask any questions they may have and learn about how we behave in Mass.

At 2.30p.m we would like to invite parents of EYFS children to come to Holy Cross Church to join their child in a blessing for our new families by Father Neil. This is to celebrate and welcome our new families to Holy Cross Catholic Primary School. It will be followed by juice and snacks. Children will then be dismissed from church at 3.10 p.m. Any parent, who cannot attend, should collect their child from church at **3.10 p.m.** (the time is given to allow parents time to collect siblings). A letter has been sent home with children in EYFS, please contact the office if you require a copy.



### Alton Castle Meeting

There will be a meeting for Year 6 parents' on **Monday 21 September at 3.30pm** regarding the visit to Alton Castle. This meeting will last for approximately 15 minutes, thank you.

### Year 3 Trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery

On **Friday 25 September 2015**, Year 3 are going on a trip to the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. This is in relation to our topic of 'Ancient Egyptians'. A letter has been sent home with children giving further details; please contact the school office if you require a copy.



### Sacrament Of Confirmation

Parents who have children in Year 6 who wish their child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in February 2016 **must** register their child at a meeting in church on **Thursday October 8 2015 at 7.00pm**. Any parents unable to attend this meeting are to contact Father Neil. 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). A flyer was sent home with children today giving further information and menu. This is a fantastic night! All welcome!



### Road Works on Laburnum Drive

Please note that there will be road works on Springfield Road and Laburnum Drive commencing 14 September. Parents/grandparents are reminded to drive and park carefully. Pedestrians also please be aware of road safety. Thank you for your support in this important matter.



### 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 3 with 100%!

The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.

**Recommendations: Year 1:** Tyrese L, Liam O'T **Year 2:** Thomas B, Emma McK, Alicia I, Eloise H

**Year 3:** Anna J, Whole Class **Year 4:** Christien J, Samuel K **Year 5:** Jack Mc I, Natalie S

**Year 6:** James NC, Ryan B, Alice H.

**Lunchtime Award:** Isobel H (Y4).



### 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:** Lily H **Year 3:** James D **Year 4:** Jack R **Year 5:** Michael McG.



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

Qai'Rou M (Y5).

Dates for your diary - September		
Wednesday 16 September	7.30pm	PTA Meeting
Wednesday 16 September	7.00pm - 9.00p,	Open Evening at Bishop Walsh
Thursday 17 September	All day	Year 4 trip to Cadbury World
Thursday 17 September	pm	First swimming lesson for Year 3
Friday 25 September	tbc	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Friday 25 September	All day	Year 3 trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery
Friday 25 September	7.30pm	Another Funtime Friday! at the Boathouse
Tuesday 29 September	9.30am - 10.30am	Inspire Workshop for Year 5 and Year 6
Dates for your diary - October		
Tuesday 6 October	9.30am	Year 2 Class Assembly
Thursday 8 October	7.00pm	Parents' Confirmation Meeting at Church
Tuesday 13 October	9.30am - 10.30am	Inspire Workshop for Year 3 and Year 4
Wednesday 14 October	3 days	Alton Castle
Friday 16 October		
Monday 19 October	All day	EYFS trip to Twycross Zoo
Tuesday 20 October	All day	Get Your Grown ups Growing - whole school event
Wednesday 21 October	3.30pm - 7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday 22 October	3.30pm - 6.00pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 23 October	3.20pm	Football Match away at Minworth
Dates for your diary - November		
<b>Monday 2 November</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Inset Day (All Academy schools)</b>
Tuesday 3 November	tbc	Open Morning for Prospective Parents for Reception Intake September 2016
Wednesday 4 November	1.30pm	Shakespeare Performance (Rehearsal)
Wednesday 4 November	7.00pm	Shakespeare Performance (Old Rep)
Monday 9 November		Kindness Week
Tuesday 10 November	9.30am - 10.30am	Inspire Workshop for Year 1 and Year 2
Tuesday 10 November	7.00pm	First Holy Communion Meeting at Parish Hall
Friday 13 November		Kindness Day
Tuesday 17 November	9.30am	Year 3 Class Assembly

\*2 further Inset days to be confirmed

\*Other dates available on website

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

*T Cotter*

Miss T Cotter  
Principal

**Prayers for the Beginning of the New School Year**

Dear Lord, as we begin this new school year, we gather  
once again as your community of believers.

We thank you for the energy and the spirit that you renewed  
in us through the summer months.

We thank you for the time to enjoy our family and  
friends and to reflect on what is important in our lives.  
Let this year be marked by enthusiasm and love so that,  
with the inspiration of your Spirit, we may continue  
to grow in our faith.

Help us to fulfil Your hope for us with honest intentions  
and works of faith.

Let us be gentle with ourselves and bring laughter, joy  
and love to others.

We ask this in your name. Amen.

