

Newsletter No 2

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 18 September 2015



Another busy week! This week we welcomed our second group of children into Early Years and on Wednesday, all 30 children were in school for the first time. They have all had a happy week which has been lovely to see.



Thank you to Y3 for preparing Mass so well yesterday and well done to Y4 who enjoyed their visit to Cadbury's world this week. They enjoyed the trip and I enjoyed hearing lots of positive comments about their excellent behaviour!



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** and today is the deadline for payment. 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.



We are currently reviewing our Guided Reading system. In light of this your child will now be reading three times a week. Please still ensure your child brings in their guided reading book and record every day until you have received specific days for guided reading of their class teacher.

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.



Grandparents' Lunch

This year we are holding three lunch days (last year's event was so popular!); these are being held on **Wednesday 7 October** (children with surname A-H) **Tuesday 13 October** (children with surname I-N) and **Thursday 15 October** (children with surname O-Z). A letter has been sent home with children, order and payments are required no later than **Thursday 24 September**, late orders will not be accepted, thank you for your support. Grandparents need to arrive at **11.45am** and will enter through Key Stage 1 gate. We are really excited and looking forward to grandparents coming to our school and enjoying a meal with the children and we know the children are just as excited.



Outdoor Wear

As the weather is certainly getting colder and very changeable! Please remember to send coats in with your children for outdoor play. Thank you for your support.



Alton Castle Meeting

The Behaviour Code of Conduct and Medical Information was sent home with Year 6 children this week. Please complete and return no later than **Friday 25 September**.

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.



Drayton Manor

Our Year 6 children are going to Drayton Manor on **Wednesday 23 September**, a letter has been sent home to parents. Please contact the school office if you require a copy. 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'.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Year 6 invite you to come along to the Macmillan Coffee morning that they are organising on Friday 25 September 9.15am to 10.15am. Please try to support them so we can raise lots of money for this very worthwhile charity.



Request for cakes

We would be very grateful for any donations of cakes to sell at the coffee morning; these can be sent into school on Wednesday 23, Thursday 24 or the morning of Friday 25 September. Thank you in mouth-watering anticipation!



Children can bring in money on Friday 25 September to enable them to purchase cakes after the coffee morning.



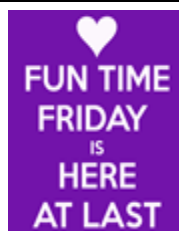
PTA Meeting

Our first PTA meeting of the new year is on **Wednesday 30 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!



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). Deadline for payment is today. **Please come along to this popular event and have a lovely evening.** Thank you for your support.



Harvest Mass

Our Harvest Mass this year is on **Thursday 22 October 9:15am**. This is a lovely occasion when we thank God for the gift of food. As in previous years, we want to provide offerings for our local community in need. Therefore we are asking for shoe boxes to be sent into school to be decorated ready to make our lovely food hampers. In order to make the hampers, we would ask for the following donations from each family:

Shoe Boxes - Week beg 28 September

Tinned food - Week Monday 5 October one tin per child.

Packets of food (rice, pasta, biscuits etc.) - Week Monday 12 October one per child

Fresh fruit and vegetables by Wednesday 21 October.

Thank you in anticipation!



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 EYFS, Year 5 and Year 6 with 100%!

The Punctuality Award for the week: EYFS, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.

Recommendations: Year 1: Flynn B, Keela K **Year 2:** Darcie W, Caitlin L **Year 3:** Thomas S, Erin LF

Year 4: Whole class excellent behaviour on trip **Year 5:** Qai'Rou M, Mille McC **Year 6:** Michael B, Joseph L.

Lunchtime Award: Annie Devlin (Y5).

Virtues and Values

The Archdiocese of Birmingham has introduced a focus on Gospel Virtues and Values.

Each half term we will focus on two different ones. This half term we are concentrating on being 'Grateful' and 'Generous'. As a school community we are looking for opportunities in our own lives where we show the virtues. Please discuss this with your children at home; highlighting times when you experience or show these virtues. This will also be the focus for our 'Angel of the Week' awards for this half term.



Angel of the Week

Each week we will be recognising those children who we feel have made that extra special effort and show the virtues in their daily life.

This week's winners are: **Year 1:** Daniel S **Year 3:** Imogen A **Year 6:** Abigail W.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
Joseph M (Y1), Eva D (Y4), Nhea R (Y5)

Dates for your diary - September		
Monday 21 September	3.20pm	Running Club starts
Monday 21 September	3.20pm	Alton Castle Meeting for Year 6 parents'
Tuesday 22 September	4.00pm to 5.00pm	Cross Country Bishop Walsh
Wednesday 23 September	All Day	Year 6 Trip to Drayton Mayor
Friday 25 September	9.15am	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
Wednesday 30 September	7.30pm	PTA Meeting
Dates for your diary - October		
Friday 2 October	3.30pm	Football Match Home Vs Maney Hill
Tuesday 6 October	9.30am	Year 2 Class Assembly
Wednesday 7 October	11.45am	Grandparents' Lunch (children surnames' A-H)
Thursday 8 October	7.00pm	Parents' Confirmation Meeting at Church
Friday 9 October	3.30pm	Football Match away vs St Josephs
Tuesday 13 October	9.30am - 10.30am	Inspire Workshop for Year 3 and Year 4
Tuesday 13 October	4.00pm to 5.00pm	Cross Country Bishop Vesey
Tuesday 13 October	11.45	Grandparents' Lunch (children surnames I-N)
Wednesday 14 October	3 days	Alton Castle
Friday 16 October		
Friday 15 October	11.45	Grandparents' Lunch (children surnames O-Z)
Friday 16 October	3.30pm	Football Match home vs Shrubbery (Y5 only)
Monday 19 October	All day	EYFS trip to Twycross Zoo
Tuesday 20 October	1.30pm	Get Your Grown ups Growing - whole school event
Wednesday 21 October	3.30pm - 7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday 22 October	9.15am	Harvest Mass feast of John Paul II
Thursday 22 October	3.30pm - 6.00pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 23 October	3.20pm	Football Match away at Minworth
Dates for your diary - November		
Monday 2 November	All Day	Inset Day (All Academy schools)
Tuesday 3 November	am	Academy Photographers in School for family & individual
Tuesday 3 November	tbc	Open Morning for Prospective Parents for Reception Intake September 2016
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
Monday 16 November	10.00am	Farm to Fork Talk for EYFS
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

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