



Newsletter No 3

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 25 September 2015

R.E. Inspection

On Tuesday we welcomed Mrs Brenda Beale who undertook our S48 RE Inspection. We were last inspected by the Archdiocese in 2010. We are delighted with the outcome; we are an Outstanding Catholic school. Mrs Beale describes the behaviour of our children as 'exemplary' and stated that our Collective Worship was a real strength. She was very positive about all areas of school life and all in our community. We will receive confirmation in writing shortly; it really was a proud day for everyone in our Holy Cross family.

Thank you to those of you who returned our RE Parent Questionnaires; they were very positive. We have noted any comments made and we will keep you updated on actions taken. A summary of the findings is attached.

In response to the R.E parent questionnaire we have added more detail onto the school website about the R.E curriculum taught at our school. <http://www.holycross-sch.net/gallery/?pid=7&catid=10>



Well done to Year 6 (and the Nursery!) who organised and ran our coffee morning this morning and to those of you who supported the event by attending and/or donating cakes. We will let you know how much was raised next week towards this worthwhile charity.



Early Years marked the start of their school life with a visit to Holy Cross Church last Friday. There was also a lovely blessing for our new starters and their families - thank you to all those who were able to attend.

We are holding our first INSPIRE workshop of the year on **Tuesday** next week. I look forward to seeing as many **Years 5 and 6** parents as possible.



Mass: Year 6 will lead our Mass in Church on **Thursday 1 October**. Everyone is welcome.

Complaint from Local Resident

I ask for your support with this issue. A local resident who lives at Anne Court, Berryfields Road has reported that pupils from our school are running from the park area into the garden of Anne Court, making lots of noise and also dropping litter.

Positive relationships with our neighbours from the local community are very important to us so I do ask that children are being respectful of other peoples' property. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.





Cross Country

A huge well done for all of our cross country runners who battled against the rain to do our school proud. They ran with grim determination! They will hopefully compete again on **Tuesday 13th October at Bishop Vesey Secondary School.**



Drayton Manor

On Wednesday, Year 6 had a fantastic day at Drayton Manor. The children had the opportunity to look around the zoo, go on the rides and then took part in a workshop about adaptation. This was a thoroughly enjoyable day with children getting to handle animals including a snake and hissing cockroach! Year 6 were a credit to Holy Cross with impeccable behaviour. Thank you also to the parent volunteers for giving up their time to come with us.

Another Funtime Friday



Unfortunately due to lack of numbers, the PTA has cancelled this event. Refunds will be returned shortly, the PTA sends their thanks to those of you who were supporting this event.



INSPIRE Workshops

INSPIRE workshops were introduced to offer parents (or other family members) the opportunity to come into school and work with their own child, helping them to learn and gain ideas and support for helping them at home. These workshops always offer practical activities - things for parents and children to do together and hopefully are an enjoyable experience for children and adults alike! You (and your children) commented on how good it was to spend time working together - they liked having mom/dad all to themselves!

Inspire Workshop for Year 5 and Year 6

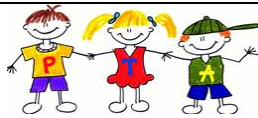
This will be held on **Tuesday 29 September 9.30am to 10.30am** - one person per family is welcome to come along to support; join in and see the children working.



Grandparents' Lunch

A reminder that 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). Thank you for your support.

Grandparents need to arrive at **11.45am** and will enter through Key Stage 1 gate. We look forward to meeting our special visitors on these days.



PTA Meeting

Our first PTA meeting of the new year is on **Wednesday 30 September at 7.30pm** in school. New members would be very much encouraged and welcomed; 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 8 October 2015 at 7.00pm**. Any parents unable to attend this meeting are to contact Father Neil. Thank you.



Holy Communion

Holy Communion - Change of dates

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion for our Year 3 children will now be held on Saturday 11 June and Saturday 18 June. The Corpus Christie Procession will be on Thursday 23 June. Father Neil will confirm at a later date how the class will be split for each Saturday. Thank you



Football Dates

Please see the following dates for your diary:

- 25.09.15- Training
- 02.10.15- Holy Cross vs Maney Hill- home
- 09.10.15- St Joseph's vs Holy Cross- away
- 16.10.15- Holy Cross vs Shrubbery- home (year 5 only)
- 23.10.15- Minworth vs Holy Cross- away

Please note that all the team are expected to attend every training session please inform Mr Hunt or Miss Crowley for any apologies. We have ordered a new football kit for the new football team, in the meantime children are allowed to wear their P.E kit or own kit for training sessions.



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 beg Monday 5 October one tin per child.
- Packets of food (rice, pasta, biscuits etc.) - Week beg 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 Year 2 and Year 6 with 100%!

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

Recommendations: EYFS: Nathaniel C, Iris A **Year 1:** Kieron Mc **Year 2:** Dylan G, Joshua W

Year 3: James M, Orlaith G **Year 4:** Keane S, Stephene A **Year 5:** Annie D, Ben L **Year 6:** Aiden GW, Whole class.



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 3:** Johnny G **Year 5:** Sam C.



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

Eva P (Yr3), Milly B (Yr5), Ruby H (Yr6).

Dates for your diary - September		
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 St 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	9.15am and 2.30pm	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*

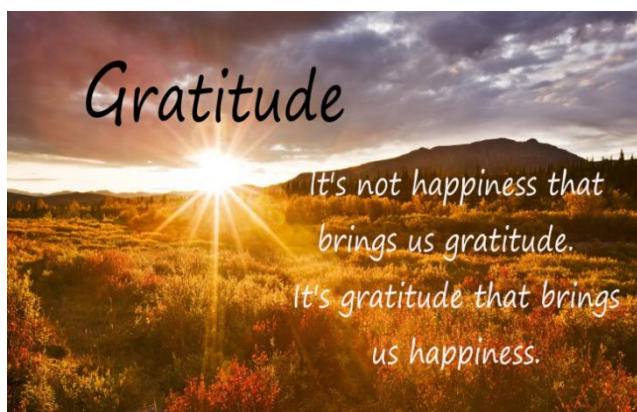
**Other dates available on website*

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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