



Newsletter No 5

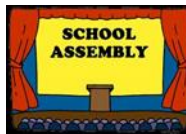
Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 9 October 2015



Mrs Harper

After twenty seven years of loyal service, Mrs Harper will be leaving us next Friday to enjoy early retirement. Mrs Harper has worked in all areas of school life as well as extra curricular activities and Sacramental preparation and has made such a positive contribution to Holy Cross. She has supported so many children over the years; some of whom are now parents of current pupils! We thank her for her dedication and loyalty and wish her a very well deserved rest.



Thank you to all the Year 2 children (and staff!) for their assembly on Tuesday, the spoke with real confidence which was lovely to witness. It was great to see so many parents attending - thank you.



Mass: Year 4 will lead our Mass in school on **Thursday 15 October**. Everyone is welcome.



Grandparents' Lunch

It was lovely to see so many grandparents at our lunch this week. Many of them spoke to me to say how much they enjoyed having the opportunity to come in and share lunch with their grandchildren.

A big thank you to Mrs Watts and our kitchen staff also to Mrs Harper and our lunchtime staff for working so hard to ensure it all ran smoothly!

Our other lunch dates are **Tuesday 13 October** and **Thursday 15 October**.

We look forward to meeting our special visitors on these days.



Alton Castle

I hear that some of Year 6 have already started packing in preparation for their visit to Alton Castle on Wednesday! We hope they have a lovely time and a safe journey. The coach will be leaving at approximately 9.15am if you would like to wave goodbye to your child.





Parent/Teacher Consultations

A letter was sent home on Thursday with your child regarding Parent/Teacher Consultations. Please complete the proforma and return to the class teacher no later than **Monday 12 October**. Thank you.



School Photographer

The photographer will be in school on the morning of **Monday 12 October** to take both individual and family photographs.

There will also be a before school session where there is opportunity for family photographs with siblings who do not attend Holy Cross School. Parents wishing for these types of photograph please arrive at school for **8:15am** prompt. **As these are formal school photographs, I ask that the children are in full winter uniform. Thank you.**



Holy Communion - Change of dates

A reminder that the Sacrament of First Holy Communion Masses 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:

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.



HSBC Bank

A member of the HSBC Bank will visit our school on **Monday 12 October**. We try to encourage our KS2 children to open and be responsible for their own bank account and manage their money.





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 3 and Year 4

This will be held on **Tuesday 13 October 9.00am to 10.00am** - one person per family is welcome to come along to support; join in and see the children working.



'Get Your Grown-ups Growing'

This will take place on **Tuesday 20 October at 1.30pm** - Planting Bulbs for the new academic year. This is a **non-uniform day- your child can bring in £1** for a donation towards the KS2 prayer garden or they can bring a donation in for the GYGG event e.g. soil, bulbs, soil sacks, gardening equipment. If your child would like to bring their own gardening equipment in for this event then please make sure it is clearly labelled.

We will be welcoming local MP, Mr Alex Yip to this event - I hope he remembers his wellies!!



Music lessons

Invoices were sent home on Tuesday 6 October for the children who have music lessons. The deadline for payment is **Wednesday 21 October**. Thank you for your support.

Open Day Tuesday 3 November

We are having two open sessions for prospective parents who have children due to start in the Early Years Reception class in September 2016. These will be on Tuesday 3 November 9.15am - 10.15am and 2.30pm - 3.20pm. If you know of any Catholic families who are in this position please let them know. We are looking forward to meeting you all.



Supplementary Forms

Supplementary Forms available now from school office or on our website for children who wish to start our Early Years Class in September 2016. These forms need to be signed by Fr Neil; please see him about this when you go to Mass.





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:

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 3 with 100%!

The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 5

Recommendations: EYFS: Oskar C **Year 1:** Joseph M, Phoebe F **Year 2:** Sian J **Year 3:** Ethan L, Cillian K **Year 4:** Jack R, Alan J **Year 5:** Jacob D, Emily E **Year 6:** Ciaran F, Shannon B.



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 **EYFS:** Ellen T **Year 3:** Ava A **Year 5:** Matilda C.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
Liam B (Y1), Finbarr Mc (Y2), Ben B (Y3), Marcus PW (Y4), Jessica T (Y5).

Dates for your diary - October

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| Monday 12 October | 8.15am | Academy photographers in school siblings, family, individual |
| Tuesday 13 October | 9.00am - 10.00am | 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) |

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| Wednesday 14 October | 3 days | Alton Castle |
| Friday 16 October | | |
| Thursday 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 |
| Tuesday 20 October | All Day | Non school Uniform day £1 donation |
| 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 | 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 | 9.00am - 10.00am | 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*

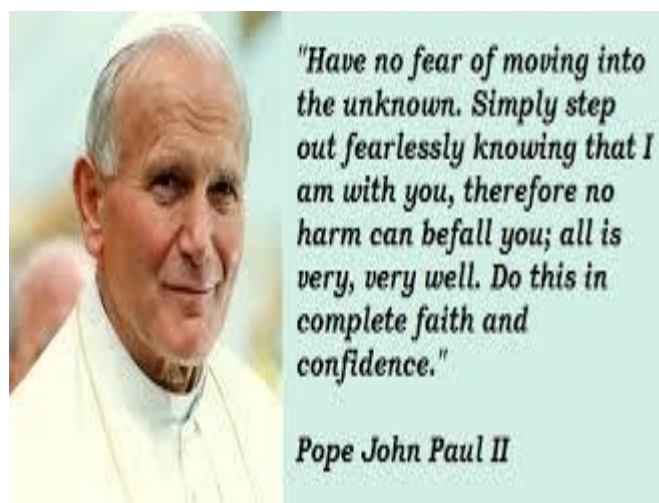
**Other dates available on website*

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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