

Newsletter No 6

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 16 October 2015



GOODBYE - GOOD LUCK



Goodbye Mrs Harper

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Harper after twenty seven years. We treated her to a 'flashmob' on the field during Monday lunchtime as a big thank you for all her hard work over the years. Thank you Mrs Harper; it will not be the same without you!

WE WILL MISS YOU



Year Six, Mr Spindlow, Mrs Jupp, Mrs Cutler and Mr Hunt have enjoyed a lovely and very busy few days at Alton Castle and have not let the colder conditions spoil their fun!! Mrs Harper (for old times sake!) and Miss Crowley visited the children last night to celebrate Mass with them. They have all had a great time! The staff reported that the children's behaviour has been excellent. The staff from Alton Castle is always pleased to see the children from Holy Cross Catholic Primary School - it makes me feel very proud! I know that as parents you will be glad to have them home; get ready for plenty of washing!!

Hairstyles

Parents are reminded that haircuts should be sensible, neat and clean, without extremes of fashion such as colours, tram-lines or patterns etc. Long hair should be tied back for hygiene and safety reasons. Thank you for cooperation in this matter.



Mass: Year 5 will lead our Harvest Mass in school on **Thursday 20 October**. Everyone is welcome.



Grandparents' Lunch

It was lovely to see so many grandparents at our lunch this week and last 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!



Parent/Teacher Consultations - Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 October

Please contact the school office if you have not got an appointment for the above.

Football Dates

Please see the following dates for your diary:

19.10.15 Wylde Green School - home - Sutton Knock Out Cup!

23.10.15- Minworth vs Holy Cross- **HOME**

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.



INSPIRE Workshops Year 3 and Year 4

Thank you to the large number of parents who attended this workshop; we hope you found it both enjoyable and useful.



Year 5 Visit to Plants Brook Stream, Newhall Valley

On Tuesday 20 October Year 5 will be visiting Plants Brook Stream, Newhall Valley. A letter has been sent home with children giving further details. Please contact the school office if you require a copy, thank you.



'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.



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.



Tennis Club

Letters were sent home with children on Wednesday (not EYFS) for after school tennis. If your child would like to join this club please complete and return form with payment no later than **Wednesday 21 October 2015**. Please note that for organisational purposes, **NO late orders after this date** will be accepted. Thank you for your cooperation.



Zumba Club - EYFS, 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 **Friday 23 October 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.



Year 5 Forest School

A letter has been sent home with Year 5 children today giving further details, please contact the school office if you have not received this. Next half term Year 5 will be taking part in weekly 'Forest school' children will be required to wear suitable outdoor clothes and footwear. Thank you for your support.



Shakespeare Club

There will be **no** Shakespeare Club on Thursday 22 October. There will be a rehearsal during Half Term on Thursday 29 October at Bishop Walsh from 10.00am to 2.00pm. Please contact the office with any queries.



E-Safety Acceptable Use Rules Agreement

This was sent home with children this week, please read, sign and return by ***Friday 23 October***. If you have not received a copy please contact the school office. 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 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:

Fresh fruit and vegetables by Wednesday 21 October.

Thank you in anticipation!



Kids' Club

Kids Club is running the Activefest Holiday Club during October half term. There are lots of fun activities and trips out taking place, for more details call 0121 675 1191 or pop into Nursery for further details. Places are now limited so please book asap if you think you require a place.



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 1 and Year 6 with 100%!

The Punctuality Award for the week: EYFS, Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5

Recommendations: EYFS: Niall O'D **Year 1:** Harry K **Year 3:** Malaika W, Charlotte L

Year 4: William H, Lillie-Mae **Year 5:** Milly B, Hannah E.

Lunchtime Award: Flynn B (Y1).

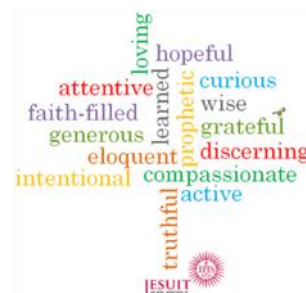
Class of the Week: Year 5.



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:** Henry H **Year 1:** Sebastian H **Year 3:** Maria L **Year 5:** Pierce B.





Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
Logan McC, Harry K, Lily H (Y1), Nathan G (Y3), Niamh P (Y5).

Dates for your diary - October		
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
Monday 9 November	am	HSBC in school
Monday 9 November		Bags to School
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
Wednesday 11 November	7.30pm	PTA AGM and normal meeting
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
Friday 20 November	9.15am	Andrew Mitchell to attend school assembly
Monday 23 November	am	HSBC in school
Wednesday 25 November	10.00am	Child Line Assembly for Year 5 and Year 6
Dates for your diary - December		
Friday 4 December	3.30pm - 5.00pm	Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 8 December	1.30pm	Choir to sing at senior citizens lunch Church hall
Tuesday 8 December	2.30pm	KS1 Christmas Production
Wednesday 9 December	9.15am	KS1 Christmas Production
Wednesday 9 December	12.30pm	Choir to sing at 'The Oaks'
Thursday 10 December	1.30pm	KS2 Carol rehearsal in Church
Thursday 10 December	3.20pm - 4.30pm	PTA Christmas Disco
Saturday 12 December	9.45am	Choir singing at House of Fraser, Sutton Coldfield
Monday 14 December	am	HSBC in school
Monday 14 December	1.30pm	KS2 Carol rehearsal in Church
Monday 14 December	6.00pm	KS2 Carol service in Church
Tuesday 15 December	12.00pm	Christmas dinner for staff and children
Thursday 17 December	2.00pm	Pantomime company in school - Cinderella
Friday 18 December	All day	Toy Day children can bring one toy to school

* 2 further Inset days to be confirmed

*Other dates available on website

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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