

Newsletter No 7

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 23 October 2015



Half Term

We have come to the end of a very busy first half term. I think that both the children and staff are ready for a well-deserved break! Remember Monday 2 November is an Inset Day children return to school on **Tuesday 3 November** thank you.



Harvest Mass

Yesterday we celebrated our Harvest Mass. A big thank you for your generosity in donating harvest goods. We were able to provide many hampers for the SVP to distribute in the parish as well as provide some food for the Food Bank. I would like to also thank the staff who prepared such beautiful hampers and the children for their lovely prayers. We have already received a phone call from one happy recipient!



Get your grown ups growing

Thank you for turning up in such numbers to support this event. It was a real success and weren't we lucky with the weather?! Thank you to Miss Crowley for organising the afternoon and the PTA for providing well deserved refreshments.



Winter School Uniform

When we return to school on **Tuesday 3 November** all children must be in their **full school winter uniform**.

Girls: Bottle green skirt/pinafore dress or grey trousers, white blouse and red tie, bottle green cardigan or jumper with school logo, plain white socks or plain red or green tights, sensible dark, low heeled school shoes no trainers/no fashion boots.

Boys: Grey trousers, white shirt and red tie, bottle green jumper with school logo, grey socks, sensible dark school shoes - no trainers. Thank you for your support.



Football Match

Our football team had a Knock Out match against Wylde Green last Monday and enjoyed a 4 -2 victory. It was a fantastic game. Congratulations to you all - well done team!

There will be a home match tonight against Minworth. Please come along and support our team!



Mass: Year 6 will lead our Mass in Church on **Thursday 5 November**. Everyone is welcome.



Parent/Teacher Consultations

I hope that you were all able to attend one of the Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings. Parents who were unable to attend, should please contact the school to make an alternative appointment to see your child's teacher to discuss their progress and how they are settling in to a new year group.



New Hall Valley

On Tuesday Year 5 took the opportunity to complete an educational walk to a local stream at New Hall Valley. The trip allowed the children to see first-hand all the exciting learning they have completed in their topic 'Go With the Flow'. The Children participated in a stream study and planned a persuasive letter that will convince the local council to build a form of flooding prevention near to the stream to prevent any future flooding after snow or heavy rainfall. As we had the beautiful sunshine on our side that day, we took the opportunity to complete some still life drawing of the great views New Hall Valley has to offer. Many members of the public commented on the great behaviour of Year 5. They conducted themselves with great maturity and were a real credit to the school. Well done Year 5!



E-Safety Acceptable Use Rules Agreement

Please read with your child, sign and return by **3 November**. If you have not received a copy please contact the school office. Thank you for your support.



Shakespeare Club

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.



On **Monday 9 November** the Shakespeare cast will perform Richard III in the school hall. **Refreshments at 2.15pm and the production will start at 2.30pm**, all welcome.



Transfer to Secondary School

The closing date for applications to be submitted to the Local Authority for those children transferring to secondary school in September 2015 is **Monday 2 November 2015**.



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.



School Photographs

School photographs were sent home with your child this week. If you would like to place an order, please do so by **Tuesday 3 November**. Thank you.



Bag 2 School - Bags have been sent home with children.

Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in good quality second hand clothing that can be re-used and we have arranged to make a collection from this school. All bags are weighed and we will be paid by the total weight collected. Remember the more you collect the bigger benefit to our School! They will collect the following items for RE-USE: adults and children's clothing, bedding, soft toys, paired shoes, hats, belts and handbags. **NO BRIC-A-BRAC PLEASE. Extra bags welcome - there is no limit.** If you need spare bags please come to the school office. Bags will be collected on **Monday 9 November by 9.00am**. Please only drop off bags on that morning as the school cannot store overnight. Thank you for your support!



Dinner Money

Dinner money will be due when we return after Half Term. The deadline for the payment of £71.40 is **Tuesday 10 November**. Please make cheques payable to John Paul II Multi-Academy. Please ensure payments are in a sealed envelope marked with child's name, class and what the payment is for. Thank you.



Mass of Commitment for Year 3 and Year 6

The Mass of Commitment for those children who will be receiving the Sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation will be held on **Sunday 22 November at 10.30am in Church.**

This is a very important part of Sacramental preparation and is expected that all children shall attend. Thank you for your support.



Children in Need 2015

This year's theme is 'Super Hero' and therefore we are asking children to come to school on **Friday 13 November** dressed as their favourite super hero and pay £1 to support children and young people who are in need.



Year 5 Forest School

Next half term Year 5 will be taking part in weekly 'Forest school' every Friday afternoon. Children will be required to wear suitable outdoor clothes and footwear. Thank you for your support.



Hi Vis Jackets

Are there any parents able to donate or get 'Hi Vis Jackets' for our children at a reduced rate? If so please contact the school office - thank you in advance for your support.



Poppy Appeal

After half term year 6 will be selling poppies and merchandise, see attached details. Please send money with your child to support this fantastic charity. Thank you.

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 5 with 99.26%!

The Punctuality Award for the week: The whole school!

Recommendations: EYFS: Whole Class **Year 1:** Lucy L , Lily H **Year 2:** Alicia I, Orlaith F **Year 3:** Enya B, Frank W **Year 4:** Rosena J, Madeline L **Year 5:** Whole Class, Jake W **Year 6:** Whole Class, Joseph L, Ciaran F, Joseph S, Lewis P.

Lunchtime Award: Year 5 and Year 6 children that were playing "Pass the Bomb".





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: Tommy M Year 2: Orlaith F Year 3: Owen P, Ben B Year 5: Niamh P**



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week and during the half term break:

Daniel W, Harry W (EYFS), Lola F, Aaron H (Y1), Dylan G (Y2), Oliver B, Isobel W (Y3), Samuel K (Y4), Chris S (Y5).

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	2.15pm refreshments 2.30pm production starts	Shakespeare Performance in school hall all welcome
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
Friday 13 November	All day	Children in Need dress up as childhood hero
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
Sunday 22 November	10.30am	Mass of Commitment for Year 3 and Year 6
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	am	Flu Busters! Immunisation for Year 1 and Year 2
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*

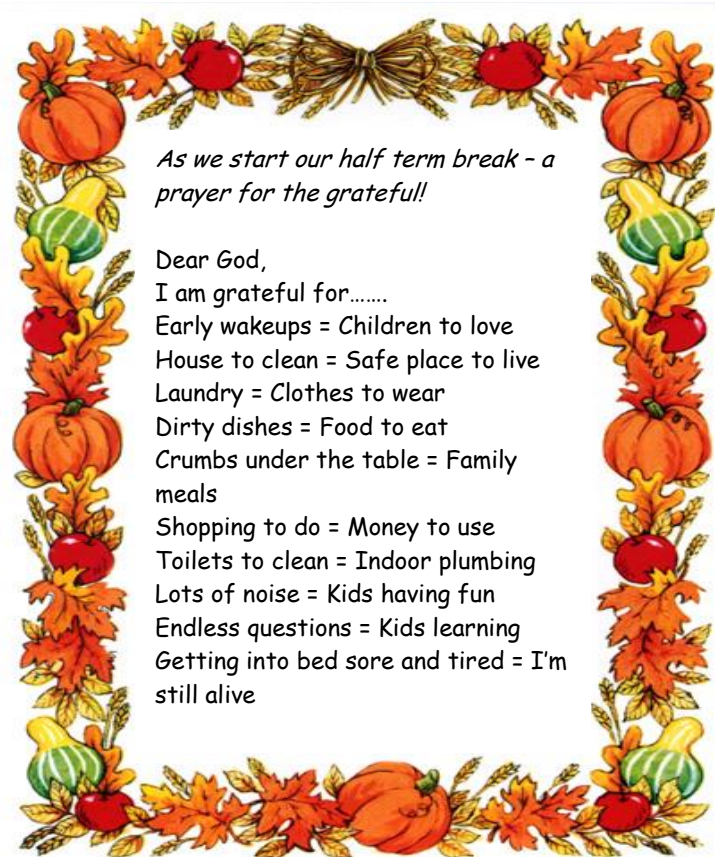
**Other dates available on website*

Have a lovely half term.

Yours sincerely

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