

Newsletter No 8

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 6 November 2015



Shakespeare Production

A HUGE well done to everyone involved in our school's performance of 'Richard III' at the Old Rep theatre on Wednesday; it was an incredible performance and I was so proud when so many people commented on our excellent production of a difficult play. We really do have very talented actors at Holy Cross School! A very big thank you to Mr Spindlow and Mr Hunt for directing such an innovative and exciting performance and also to Mrs Cutler's daughter, Becky, for working with the children as they prepared for their roles. It really was an amazing evening.

The Shakespeare Cast was due to perform Richard III in the school hall on **Monday 9 November**. Unfortunately this date has had to be rearranged.

The production of Richard III will now be on **Wednesday 11 November** in the school hall. There will be refreshments served at 2.15pm and the production will commence at 2.30pm.

A visiting group completing workshops with the children on 9 November will require the hall all day and not just the morning as originally planned.

I sincerely apologise for any inconvenience caused but hope that you will be able to attend and enjoy the performance. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Kindness Week (9-13 November)

Next week we are celebrating National Kindness Week where throughout the week we will be focusing on ways that we can demonstrate kindness to others in our daily lives. We will be completing activities across the curriculum to support this including a whole school homework project. Please discuss with your child ways to demonstrate kindness at home and how this is our way of living our mission statement.



Mass: Year 3 will lead our Mass in school on **Thursday 12 November**. Everyone is welcome.



HSBC Bank

A member of the HSBC Bank will visit our school on **Monday 9 November**. We try to encourage our KS2 children to open and be responsible for their own bank account and manage their money.





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

Bags 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!



First Holy Communion Meeting

This will be held on ***Tuesday 10 November at 7.00pm in the Church Hall.*** *Parent Meetings are an essential part of Sacramental preparation and it is expected that all children will have a parent attending. Thank you for your support. If you cannot attend please contact Father Neil.*



Dinner Money

Dinner money was due when we returned 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 dinner money. Thank you.



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 1 and Year 2

This will be held on ***Tuesday 10 November 9.00am to 10.00am*** - one person per family is welcome to come along to support; join in and see the children working.



PTA Meeting

The PTA AGM meeting will be held on **Wednesday 11 November at 7.30pm** in school. We would love to welcome new members; please come along and find out more details. The more the merrier!

I would like to thank Alyson Pratt and Zoe O'Toole for painting our fence in Early Years - what would we do without our PTA?!



Football Match

We played Minworth J&I School on Friday 23 October, although we lost 3 - 2 it was a valiant performance; well done team!

We have a match at home tonight v English Martyrs so please come along and support, all welcome!



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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. Thank you for your support.



Poppy Appeal

Year 6 are selling poppies and merchandise, Please send money with your child to support this fantastic charity. 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 it is expected that all children shall attend.
Thank you for your support.*



Uniform

Please ensure that your child's belongings are clearly marked with their name. It is very hard for us to identify lost items if they are not clearly labelled. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Christmas Fayre on Friday 4 December from 3.30pm to 5.00pm

Please put this important date in your diary.

Towards our Christmas Fayre please note the following dates will be **non-uniform days** and each child is asked to bring in the following on that day:

Thursday 19 November - Bottle Tombola Donation, any bottles from ketchup to bubbly!

Friday 27 November - Chocolate [Boxes, bars or whatever you have, all in date, thank you] Tombola donation

Friday 4 December - Mince pies or homemade cakes from KS1 and yule logs or homemade cakes from KS2.

Thank you once again for your support it is appreciated.



Face Painting

We need volunteers to help do face painting at the Christmas Fayre. If you are available to help please contact the school office. Thank you for your support.



Volunteers

Calling any volunteers! Please come and help out at our Christmas Fayre, we would be extremely grateful, even half an hour to help with washing up would be gratefully appreciated. Please contact the school office and leave your details. Thank you for your support.

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 98.57%!

The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

Please see below attendance for each class last half term:

EYFS	97.72%
Year 1	98.00%
Year 2	99.24%
Year 3	98.95%
Year 4	96.57%
Year 5	98.59%
Year 6	99.13%

Recommendations: EYFS: Rueben R, Jack B Year 1: Calum McC, Ella P Year 2: Darren A, Finbarr McG Year 3: Ben B, Daisy C Year 4: Marcus PW, Regine W Year 5: Jessica P, Thomas T Year 6: Shannon B, Alice H, James NC.

Lunchtime Award: Year 4 and Alicia I (Y2).



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:** Logan McC Tyrese L, Jack C, **Year 2:** Francesca L **Year 3:** Leilagh K **Year 4:** Niamh S **Year 6:** Shakespeare Cast.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
Phoebe F, Joseph K (Y1), Darcie W (Y2), Jack H (Y4), George LF (Y6).

Dates for your diary - November		
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
Wednesday 11 November	2.15pm refreshments 2.30pm production starts	Shakespeare Performance in school hall all welcome
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
Thursday 19 November	all day	No school uniform - donation of bottles from ketchup to bubbly
Friday 20 November	all day	Handover Day
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
Friday 27 November	all day	No school uniform - donation of chocolate
Monday 30 November	all day	Non school uniform day children to wear blue for St Andrew's Day
Dates for your diary - December		
Friday 4 December	3.30pm - 5.00pm	Christmas Fayre
Friday 4 December	all day	No school uniform - donation of cakes
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 weekend.

Yours sincerely

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Miss T Cotter
Principal

*Greater love has no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends.*



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