



**Newsletter No 13**

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 11 December 2015



**Christmas Fayre**

We hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas Fayre last Friday. It was lovely to see so many of you attending. Well done to all our raffle prize winners and thank you to the PTA for all their hard work in preparing this event. A very special thank you to Santa, for visiting us; we know that this is a very busy time of the year. The grand amount of **£1,700.00** was raised! Thank you for supporting this event; it was a great success.



**KS1 Christmas Production - The Very Hopeless Camel**

It has been fantastic in school this week with Christmas definitely arriving at Holy Cross! On Monday, we welcomed the senior citizens from the parish into school to watch the dress rehearsal of the Early Years and KS1 performance. They loved watching the children. The two performances were a great success. It is amazing to see how confident the children have become and lovely to see so many happy and proud faces in the audience. We also enjoyed watching the Nursery performance - our stars of tomorrow!

The choir have also been getting into the Christmas spirit, singing at the Holy Cross senior citizens Christmas lunch and on Wednesday delighting the residents at The Oaks Residential Home where I received so many lovely compliments about the children, both about their singing and their behaviour and character. On Saturday, we look forward to seeing as many choir members as possible as we will be singing at House of Fraser in Sutton Coldfield. Thank you to Mr Mayor for preparing the choir so well.



*We conclude with our KS2 Advent Service on Monday 14 December at 6pm; I hope that you can attend.*

*Well done to all the children and to all the staff who worked so hard to make all our Christmas celebrations such successes.*



**Mass: Year 4** will lead our Mass in school on **Thursday 17 December**. Everyone is welcome.



### Parking

We have again received complaints from local residents regarding parents parking over residents' driveways and in private parking bays preventing them from being able to drive out of their properties. Good relations with our neighbours are essential and I urge all drivers to show more consideration when driving and parking. **This also includes dropping children off at the gate where it is clearly marked 'Keep Clear'**. This is a no stop zone for health and safety reasons; please refrain from stopping there to drop off children. The Community Police Officers are aware of this situation and will be monitoring closely.

*I thank you for your cooperation and support in this important matter.*



### Bumped Head Notice

From Monday 14 December if your child receives a bumped head notice a text will be sent to notify parents instead of a phone call. In other or circumstances, telephone calls will be made as usual. Thank you.



### Holy Cross Website

Please look at our lovely blogs on the school website - staff regularly update these. Please take the time to read these with your children and make any comments; thank you for your support.



### Year 1 trip to Asda

A letter has been sent home with our Year 1 children giving information regarding a visit to Asda on **Monday 14 December**. Please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you.



### HSBC Bank

A member of the HSBC Bank will visit our school on **Monday 14 December**. We try to encourage our KS2 children to open and be responsible for their own bank account and manage their money.



### Tennis Club

Letters were sent home with children today (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 16 December 2015**. Please note that for organisational purposes, **NO late orders after this date** will be accepted. Thank you for your cooperation.



## Poppy Appeal

Many thanks to everyone that supported this charity - we managed to raise £223.97! Fantastic!



### Zumba Club - EYFS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3

Letters have been sent home with children. If your child would like to join the Zumba Club please complete and return forms no later than **Monday 11 January 2016**. 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.



### Forest School

#### Year 1 Forest School

Next half term Year 1 will be taking part in weekly 'Forest school' every Friday afternoon. Children will be required to bring in suitable, warm, old outdoor clothes and footwear. A letter has been sent home this week with all Year 1 children please contact the office if you require a copy. Thank you for your support.

## Class One



### Supplementary Forms

If you have a child who is due to start Early Years in September 2016, the deadline for the supplementary forms to be returned has been extended to **Thursday 14 January**. Thank you.



### Reception Intake 2016

*Please see below a message from The School Admissions and Pupil Placements Service*

Do you have a child who was born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012? If so, it is important that you apply online for your child's Reception class place for September 2016 by 15 January 2016. For further information and to apply online please visit [www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions), alternatively contact a member of the Children's Information and Advice Service on 0121 303 1888.

The Consultation on Proposed School Admissions Arrangements for the **2017/18** Academic Year is has been available to view at <http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/2017admissions> since 23 November 2015.



### Reception applications

Parents must fill in **BOTH** the local authority form (whether on paper or online) **AND** the school's supplementary information form (on paper, returned to the school), regardless of already having siblings in school.



### **Inset Day**

Please note **Monday 22 February** will be an Inset Day, school will be closed for all children. Thank you.



### **PTA Christmas Disco**

Thank you to the PTA for organising last night's disco. All the children really enjoyed themselves.



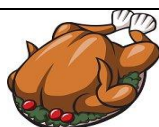
### **KS2 Carol Service Rehearsals**

**Today** and **Monday 14 December** all the KS2 children will be going to Church at 1.30pm to rehearse for their Carol Service. **On both days children are required to be collected from Church at 3.10pm**, this will allow parents to collect siblings from school for 3.20pm. If your child attends Kids' Club or after school tennis or football they will walk back to school with staff. Thank you for your support.



### **KS2 Carol Service**

This will be held in Church on **Monday 14 December** at 6.00pm. Please ensure your child is at church at 5.30pm - 5.45pm; thank you. We hope to see a full church on Monday evening; please come along to support our children.



### **Christmas Lunch**

On **Tuesday 15 December**, we will be having our Christmas lunch in school for **children and staff**.

This will be a non-school uniform day. **Children can wear their Christmas jumpers on that day to get into the Christmas spirit.**

Thank you to our PTA who has generously donated Christmas crackers for each child.



### **Christmas Class Parties**

As this will be a non-uniform day and children can wear their Christmas jumpers on that day, it seemed an appropriate day for the Christmas class parties. Parents are asked for a £1 donation per child towards party food and prizes. Please send this into school in an envelope with your child's name and labelled "Party". Deadline for payment is **Monday 14 December**. Thank you for your support.



### Cinderella

We have arranged for 'The Working Theatre Company' to visit the school on **Thursday 17 December 2015** to perform Cinderella. This is a lovely Christmas pantomime for all children and is great value for money at £3.00 per child.



### Toy Day

On Friday 18 December children can bring a toy into school. Please do not send your child with an expensive toy as the school will not accept responsibility if this gets broken. **The children need to wear full school uniform for this day.**



### Dinner Money

The deadline for the payment of **£63.00 is Wednesday 13 January 2016**. 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. Alternatively please make payments using Parent Pay 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 6 with 99.26%!

The Punctuality Award for the week: EYFS, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.

**Recommendations:** EYFS: Aleena S, Alice F **Year 1:** Frankie J, Connor McC **Year 2:** Darren A, Whole Class **Year 3:** Ben B, Maria L **Year 4:** William H, Matthew NC **Year 5:** Emily E, Pierce B **Year 6:** Sam K.

**Lunchtime Award:** Thomas B.

**Class of the Week:** Class 2.



### 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 half term we are try to be attentive and discerning.

This week's winners are: **EYFS:** Sophia J **Year 1:** Joseph K **Year 2:** Eloise H **Year 3:** Ethan L, Johnny G, Oliver B.





**Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:**  
Anaha P (EYFS), Sebastian H (Y1), Cassandra G, Erin LF (Y3),

Dates for your diary - December		
Monday 14 December	am	HSBC in school
Monday 14 December	am	Year 1 visiting Asda, Minworth.
Monday 14 December	1.30pm	KS2 Carol rehearsal in Church collect children at 3.10pm
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
Dates for your diary - January 2016		
Monday 4 January		Children return to school
Tuesday 12 January	All day	Life Education in school for KS2
<b>Thursday 7 January</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Mass in School</b>
Wednesday 13 January	7.30pm	PTA Meeting
Tuesday 19 January	9.15am	Year 4 Assembly
Tuesday 19 January	am	School nurse in school Year 6 height and weight check
Thursday 21 January	All day	School Council to London! Houses of Parliament
Saturday 30 January	time tbc	Swimming Gala at Stechford Cascades
Dates for your diary - February 2016		
Tuesday 2 February	9.15am	Year 5 Assembly
Thursday 4 February	7.00pm	Confirmation for Year 6
<b>Monday 22 February</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>

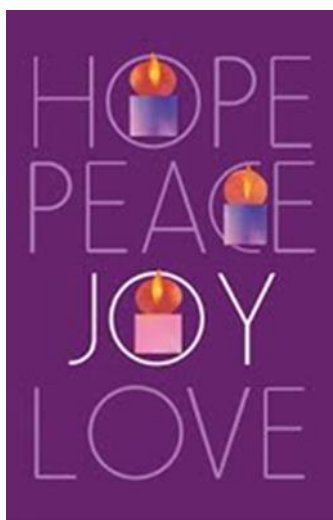
*\*Other dates available on website*

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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