

Newsletter No 14

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 18 December 2015



We have finally come to the end of a very busy term. On Saturday, we entertained the Christmas shoppers in House of Fraser; they have already asked us to come back next year! On Monday night we watched a beautiful Advent Service by KS2, on Tuesday we enjoyed our Christmas lunch and parties, and yesterday we had a lovely time watching Cinderella. A big thank you to Mrs Watts, our kitchen staff and our lunchtime staff for working so hard to ensure the lunch all ran smoothly!

On behalf of the staff team, I thank you for all the cards and gifts and for your support during the term. The partnership between home and school is such an important one in the life of our school.

Today we said thank you and good bye to Mrs Bloxham who stepped in last January for a term and stayed a year! Also to Mr Spindlow who leaves us to take up his role as Faculty Leader at Guardian Angels Primary School. We thank them for their positive contribution to the life of Holy Cross and wish them both every success in the future.

And finally....On a personal note, I would like to thank all the dedicated and hardworking staff from all areas of the school for their hard work this term. They all work so hard to ensure the Children thrive in a safe, happy and exciting learning community; they really are a fantastic team. May they all enjoy a very well deserved break.



Mass: Year 3 will lead our Mass in school on **Thursday 7 January**. Everyone is welcome.



Vacancy in Year 3

We currently have a vacancy for a child in year 3. For more details please contact Mrs Cleaver Office Manager on 0121 675 2158.

It's a girl!

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Motorny on the safe arrival of Isabel on 8 December weighing 7lb 9oz. I am sure you would all like me to pass on your best wishes to Mrs Motorny and her husband. What a very special Christmas it will be for them and their new family.





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 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, 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.



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!

Class Termly Attendance: EYFS: 95.78% Year 1: 96.28% Year 2: 98.37% Year 3: 97.34% Year 4: 95.43% Year 5: 97.25% Year 6: 97.40% Overall Attendance: 96.84%.

This week the Attendance Award was won by Year 2 with 94.85%!

The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6

Recommendations: EYFS: Anaha P, Charlie G Year 1: Whole Class Year 2: Isla, Eliza, Whole Class Year 3: Whole Class Year 4: Eva D, Ben O'T Year 5: Luke L, Hannah E.

Lunchtime Award: Milly L (Y6).

Class of the Week: EYFS.



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: Maria J Year 2: Year 3: Year 4: Jack H, Marcus PW, Jack R Year 5: Annie D Year 6: Joseph L, Sam K, Whole Class.**



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

Alexandra E, Alice F (EYFS), Megan P, Tyrese L (Year 1), Mia B (Year 2), Anna J (Year 3), William H, Matthew NC, Uday P (Year 4), Natalie S, Luke L (Year 5) and Leon S (Year 6).

Dates for your diary - January 2016		
Monday 4 January		Children return to school
Thursday 7 January	9.15am	Mass in School
Tuesday 12 January	All day	Life Education in school for KS2
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
Wednesday 20 January	10.00am	Planting orchard at Berryfields
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
Monday 22 February	All Day	Inset Day
Monday 29 February		Book Week
Dates for your diary - March 2016		
Thursday 3 March	5.45pm - 7.00pm	PTA Bedtime Story
Tuesday 8 March	9.15am	Year 1 Assembly
Tuesday 8 March	2.00pm	E-Safety Workshop (tbc)
Tuesday 15 March	Time tbc	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Y3)
Thursday 17 March	Time tbc	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Y3)
Friday 18 March	7.00pm	PTA Bingo Night

**Other dates available on website*

Enjoy the festive season and see you all in 2016!

Yours sincerely

T Cotter

Miss T Cotter
Principal



The staff, Academy Committee and Board of Directors wishes you all a very happy and holy Christmas



ST. JOHN PAUL II
Multi-Academy Company
Bishop Walsh Catholic School | Holy Cross Catholic Primary School | St Joseph's Catholic Primary School | St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

Registered Office: Bishop Walsh Catholic School, Wyld Green Road, Sutton Coldfield B76 1QT
T: 0121 351 3215 enquiry@bishopwalsh.net Company No. 08706247

