



Newsletter No 15

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 8 January 2016



Welcome back! The Academy Committee and staff hope that you enjoyed the Christmas break and wish you all a very happy new year.

Miss Hayley Cross joined our staff team as Y6 class teacher and English leader on Monday. I know that Year 6 have made her feel very welcome and have been very kind in helping her to settle in! We hope that she will be very happy in her new role.

The children returned to school looking very smart. As a whole school New Year's resolution (again!), please ensure that **all** items of school uniform are clearly named. It must be very frustrating when new items of clothing are lost and as you can imagine, very difficult for staff to identify any misplaced items.



Mass: Year 4 will lead our Mass in school on Thursday 14 January. Everyone is welcome.

School Closure in the Event of Adverse Weather

The Premises and Site staff work very hard in ensuring the school site is safe. We always endeavour to keep the school open, but obviously weather can deteriorate rapidly and therefore in the event of adverse weather we have to make decisions on the grounds of the health, safety and wellbeing of all our school community.



A letter has been sent out with the children (and a copy on the website) regarding the school /Academy procedure.



School Attendance Reports

Attendance letters/reports for children have been sent home today. Please contact the school office if you have not received one, thank you.



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.



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.



Life Education

On ***Tuesday 12 January Years 3, 4, 5 and 6*** will take part in 'Drug Education Prevention' in school. Parents are invited in at 3.20pm to attend a 10 minute session held in the hall where there is the opportunity to meet the educator from Life Education and find out a little bit more about what the children had learnt in their session. If you have not sent your reply slip into school please contact school office to confirm attendance, thank you.



Dinner Money

The deadline for the payment of ***£63.00 is Wednesday 13 January 2016***. Please make payments using Parent Pay. Alternatively you can pay cash or cheque. 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.



PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting will be held in school on ***Wednesday 13 January*** at 7.30pm. Please come along and join us, all support welcome. Thank you.



Supplementary Forms – final reminder

If you have a child who is due to start Early Years in September 2016, the deadline for the supplementary forms to be returned is ***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.

Confirmation

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A letter has been sent home with Year 6 children requesting information for sponsor cards and Confirmation certificates. Please complete and returned to class teacher no later than **Friday 29 January**. Thank you.



Bishop Walsh production of 'Annie'

A letter has been sent home with Year 6 children regarding a visit on Tuesday 2 February to Bishop Walsh; to watch their production of 'Annie'. Please contact the school office if you have not received a copy, thank you.



The Rights of the Child

A letter was sent home with children giving further information on "The Convention of the Rights of the Child". Please contact the school office if you require a copy.



Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance.

Did you know...? Under new Government legislation, a child with an attendance of 90% and below is categorised as a "Persistent Absence Pupil".

An attendance figure of 90% equates to missing half a day every week, that means four weeks of missed school work across the whole year.

This week the Attendance Award was won by EYFS with 100%!

The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 2 and Year 6.

Recommendations: EYFS: Jack B, Maria J **Year 1:** Tyrese L, Flynn B **Year 2:** Whole Class **Year 3:** Cassandra G, Anna J **Year 4:** Charlie BH, Kyle W **Year 5:** Milly B, Clark T **Year 6:** Whole Class.

Lunchtime Award: Jake MB (Y2).

Class of the Week: Year 2.



Virtues and Values

As you know the Archdiocese of Birmingham has introduced a focus on Gospel Virtues and Values. This half term we are concentrating on showing '**Compassion**' and '**Love**'. As a school community we are looking for opportunities in our own lives where we show the virtues. Please discuss this with your children at home; highlighting times when you experience or show these virtues. This will also be the focus for our 'Angel of the Week' awards for this half term



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:** Aleena S **Year 1:** Maggie R **Year 3:** Alex H, James M **Year 4:** Rosena J **Year 5:** Pierce B **Year 6:** Joseph L, Milly L.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
Aleena S, Nathaniel C (EYFS), Eliza S (Y2), Ava A, Imogen A (Y3), Isaac J, Regine W (Y4).

Dates for your diary - January 2016		
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	Doors open 5.30pm 6.00pm start	Swimming Gala at Stechford Cascades
Dates for your diary - February 2016		
Tuesday 2 February	9.15am	Year 5 Assembly
Tuesday 2 February	11.30am	Year 6 going to Bishop Walsh to watch 'Annie' production
Thursday 4 February	7.00pm	Confirmation for Year 6
Monday 22 February	All Day	Inset Day
Tuesday 23 February	All day	Disability Workshop in school for whole school
Thursday 25 February	pm	Year 2 start swimming lessons every Thursday afternoon
Friday 26 February	3.30pm	Football Match away vs St Nicholas Catholic Primary Sch
Saturday 27 February	6.30pm	Catholic Sutton Schools swimming gala
Monday 29 February		Book Week
Dates for your diary - March 2016		
Thursday 3 March	5.45pm - 7.00pm	PTA Bedtime Story
Friday 4 March	3.20pm	Football Match home vs Newhall Primary School
Tuesday 8 March	9.15am	Year 1 Assembly

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
Monday 21 March	9.15am	Easter Production
Tuesday 22 March	3.30pm - 7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 23 March	10.00am	Stations of the Cross - All welcome
Wednesday 23 March	3.30pm - 6.00pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday 24 March	9.15am	Prayer Service - All welcome
Thursday 24 March	3.20pm	School breaks up for Easter
Monday 11 April	8.50am	Back to School

**Other dates available on website*

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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