



Holy Cross
Catholic Primary School

We share in Christ's life so He can guide our thoughts, words and actions.

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Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 5 February 2016



Last night, our Y6 children along with 7 children from the parish received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Robert Byrne. I received so many compliments from members of the congregation regarding the reverence shown by the children, the atmosphere and the quality of the singing; it really was a very special occasion.

These events are very successful due to the hard work of everyone in our community and we are very grateful to Fr Neil, Mr Mayor, Mrs Jupp and Miss Cross for all their work in preparing the children for this very important Sacrament and also to the PTA for providing refreshments in the Church hall.



Ash Wednesday Mass: Year 3 will lead our *Mass in Church on Wednesday 10 February*. Everyone is welcome.



E-Safety Workshop

In order to support the school in educating your child about e-Safety (safe use of the Internet), there will be an 'E-Safety Parent Workshop' on **Monday 8 February at 6:00pm-7:00pm**. **This is a very important issue and we urge you to make every effort to attend.** A letter has been sent home with children giving further information; please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you for your support and we hope to see as many of you as possible on **Monday 8 February**.



'Annie' - Bishop Walsh

On Tuesday 2 February Year 6 visited Bishop Walsh to watch 'Annie'. The children were very well behaved and the show was amazing! We really enjoyed watching it and seeing some former pupils performing so well. Thank you to the volunteers that came with us.



Unicef Day for Change

We raised an amazing £175.00! Thank you all for your generous support.



Swimming Gala

The swimming team gave their best in the Sutton Schools Swimming Gala on Saturday night. The boys' team finished 7th out of 9 teams, whilst the girls finished 6th out of 9. Overall the joint team came 6th out of 9 and did the school proud. We look forward to the next swimming gala in February when the team compete in the Catholic Schools Swimming Gala.

Your School needs you!



Help Holy Cross School raise money.....EASY and FREE!!!!

Did you know that by shopping online at many of your favourite stores, you can raise money (at no extra cost to yourselves) for the school. There is no catch and it is quick and simple.

Simply sign in to create an account with www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Once registered, log in and select the store you want. A percentage from your purchase goes towards the school. It really is that simple.

By using easyfundraising, a registered member recently bought a family holiday through Thomas Cook and raised over £44.00 for the school (Donated by the retailer). Please see flyer giving further details. Thank you (in anticipation!) for your support.

School Fund

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In October 2015 The Reverend Father DN J-M Bayliss sent a letter to all parents regarding 'School Fund.' The School Fund pays for all of the costs associated with the successful running of schools in the multi-academy but not covered by the budget allocated by central government. It allows our four schools greater flexibility in its spending and purchase of certain items.

It requests a contribution of £10.00 per child in any of the multi-academy schools. I quite understand that, while some parents may contribute more than the suggested amount, other parents are financially unable to do so. Payments may be made by Parent Pay.

Thank you for your support.



Lost Property

Every evening next week (**except Thursday**) parents will be given the opportunity to come into school and go through all the lost property. The PTA will display items in the Library for the parents to look through. After Friday 12 February any items that are left will be bagged and given to 'Bags 2 School.' Thank you for your support.



ParentPay

Parents are requested to make all payments via ParentPay. This is a secure payment method and is a safer system than children bringing money/cheques into school. **Please note there is no charge to parents for using this service.** Thank you for your co-operation.



Year 5 Assembly

Mr Rowlands is really proud of how all the class spoke, acted and sang and hopes that the parents enjoyed it as much as they did performing it. Thank you to all the parents for their hard work in helping the children learn their lines and providing costumes.



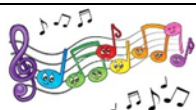
Football Match - Monday 8 February

On **Monday 8 February**, the school football team will play in the quarter final of the BCSSA cup. This match will take place against Holy Name Catholic Primary School in Great Barr. A letter has been sent home with the football team, if you require a copy please contact the school office.



Pancakes - Tuesday 9 February

On Tuesday 9 February pancakes will be sold at 50p each - this will replace toast on that day.



Music lessons

Invoices were sent home on Wednesday 27 January for the children who have music lessons. The deadline for payment is **Tuesday 9 February**. Thank you for your support.



Purple Pinkie Day-Friday 12 February

Holy Cross, along with other Sutton Primary schools, is taking part in 'Purple Pinkie Day' on **Friday 12 February**. This is the Rotary Club's charity supporting work to eradicate Polio overseas. The children simply have to wear pink/purple on that day and bring in a small donation to go towards this fantastic charity.



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 **Wednesday 10 February 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.



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 10 February 2016**. Please note that for organisational purposes, **NO late orders after this date** will be accepted. Thank you for your cooperation.



Twitter@HolyCrossRC

Information was sent home with children yesterday regarding 'Twitter@HolyCrossRC' giving you lots of information. Please complete the permission section and return to school no later than **Thursday 11 February**. If you require a copy of this form please contact the school office. Thank you for your support.



Disability Awareness Workshop - Tuesday 23 February

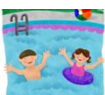
We have arranged for Mr John McCorkell to visit the school on Tuesday 23 February 2016.

Mr McCorkell will spend a day in school. As part of the day, he will lead a whole school assembly in which he will explain to the children about the nature of his disabilities, the problems he has faced and the successes he has achieved in overcoming them.



Thinking Day - Tuesday 23 February

Girlguiding and Scouting have a special day on Monday 22 February called 'Thinking Day' or 'Founder's Day.' On that day all members of Guiding and Scouting celebrate to remember their founders and pioneers. As we have an Inset Day on Monday 22 February our children will celebrate this day on **Tuesday 23 February**. If your child is a member of Rainbows, Brownies, Girl Guides, Beavers, Cubs or Scouts they can wear their uniforms to school that day to show how proud they are and what they stand for. Thank you for your support.



Swimming Lessons Year 2

From **Thursday 25 February**, Year 2 will go for a weekly swimming session at Castle Vale swimming baths. Swimming lessons are part of the school curriculum. Children are taught by a swimming instructor and supported by school staff. Each Thursday the children will need to bring their swimming costume, together with a towel. Girls please wear a full costume and for health and safety reasons, boys must wear trunks (not loose fitted shorts). Thank you for your support.



Mothers' Day Lunches - Wednesday 2 March and Tuesday 8 March

These lunch days will be held on Wednesday 2 March (children with surname A-K) and Tuesday 8 March (children with surname L-Z). Mothers, grandmothers, aunties or a female family friend need to arrive at **11.45am** and will enter through Key Stage 1 gate. We are really excited and looking forward to visitors coming to our school and enjoying a meal with the children and we know the children are just as excited. A letter has been sent home with children. Please contact the school office if you need another copy.

*Please note that the deadline for payment is **Tuesday 9 February**. We do not want anyone to miss out but as food needs to be ordered in advance, no late orders can be accepted after this date.*

Thank you for your support; we hope to see many of you at these days.



Bedtime Stories Thursday 3 March

Flyers have been sent home with children giving details for this lovely event. Please return completed form and payment no later than **Friday 26 February**. Thank you.



Circus Workshop - Year 1

We are arranging to hold a 'Circus Skills Workshop' for our Year 1 children in school on **Monday 14 March** to perform juggling, spinning plates, diablos and many more amazing skills. Children are required to come to school dress as clowns. A letter has been sent home to parents giving further information if you require a copy please contact the school office.



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 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6.

Recommendations: EYFS: Ella B, Salvio J **Year 1:** Calum McC, Liam B **Year 2:** Emma McK, Nevin R

Year 3: Bonnie T-M, Erin L-F, James D, Cassie G, Thomas S, Owen P, Orlaith G, Erin P, Erin L-F, Isobel W, Ava A, Imogen A Bonnie T-M, Maria L, Sam W, Charlotte L **Year 4:** Charlie B-H, Charlie S, Sam K, Matthew N-C, Regine W **Year 5:** Annie D, Ricky M, Natalie S, Grace B, Matilda C, Emily E **Year 6:** Whole Class.

Lunchtime Award: Tommy M.

Class of the Week: Year 1.



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:** Annie E **Year 1:** Lily H **Year 2:** Whole Class **Year 3:** Children of Year 6 **Year 4:** Isobel H, Lillemae G **Year 5:** Jessica P.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
Olivia A, Niamh C (Y1), Thomas B (Y2), Aoife O'C (Y6).

Dates for your diary - February 2016		
Monday 8 February	6.00pm	E Safety Parent Workshop all invited
Tuesday 9 February	10.45am	Pancakes will be sold instead of toast 50p
Monday 22 February	All Day	INSET Day
Tuesday 23 February	All day	Disability Workshop in school for whole school
Tuesday 23 February	All day	Scouts and Guides Thinking Day
Thursday 25 February	1.30pm	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 away vs Newhall Primary School
Monday 7 March	am	HSCB Bank in School
Tuesday 8 March	9.15am	Year 1 Assembly
Friday 11 March	3.20pm	Football Match home vs Mere Green Primary School
Monday 14 March	All day	Year 1 Clown Workshop - children to dress up as clowns
Tuesday 15 March	Time tbc	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Y3)
Thursday 17 March	Time tbc	Sacrament of Reconciliation (Y3)
Friday 18 March	8.50am	KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade KS2 Decorate an Egg
Friday 18 March	7.00pm - 9.00pm	PTA Bingo Night
Monday 21 March	2.00pm	KS2 Easter Production Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 22 March	9.15am	KS2 Easter Production - All welcome
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
Dates for your diary - April 2016		
Monday 11 April	8.50am	Back to School
Wednesday 13 April	am	Academy Photographers in school class, group photos
Wednesday 13 April	7.30pm	PTA Meeting
Thursday 14 April		Edgbaston Cricket for Year 4 and Year 5
Thursday 28 April	8.50am	Bags 2 School
Thursday 28 April		PTA Disco (tbc)

Dates for your diary - May 2016		
Monday 2 May	All Day	Bank Holiday school closed
Thursday 5 May	All Day	School closed Elections
Monday 9 May - Thursday 12 May		KS2 Sats week
Friday 13 May	7.30pm	PTA Fun Time Friday (Adults Only)
Thursday 26 May	3.20pm - 4.30pm	PTA Disco
Friday 27 May	All Day	Inset Day

**Other dates available on website*

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

T Cotter

Miss T Cotter
Principal



Prayer for the Help of the Holy Spirit

O God, send forth your Holy Spirit into my heart that I may perceive, into my mind that I may remember, and into my soul that I may meditate.

Inspire me to speak with piety, holiness, tenderness and mercy.

Teach, guide and direct my thoughts and senses from beginning to end.

May your grace ever help and correct me, and may I be strengthened now with wisdom from on high, for the sake of your infinite mercy. Amen.

Saint Anthony of Padua



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