

Newsletter No 22

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 4 March 2016



World Book Day

We had a fantastic day yesterday celebrating World Book Day. Thank you for making such an effort with the children's costumes of favourite book characters; they looked amazing (as did the staff!)



Bedtime Stories Thursday 3 March

Last night was a very successful event, with the children having a lovely time listening to stories and enjoying their hot chocolate! Thank you to the PTA members for organising this and the staff who gave their time to read the stories. A big thank you to Mr O'Connor for donating the hot chocolate! An amazing £135.00 was raised!!!!



Mothers' Day Lunch

It was lovely to see so many of you joining us for lunch this week; so many of you told me how much you enjoyed it. Thanks you to all the staff for ensuring everything ran smoothly. We look forward to welcoming many of next week for Part two! I'm sure that you will all be as well looked after on Sunday!



Nishkam School visit

We were delighted to welcome back Nishkam Primary School this week, who came to talk about their faith with the School Council. It is so important that we learn and respect other faiths and cultures. They will be visiting us and us to them again later in the year to participate in some joint projects.



There are tweets about all the above on our Twitter account - get involved!



Mass: Year 4 will lead our Mass on **Thursday 10 March, in school.** All welcome.

Lenten Charities

During Lent our children will be raising money for children in Rwanda and the Society of St Vincent de Paul in our own parish. Please remember to send your child in to school with a small amount of money so that they support their friends' activities.



It was Year 5's turn this week thank you to the children for working so hard. We will let you know how much they raised next week!

Please see the dates below for the Lenten activities:

Monday 7 March - Year 4, Monday 14 March - Year 3 and Year 2, and Monday 21 March - Year 1 and Early Years. **Next week, it is Year 4's turn;** they will be organising a number of activities; including: a football and skipping competition, cake sale, loom band sale, tin can alley, weight of the egg, name of the teddy and many more. Your child can buy these during morning and afternoon playtime. Thank you for your support.



SATs Meeting for Year 6 and Year 2 Parents

There will be a SATs meeting for **Year 2** parents on **Monday 7 March at 3.30pm** and **Year 6** parents on **Wednesday 9 March at 3.30pm**. It will be opportunity to go through the updated guidance for your child to reach national expected standard at the end of the key stage. We hope that you can attend.

HSBC Bank



A member of the HSBC Bank will visit our school on **Monday 7 March**. We try to encourage our KS2 children to open and be responsible for their own bank account and manage their money.



Year 1 Assembly

On **Tuesday 8 March at 9.15am** our Year 1 class will be performing their assembly about 'The Circus.' I hope that you will be able to attend. Thank you.



Rights Respecting Schools Award

Holy Cross Catholic Primary School is working towards achieving the 'Rights Respecting Schools Award'. In order to achieve Level 1 we have put together a 'steering group' to plan and implement the rights of the children in Holy Cross School. Miss Crowley is leading this group and is asking for parents to volunteer and attend meetings. The meetings will be held termly where ideas will be discussed to implement throughout the school and an action plan put in place to support the school to move forward and hopefully achieve this award.

The next steering group meeting will be held on **Tuesday 8 March at 2.30pm** please come along and join. Thank you for your support.

Chess Tournament



Our Chess Team are taking part in the BSCCA Chess Tournament on Wednesday 9 March. Parents to collect children taking part from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School at 5.20pm. We wish them good luck!



Football Match

The local bragging rights go to us!! Our football team defeated St Nicholas last week 2-1; a fantastic result - well done team! The next match is a home game on **Friday 11 March** against Mere Green Primary School. Please try to come along and support, all welcome.



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, diabolos and many more amazing skills. **Children are required to come to school dress as clowns.**



St Patrick's Day - Thursday 17 March

We wore our daffodils with pride on St David's day on Tuesday and on 17 March we will celebrate St Patrick's Day by the children wearing green (other than school uniform!) and donating £1 towards our Lenten charities if they wish. Also, children can bring in their Irish dancing costumes if they want to perform to the rest of the school in assembly!



Family Bingo Night

This very enjoyable and popular event will be held on **Friday 18 March** in the school Hall. Doors open at 6.45pm, bingo starts at 7.00pm. Easter Eggs for all winners! Flyers giving you more information and the opportunity to order your food have been sent home with children. As we are limited on numbers, forms need to be returned by **Tuesday 8 March**. Thank you for your support.



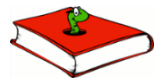
Forest School

Forest School will commence again Friday 11 March, thank you for your support.



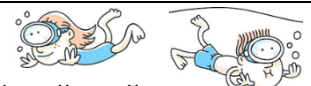
School Library

Would you like to help update the school library? We are asking families to donate £5.00 which will enable you to dedicate a book to someone. Please send your money in an envelope marked 'School Library' with all the details of your dedication to the school office. Thank you for your support.



Catholic Swimming Gala

Well done to all the children who took part in the gala last Saturday. All the children did really well with Luke S (Y4) getting to the final of the boys 1 length freestyle race.



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 Year 6 with 99.63 %!

The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.

Recommendations: EYFS: Daniel B, Henry H **Year 1:** Joseph K, Jack C **Year 2:** Francesca L, Fraser C

Year 3: Orlaith G, Nathan G, Owen P, Frank W **Year 4:** James R, Eva P **Year 5:** Ben L, Niamh P

Year 6: Ryan B, Lewis P, Ruby H.

Lunchtime Award: Nathan G (Y3).

Class of the Week: Year 1.

Sports Award: Luke S, Luke L, Sam K, George LF, Amy M, Regine W, Jessica T and Alex H.





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 'Faith-Filled and 'Hopeful'. 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: **Year 1:** Lola F **Year 2:** Eliza S **Year 3:** Ben B, Charlotte L (nominated by EYFS) Erin P (nominated by Year 4) Johnny G **Year 5:** **Year 6:** James NC (nominated by Year 5) Shannon B.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
Lucy L (Y1).

Dates for your diary - February 2016		
Monday 7 March	am	HSCB Bank in School
Monday 7 March	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Year 2 Parents' SATs Meeting
Tuesday 8 March	9.15am	Year 1 Assembly
Tuesday 8 March	11.45am	Mothers' Day Lunch (surnames L-Z)
Wednesday 9 March	3.30pm - 4.30pm	Year 6 Parents' SATs Meeting
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	After school	Football Match v Moor Hall Primary School (home)
Friday 18 March	6.45pm - 9.00pm	PTA Bingo Night
Monday 21 March	2.00pm	KS2 Easter Production Dress Rehearsal
Monday 21 March	After school	Football Match v Penns Primary School (away)
Tuesday 22 March	9.15am	KS2 Easter Production - All welcome
Tuesday 22 March	3.30pm - 7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 23 March	9.15am	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
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*

Wishing all our mums a very 'Happy Mothers' Day'. Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

T Cotter

Miss T Cotter
Principal

For all our busy mums:

A Mother's Prayer

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Dear Lord, it's such a hectic day
With little time to stop and pray
For life's been anything but calm
Since You called me to be a mom
Running errands, matching socks
Building dreams with building blocks
Cooking, cleaning, and finding shoes
And other stuff that children lose
Fitting lids on bottled bugs
Wiping tears and giving hugs
A stack of last weeks mail to read
So where's the quiet time I need?
Yet when I steal a minute, Lord
Just at the sink or ironing board
To ask the blessings of Your grace
I see then, in my small one's face
That you have blessed me
All the while and I stop to kiss
That precious smile.

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And our mums in heaven:

A Gift From Heaven

I am with you always
I live in your heart
I speak to your soul
We are not far apart

When you feel a light breeze
Hear the songs the birds sing
Know that I see every smile
Your kindness can bring

I see you building your dreams
With wisdom and grace
And asking His guidance
With each challenge you face

I am more than a memory
You will feel our love grow
I am forever your angel
Some things you just know

Please tell me your thoughts
Your hopes and your fears
And know that through faith
He will heal all your tears

For today, I can share
That in Heaven above
God has taken my hand
I am complete, I am love

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