



Newsletter No 24

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 18 March 2016



Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Egg display



We were very impressed by the colourful designs of Easter bonnets and eggs. Thank you for supporting these fun end of term activities and well done to all the winners.

Lent



Palm Sunday Mass

A reminder that Fr Neil is inviting you all to attend Palm Sunday Mass at **10:30am** on **Sunday 20 March** when we will be re-enacting Christ's entry into Jerusalem. Fr Neil is proposing that all First Holy Communion children take a key role by forming an 'avenue of waving palm branches' for the parish to walk through. **There are several services and Masses at Holy Cross Church throughout Holy Week and the Easter weekend and the times of all these are attached.**



We were a sea of green yesterday to celebrate the feast of St Patrick; thank you to everyone for getting involved. There is a Holy Cross version of 'Riverdance' on Twitter - enjoy!



All correspondence emailed to parents

In order to become more eco- friendly, from the beginning of the Summer term all letters will be emailed and not sent out as a hard copy. It is therefore essential that the office has an email address for every family. We will produce a hard copy if one is specifically requested. Please contact the office with any queries. Thanks you for your cooperation.



Mass: There *will not be a Mass* on Thursday but a Lent service on Thursday 24 March, *in school* at 9:15am. All welcome.



Year 1 and EYFS

To support our Lenten activities we will be selling healthy flapjacks. Children in Year 1 and EYFS please bring in healthy flapjacks homemade or shop bought on **Monday 21 March**. Please remember **no nuts**. Thank you for your support.

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. On Monday we will welcome Mr Paul Walmsley from the Birmingham Catholic Primary Partnership who will talk about how the money raised for Rwanda will be spent.



It was Year 2 and Year 3 this week thank you to the children for working so hard. We will let you know next week the amount of money they raised.

Next week, it is Year 1 and Early Years; they will be organising a number of activities including; selling flapjacks 30p, circus game 20p, guess the teddy 20p, pogo stick/skipping competition 20p and many more. Your child can participate during morning and afternoon playtimes. Thank you for your support.



Year 1 Dress up as a Clown Day

All the children looked fantastic on Monday in their clown outfits. They had a fun filled day - thank you to parents for all your support, they looked amazing!



Cross Country

On Monday the cross country team did really well at Bishop Vesey, battling against the wind to complete the course as fast as they could. They showed great perseverance and are showing improvement with each race they compete in. Well done team!



Family Bingo Night

Eyes down look in! We are looking forward to tonight. Let us hope it is a great success and that you win lots of Easter eggs! Thank you to the PTA for their hard work in organising the event.



Warwick Castle - Year 1

We are planning to take the children in Year One on a visit to Warwick Castle in summer 2016, (date to be confirmed). The visit is to support our topic 'Kings and Queens'. The trip will cost approximately £20.00. A letter has been sent home with children. Please contact school office if you require a copy.



Summer School Uniform

All children are required to wear their summer uniforms as soon as we return after the Easter holidays (hopefully we will be basking in tropical sunshine by then!) Thank you for your support.

Girls: Green check dress suitable shoes or sandals with white socks. **Boys:** Jade green polo shirt with logo Grey shorts/trousers, grey socks, sensible dark school shoes - no trainers.



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

Letters were sent home with children this week. If your child would like to join the Zumba Club please complete and return forms no later than **Monday 21 March 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 on Wednesday (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 **Tuesday 22 March**. Please note that for organisational purposes, **NO late orders after this date** will be accepted. Thank you for your cooperation.



Art Club Year 3 and Year 4

A letter was sent home yesterday with Year 3 and Year 4 children giving information about 'Art Club'. If you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you for your support.



Easter Production & Stations of the Cross

The KS2 Easter Production will take place on **Tuesday 22 March at 9.15am**.

On **Wednesday 23 March**, we will be participating in Stations of the Cross at **9.15am** in the hall. On **Thursday 24 March**, we will be holding a Prayer Service at **9.15am** in the hall.

All parents are very welcome at all occasions.



Tag Rugby - Wednesday 23 March

Please note there will be **no tag** rugby on Wednesday 23 March, thank you.



Children's Liturgy

On Good Friday - Friday 25 March at 3.00pm there will be Stations of the Cross in Church for all Children. Thank you for your support.



Holy Cross Twitter Account



If you would like Grandparents or any other relatives to follow our Twitter account please provide their names to the school office so that they can be allowed access. Thank you.



Another Funtime Friday - Adults Only

Holy Cross PTA presents..... another 'Funtime Friday!' **Friday 13 May at 7.30pm** at The Boathouse Restaurant, Bracebridge Pool, Sutton Park. £20.00 per person (non-refundable). A flyer has been sent home with children today; please contact the school office if you require a copy. ***Please come along to this popular event and have a lovely evening.*** Thank you for your support.



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 100%!

The Punctuality Award for the week: well done to the whole school we had no lates this week - well done everyone!!



Recommendations: **EYFS:** Ellie M-B, Alex E **Year 1:** Harry K **Year 2:** Darice W, Emma McK Miss Glaser **Year 3:** Malaika W, Ethan L, Matthew N-C, Charlie S, (Year 4), **Year 4:** Charlie B **Year 5:** Ellie-Jo L, Joseph S (Year 6) **Year 6:** Whole of Year 5, Jake W.

Lunchtime Award: Erin P.

Class of the Week: Year 3.

Sports Award: Natalie S, Thomas T (Year 5).



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.



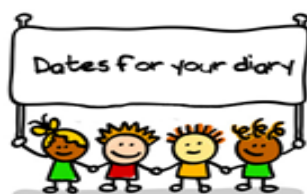
Angel of the Week

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: **EYFS:** Charlie S (Year 4), Christie W (Year 2) **Year 2:** Dylan G (Year 2) **Year 3:** James D, Samuel S **Year 4:** Erin P, Erin L-F, Thomas S (Year 3) **Year 5:** James D (Year 3) **Year 6:** Roan D.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
Sienna M, Annie E (EYFS), Frankie J (Y1), Keane S (Y4), Charlie H (Y5), Ciaran F (Y6).



Dates for your diary - March 2016		
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
Friday 15 April		Football match away v Newhall Primary School
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)
Wednesday 18 May	3.30pm	Year 5 Boys Football Festival - Wyndley
Friday 20 May	1.30pm-4.30pm	Tag Rugby - Moseley Rugby Club
Thursday 26 May	3.20pm - 4.30pm	PTA Disco
Friday 27 May	All Day	Inset Day
Dates for your diary - June 2016		
Monday 6 June - Friday 10 June		Music Week - whole school
Wednesday 8 June	10.00am - 2.00pm	Year 4 Cricket - Chance to Shine
Wednesday 8 June	3.20pm	Year 6 Football Festival - Wyndley
Thursday 9 June	6.00pm	Creative Arts Evening
Saturday 11 June	12.00pm	First Holy Communion
Wednesday 15 June	7.30pm	PTA Meeting
Wednesday 22 June	6.00pm	EYFS Induction Evening for September 2016 Reception
Saturday 18 June	12.00pm	First Holy Communion
Thursday 23 June	All Day	School Closed EU Referendum
Friday 24 June	9.00am	Corpus Christi Procession from Church to School
Tuesday 28 June	tbc	Rotary Awards Evening
Wednesday 29 June	tbc	Academy Mass

Thursday 30 June	tbc	Handover Day. New EYFS Parents to attend, teddy bear picnic
Dates for your diary - July 2016		
Friday 1 July	7.00pm	Year 6 Leavers' Party at Hollyfields
Friday 8 July	1.30pm	Sports Day/Summer BBQ
Tuesday 12 July	tbc	Year 6 Leavers' Production
Thursday 14 July	3.20pm-4.30pm	PTA Disco
Thursday 21 July	9.15am	Year 6 Leavers' Mass
Friday 22 July	3.20pm	Break up for Summer!

***Other dates available on website**

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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