

Newsletter No 25

Dear Parents and Friends

Thursday 24 March 2016



We come to the end of another busy term. On Monday and Tuesday Key Stage Two retold the story of Holy week in a very powerful and moving way; they were both very emotionally charged performances. Well done to all the children and staff for working so hard to produce this beautiful dramatization.

Our Stations of the Cross yesterday and this morning's Washing of the Feet helped us to prepare for the season of Easter. Thank you to all the staff and children for their participation in these services and to Fr Neil for leading our worship and reflection during the term.

Please make every effort to attend the services at Holy Cross tonight, Good Friday and for the greatest festival of all - Easter Sunday. (Times of services have been distributed).



Important reminder - Communication to parents

I remind parents that all information regarding school events and notices is communicated through the weekly newsletter and I urge everyone to ensure that they read it every week. We receive a significant number of enquiries at the office about different school events when the details of which have been in the newsletter for a number of weeks. This has resulted in an excessive number of reminder texts being sent out which I am sure you have noted.

As I stated last week, from the Summer term, all letters will be emailed and not sent out as a hard copy. In addition, text messages will **only** be sent for payment deadlines, unusual, unexpected or individual child/class issues; we will not be sending general reminders - **information regarding all school events will be in the newsletters.**

Please ensure 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.

Effective communication is so important so I thank you for your cooperation with this important issue.



We thank you all for the support the school has received from you this term and I thank all the staff for always working so hard and going that extra mile. May you all enjoy a well-deserved and restful Easter break.



Mass: Year 4 will lead our Mass on *Thursday 14 April, in school.* All welcome.



Letters emailed to parents this week:

EYFS: Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens trip letter

Year 2: Weston-Super-Mare trip letter

Year 3: Forest Schools



Questionnaire Reminder

Thank you to all parents who attended Parents' Evening on Tuesday and Wednesday and to those of you who have already completed questionnaires. We do value your feedback so if you took your questionnaire home to complete, please return to school no later than **Monday 11 April.**



Family Bingo Night

The Bingo Night was a huge success; with a fantastic £337.91 raised! Many thanks to all who helped organise the evening and to all who attended.



Lenten Activities

We raised a fantastic £125.10 for St Patrick's Day. Year 4 raised £156.66 and Years 3 and 2 £93.15 for their fundraising weeks. The children have enjoyed their fundraising we will let you know the total raised after the holidays. Thank you for all your support.



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.



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 or grey trousers with jade green polo shirt with logo. **Boys:** Jade green polo shirt with logo Grey shorts/trousers, grey socks, sensible dark school shoes - no trainers.



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.



School Photographers

Academy Photographers will be in school on Wednesday 13 April to take class and group photographers. Please ensure all children are in full summer uniform. Thank you for your support.



PTA Meeting - Wednesday 13 April

The next PTA meeting will be held in school on Wednesday 13 April starting at 7.30pm. Please come along we are always looking for new members - all welcome!



Forest School

Year 3 Forest School

Next half term Year 3 will be taking part in weekly 'Forest School' every Friday afternoon. A letter has been emailed and sent out to all Year 3 parents please contact the office if you require a copy. Thank you for your support.



Increase in School Dinner Cost

Citiserve has informed schools this week that from 1 April 2016 there will be an increase of 5p to the cost of a school dinner. The cost of a meal will now be £2.15. Apologies for the short notice but I again stress that schools have only been notified this week about this increase. Thank you for your cooperation.

Dinner Money Due

Polite reminder deadline for payment of dinner money is **Monday 18 April**; the amount is £68.80 please pay using ParentPay. Thank you for your support.



Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust

We have a supply of application forms for 'School Clothing Grant 2016.' Please contact the school office if you require a copy. The form must be returned by **Friday 22 April**.



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 3 with 99.05%!

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



Recommendations: EYFS: Harry W, Alice F Year 1: Niamh C, Connor McC Year 2: Harry M, Thomas B Year 3: All of Year 3 Year 4: Marcus P-W, Uday P Year 5: Qai'Rou M, Emily E Year 6: Abigail W, Milly L, Ellie-Jo L, Ashlee 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: **EYFS:** Ellen T **Year 1:** Liam O'T **Year 2:** Caitlin L **Year 3:** Frank W **Year 6:** Sadie M, Aiden G-W, Michael B, Ryan B, Joseph L, Ellie Jo, Millie L, Caitlin L.



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

Ellie M-B (EYFS), Maggie R (Y1), Caitlin L (Y3), Cillian K (Y3), Millie McC, Annie D (Y5), Vanessa A, Matthew M, Caitlin M.



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
Tuesday 3 May	All Day	EYFS Trip to Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens
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	All Day	Year 4 Cricket - Sutton Coldfield Cricket Club
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
Monday 20 June	All Day	Year 1 trip to Warwick Castle
Wednesday 22 June	6.00pm	EYFS Induction Evening for September 2016 Reception
Tuesday 28 June	All Day	Year 5 Cricket - Sutton Coldfield Cricket Club
Tuesday 28 June	All Day	Year 4 Trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery
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!

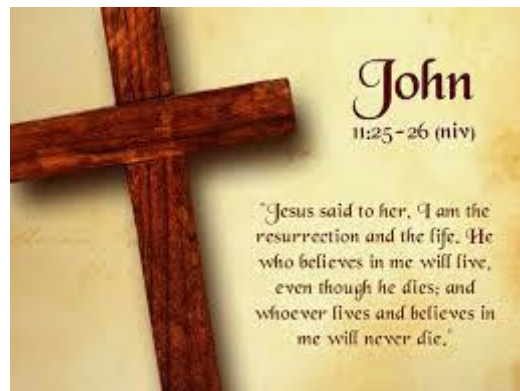
**Other dates available on website*

Have a lovely Easter break.

Yours sincerely

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The children, staff, Academy Committee and Board of Directors wish you a joyful Easter.



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