

Newsletter No 26

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 15 April 2016



Welcome back! I hope that you all enjoyed your Easter break. It is hard to believe that we are beginning our final term. This is always a very busy time with First Holy Communion, Creative Arts Evening, a variety of different trips and sporting events and of course SATs coming up shortly.

The children returned to school, all looking very smart! Please remember that all children should now be wearing Summer uniform; see below for clarification.



Lenten Activities

We raised a fantastic £1,242.77 with our Lenten Activities. Our parish SVP and Birmingham Catholic Primary Partnership (Rwanda) will both benefit. Thank you to all of you and to the children and staff for working so hard to support our charities.



Summer School Uniform

Girls: Green check dress (*not stripes*), suitable shoes or sandals with white socks (not tights) 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.



Mass: Year 5 will lead our Mass on *Thursday 21 April, in school.* All welcome.



Letters emailed to parents this week:

Year 1: Trip to Warwick Castle

Year 2: Interest letter for trip to Weston Super Mare

Year 4: Trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery

Year 6: Trip to Safari Park

Please contact office if you have not received copy

Communication with Teachers

We are committed to a strong working partnership between home and school and therefore we do want to you to speak to us about any concerns or queries that you may have.

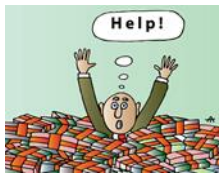
If you wish to speak to or make an appointment to see your child's teacher, please do so through the **school office**. This can be done through a variety of ways:

- Visiting the office during the set office hours.
- Emailing the office at enquiry@holycross-sch.net
- Telephoning the office (Please note that the answer machine is on **24 hours a day** so messages left in the evening will be picked up and dealt with the next day.)

Mrs Knibbs will liaise with appropriate staff and you will be contacted as soon as possible to address the query or concern.

Please note that staff **must not** be emailed directly and only emails sent through the office will receive a response.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in this matter.



PTA - Treasurer

Calling all parents! Our PTA needs a 'Treasurer'. If you are interested please forward your details to the school office. Your help is very much appreciated and needed! Thank you for your support.



Football Match

The next match is an away game tonight against Newhall Primary School. Please try to come along and support, all welcome. We will let you know the results next week.



A member of the HSBC Bank will visit our school on **Monday 18 April**. We try to encourage our KS2 children to open and be responsible for their own bank account and manage their money. Any child wishing to open an account will need to provide proof of their identity for example: a passport or birth certificate. HSBC also need to take copies of identification and proof of address for the parent/person with parental responsibility countersigning the application form where they are not an existing HSBC customer.

Please note that from the 4 April, cash deposits will be limited to £10.00 per child as the visits to school are being reduced to monthly.



Music Invoices

If your child has music lessons invoices will be sent out week commencing **Monday 18 April**. Thank you for your support.



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.

Please see below how you can check for credits:

- Log in to Parent Pay
- On the front screen in the middle - select items due for payments
- On the right hand side there is a tab - dinner money balance - this shows amount of credit
- Please deduct the amount of credit from amount due.

Thank you for your support.



Forest School

Year 3 Forest School



Year 3 will be taking part in weekly 'Forest School' every Friday afternoon commencing **Friday 22 April**. 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.



Father Hudson's Society Good Shepherd Appeal

Please return the boxes for the above no later than **Friday 22 April**. Thank you for your generosity.



St George's Day

To celebrate the feast of St George (23 April), **Friday 22 April will be a non-uniform day** with children being asked to wear red for the day! No donation are required.



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**.



Bag 2 School

Bags were sent home with children this week; please contact the school office if you require further bags. Bag 2 School will accept clothing, paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around), handbags, ties, belts, hats, soft toys and jewellery. The bags will be collected on **Thursday 28 April**. Please leave the bags outside the main reception area under cover, in the morning, as school cannot store overnight. Thank you for your support.



Funtime Friday at the Boathouse Restaurant

Holy Cross PTA presents:

Funtime Friday at the Boathouse Restaurant on Friday 13 May 2015.

The evening comprises of:

3 course dinner, DJ, Raffle and a Silent Auction. Motto for the evening 'Dig Deep' £20.00 per person 7.30pm.

This will be a fantastic night for parents please come along, thank you for your support.

A flyer has been sent home with your child giving you further information regarding the above and a booking form. The deadline for the forms to be returned is Thursday 5 May. If you have not received flyer please contact school office.



Sports Day Friday 8 July

Sports Day will be on Friday 8 July starting at 1.30pm this is a lovely afternoon. This is always a very popular event so please come along to support your child/children. All welcome!

Summer Family BBQ Friday 8 July 3.30pm to 5.30pm

This will be a fantastic family event to celebrate the end of term and start of Summer.

Further information will be sent home closer to the date. All welcome!



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 2 and Year 4 with 98.52%!

The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 5 and Year 6.



Recommendations: EYFS: Tommy M, Ella B **Year 1:** Megan P, Daniel S **Year 2:** Orlaith F, Mia B

Year 3: Imogen A, Isobel W **Year 4:** Madeline L, Pablo B **Year 5:** Jack McI, Ben L **Year 6:** Rebecca D,

Nina R, Ciaran F.

Lunchtime Award: Thomas B (Y2).

Class of the Week: EYFS.



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 '**Eloquent and Truthful**'. 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.



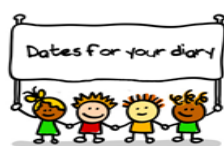
Angel of the Week

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 trying to be attentive and discerning.**

This week's winners are: **Year 1:** Caitlin K **Year 2:** Darren A (nominated by EYFS), Scarlett T **Year 3:** Charlotte L **Year 4:** Charlie B (nominated by Year 4), Niamh S **Year 5:** Michael McG, Jessica T **Year 6:** Alice H.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
Keiron McC, Calum McC, Connor McC (EYFS), Jack McC (Y4), Alice H, Lizzie H (Y6).



Dates for your diary - April 2016		
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
Tuesday 19 July	All Day	Year 6 Trip to Safari Park
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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