

Newsletter No 27

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 22 April 2016



Happy St George's Day for tomorrow! We were a vision in red today; it was a great sight!



Thank you to our School Council and Eco Warriors for their efforts on Wednesday distributing postcards to parents regarding safe parking outside the school. Please make every effort to support them in their quest to ensure children are safe and our neighbours are happy! Thank you for your cooperation.



We have a very close community here at Holy Cross and what better way to celebrate than enjoying a great night together! The PTA are organising 'Funtime Friday' at the Boathouse on 8 May. It should be a really lovely event so please try and support it. See below for more details.



Mass: Year 6 will lead our Mass on, Thursday 28 April in school. All welcome.

Office Hours

Week commencing Monday 25 April: Office will be open until 4.30pm on Monday and will close at 3.45pm on Tuesday.



Letters Emailed to Parents this Week:

Year 2: Parents Information regarding SATs

Year 5: Trip to Botanical Gardens

Please contact office if you have not received copy



The School Website- Curriculum



Please take time to check the website for documents to support your child's learning. If you go to the school information tab and then to curriculum information area you will see a wealth of information about what your child is learning about at Holy Cross Catholic Primary School including

videos about the SATs test for 2016, Read Write Inc Phonics pronunciation, documents about the long-term plan for your year group, the skills progression maps for all our foundation subjects and a link to the Key Instant Recall Facts that we learn in Mathematics.

Furthermore, if you look on your child's class page you will see the curriculum overview for each term (updated termly), the skills for reading, writing and maths and a Mastery Mathematics booklet which we use in school, which you can use to support your child's learning at home.



Ice Lollies For Sale

School Council and ECO Warriors will be selling ice lollies on Wednesdays and Fridays at morning break time. This is to raise money to buy a willow Cross for the KS2 Prayer Garden. They will be 20p each. Please send money in with your child to support our fundraising. Thank you.



Girls Football Champions

The only word needed is CHAMPIONS to describe the girls Year 5/6 football team. On Tuesday, the girls competed against 11 other schools from across Sutton and came out as worthy winners. We played our academy partners St. Nicholas in the final and after a tense 1-1 draw in the final it progressed to the dreaded penalties. Milly and Rebecca scored the decisive spot kicks as St. Nicholas missed 2 out of their 3 penalties. The whole team played fantastically well, supporting each other and never giving up. Well done girls! HUGE congratulations to Rebecca, Milly, Millie, Ellie-Jo, Aoife, Caitlin and Annie!



Football Match Friday 15 April

The school football team played brilliantly in their final league match of the season against Newhall School. Trailing 2-1 at half time, they dug deep and battled through the 2nd half eventually finishing as 4-2 winners. Their comeback was fantastic and the school is very proud of them. It was a great performance by all the players.

Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens

EYFS Visit to Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens

EYFS is going on a visit to Castle Bromwich Hall Gardens on Tuesday 3 May. Deadline for payment is **Monday 25 April**. Please make payment using Parent Pay. Thank you.

Birmingham
Museum &
Art Gallery

Year 4 visit to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery

Year 4 is going on a visit to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery on Tuesday 28 June. Deadline for payment is **Monday 25 April**. Please make payment using Parent Pay. Thank you.



Year 1 visit to Warwick Castle

Year 1 is going on a visit to Warwick Castle on Monday 20 June. Deadline for payment is **Thursday 28 April**. Please make payment using Parent Pay. Thank you.



Year 3 visit to Chedworth Roman Villa/National Trust

A letter was sent home with Year 3 children this week. Please complete and return permission slip by **Thursday 28 April**. If you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



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.



Music Invoices

Music Invoices were sent home on Tuesday the deadline for payment is **Tuesday 3 May**. Please make payment through Parent Pay. Thank you.



Year 6 visit to Safari Park

Year 6 is going on a visit to West Midlands Safari Park on Tuesday 19 July. Deadline for payment is **Wednesday 4 May**. Please make payment using Parent Pay. Thank you.

ALERT
School is Closed

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Due to City Council Elections Police and Crime Commissioner Elections our school will be closed to pupils on **Thursday 5 May**. Thank you.



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 the school office.



School Photographs

School photos have been sent home today with all children. Please return your orders to school office no later than **Monday 9 May**. Thank you.



CHANCE TO SHINE
Spreading the power of cricket

Cricket Competition Year 4 and Year 5

On Wednesday 8 June - Year 4 and Tuesday 28 June - Year 5 classes have been chosen to work with the 'Chance to Shine Charity'. A letter has been sent home with children giving more information. Please sign and return consent slip by **Tuesday 10 May**. Please contact school office if you require a copy. Thank you.



Botanical Gardens Trip Year 5

A letter has been emailed to all Year 5 parents giving further information. Deadline for payment is **Thursday 12 May** through Parent Pay. Please contact school office if you require a copy.



Bikeability Year 5

A letter has been sent home with children giving more information. Please sign and return consent slip. Please contact school office if you require a copy. Thank you.



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 and EYFS with 100%!

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



Recommendations: EYFS: Tommy M, Cormac K Year 1: Aaron H, Flynn B Year 2: Harry K, Mollie-Mae H Year 3: Enya B, Leilagh K Year 4: Ben O'T, Rosena J Year 5: Natalie S, Jake Wol Year 6: Sam K, Lewis P.

Lunchtime Award: Ciaran F (Y6).

Class of the Week: Year 2.

Sports Award: Milly B, Annie D, Millie L, Rebecca D, Caitlin M, Ellie-Jo L, Aoife O'C.



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 try to be attentive and discerning.**

This week's winners are: **EYFS:** Nathaniel **C Year 1:** Olivia **A Year 2:** Erin **P Year 3:** Thomas **S Year 5:** Pierce **B Year 6:**Rhea T, Lewis P **George LF** (nominated from Year 3).



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:

Henry H (EYFS) Abigail W (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		HSBC in School
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
Monday 23 May		HSBC in School
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
Monday 6 June		HSBC in School
Wednesday 8 June	All Day	Year 4 Cricket - Sutton Coldfield Cricket Club
Wednesday 8 June	3.20pm	Year 6 Football Festival - Wyndley
Saturday 11 June	12.00pm	First Holy Communion
Wednesday 15 June	7.30pm	PTA Meeting

Thursday 16 June	6.00pm	Creative Arts Evening. Please note change of date
Monday 20 June	All Day	Year 1 trip to Warwick Castle
Monday 20 June		HSBC in School
Wednesday 22 June	6.00pm	EYFS Induction Evening for September 2016 Reception
Wednesday 22 June	All Day	Year 5 Trip to Botanical Gardens
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
<i>Thursday 23 June</i>	<i>All Day</i>	<i>School Closed EU Referendum</i>
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	7.00pm - 8.30pm	Football Presentation Evening Sutton Coldfield Town Hall
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
Monday 4 July		HSBC in School
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
Monday 18 July		HSBC in School
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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