

Newsletter No 28

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 29 April 2016

ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



Today, you will receive an attendance report for the Autumn and Spring terms. Attached will be a colour coded chart that explains how low attendance corresponds to lost learning in a year. I will make appointments to see parents where attendance is a concern but please ask me if there are any queries.

Please remember that the school will be closed on Monday for the Bank Holiday; opening as normal on Tuesday morning and closed to pupils on Thursday for Election Day, opening as normal on Friday morning.



It is hard to believe that we are nearly in May already, fingers crossed for sunshine (and not snow!) for the Bank Holiday!



On Sunday we will be in the month of May, the month we honour Our Lady, please encourage your children to say the Hail Mary every day.



Mass: There will be no Mass on Thursday 5 May - School closed for elections.

Letters Emailed to Parents this Week:
Football Team: Sutton Cup match details.



Please contact office if you have not received copy

Your School needs you!



Help Holy Cross School raise money.....EASY and FREE!!!!

Did you know that by shopping online at many of your favourite stores, you can raise money (at no extra cost to yourselves) for the school. There is no catch and it is quick and simple.

Simply sign in to create an account with www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Once registered, log in and select the store you want. A percentage from your purchase goes towards the school. It really is that simple.

By using easyfundraising, a registered member recently bought a family holiday through Thomas Cook and raised over £44.00 for the school (Donated by the retailer). Please see flyer giving further details. Thank you (in anticipation!) for your support.



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.

In response to parent feedback please follow link and follow instructions below:

<http://www.holycross-sch.net/page/?title=Curriculum+Information&pid=24>

Then scroll down right to the bottom of the page, click on Holy Cross Catholic Primary KIRFs - Parent Information. We hope this helps you.



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 (20p each) on Wednesdays and Fridays at morning break time. This is to raise money to buy a willow cross for the KS2 Prayer Garden. Please send money in with your child to support our fundraising. Thank you.



Bag 2 School

Parents generously donated a large number of bags and £73.20 was raised! Thank you for your support.



Music Invoices

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



Football - Sutton Cup

We have progressed to the next stage of the Sutton Cup and our quarter final match will be played against Whitehouse Common at their school. The match will be held afterschool on Tuesday 3 May. We have been waiting for confirmation from the school regarding the fixture and apologise for the short notice. If your child is in the football team you will need to collect them from school at 3.20pm and then take them to Whitehouse Common School for the match. All welcome to come along and support! 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.



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 were sent home last week 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.

School's Closed!

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A reminder that due to European Referendum our school will be closed to pupils on **Thursday 23 June**. 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 EYFS with 98.52 %!

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



Recommendations: **EYFS:** Jak McS, Anaha P **Year 1:** Connor McC, **Year 2:** Orlaith F, Christie W, Alicia I **Year 3:** Cassandra G, Frank W **Year 4:** Charlie S, Francis C **Year 5:** Matilda C, Ricky M **Year 6:** Andrea T, Caitlin M.

Sports Award: Thomas S (Y3), Ava A (Y3), Daniel S (Y1).



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 'Eloquent' and 'Truthful'.**

This week's winners are: **EYFS:** Daniel B (nominated by Y3) **Year 1:** Keela K **Year 2:** (nominated the girls football team) Rebecca D, Milly B, Millie L, Aoife O'C, Caitlin M, Annie D and Ellie-Jo L **Year 3:** Maria L, Erin P (nominated by Y5), Leilagh K (nominated by Y5) **Year 6:** Nina R, Millie L.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
Krupa S (Y2) and Milly L (Y6).

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
Tuesday 3 May	3.20pm	Football match 'Sutton Cup' at Whitehouse Common School
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
Thursday 9 June	11.45am	Fathers' Day Lunch (children with surnames A-L)
Saturday 11 June	12.00pm	First Holy Communion
Tuesday 14 June	11.45am	Fathers' Day Lunch (children with surnames M-Z)
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 and enjoy the Bank Holiday.

Yours sincerely

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