



Newsletter No 31

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 20 May 2016

Is it
Summer
Yet?

As we wait for the weather to decide whether it is summer or not, we approach the end of another busy half term. Well done to all our Year 2 children who have tried their very best completing their KS1 SATs this week; they will continue these next week. As I am sure you are well aware, the changes in assessment procedures for both Key Stages 1 and 2 have caused great confusion and anxiety, for children, parents and staff. We are very proud of the effort that all our children have made; we know how hard they are trying to improve their skills. I would also like to thank all the staff who are working so hard to prepare the children in these challenging times.



Thank you to those of you who returned the Parental Questionnaires regarding Educational Visits and those who also volunteered to attend a Parent focus group to discuss this issue. A meeting date will be set for after half term.



*Please remember that the children break up for half term on **Thursday 26 May** (Friday is an **INSET Day**).*



Mass: Year 5 will lead our Mass on Thursday 26 May in school. All welcome.

FRIDAY FUN TIME!

Funtime Friday - Boathouse Restaurant

This event was a huge success! Everyone had a fantastic time and the PTA raised an amazing **£2,070.00!**

Thank you to all the PTA members for organising this and a big thank you to all of you who attended and helped raise this fantastic amount of money!



Football Tournament

Our Year 5 boys played fantastically well in their football tournament this week. Topping our group after a nail biting penalty shootout, we then played Little Sutton in the semi-final. Unfortunately we lost the semi-final and then lost our 3rd/4th playoff against Boldmere school. Despite the losses, the children played really well and we are very proud of them. Well done lads!



Walk to School – week beginning 23 May

Next week we are asking as many families as possible to leave the car at home and walk to school. This will support us showing everyone that we are a healthy school. Each child who walks to school every day next week will receive a certificate. Thank you for your support.



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.



Lunchtime Play Co-Ordinator Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Play Co-Ordinator 6.40 hours per week, Monday – Friday 12.00pm to 1.20pm. We are looking for someone who will take an active part in supporting/improving lunchtime for our children. For further information please contact the school office 675-2158.



Nut Allergy

We have children in our school who suffer with severe nut allergies. Therefore for health and safety reasons please ensure that if your child brings lunch from home, that it does not contain peanut butter sandwiches. Thank you for your support.



HSBC Bank

A member of the HSBC Bank will visit our school on **Monday 23 May**. We try to encourage our KS2 children to open and be responsible for their own bank account and manage their money.



Ghamkol Sharif

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year Six on a visit to Ghamkol Sharif Mosque and the Islamic Exhibition Centre' on Tuesday 24 May.

A voluntary donation of £2.00 is now required please send cash or cheque (made payable to John Paul II Multi Academy) in a sealed envelope marked with your child's name and 'Mosque visit'. Deadline for payment is **Monday 23 May**, thank you.



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 23 May 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

Letters were sent home with children this week (not EYFS). If your child would like to join the Tennis Club please complete and return forms no later than **Tuesday 24 May 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.



First Holy Communion

All Year 3 children will be going to Church for practices on Tuesday 24 May and Tuesday 7 June. Parents are required to collect their child from **Holy Cross Church at 3.00pm** on these days. Thank you for your support.



PTA Disco - This will be a non-school uniform day

This will be held on Thursday 26 May from 3.20pm to 4.30pm. If you are available to help please contact the school office. Thank you for your support. **£2.00 entrance fee to the disco per child (in a clearly marked envelope with child's name and 'Disco.'** Children can also bring a maximum of £3.00 spending money - in a separate purse please.



The children in Year 3 will be celebrating their First Holy Communion on two Saturdays; 11 and 18 June. Although this is a special day for Year 3, it is also an important school and parish event and we support the children by the choir from Years 4-6 singing at the Masses; in the same way they had been supported during their own First Holy Communion Mass.

Being part of the school choir is a commitment and I ask that all members of the choir participate in at least one of the First Holy Communion Masses if possible. It would be very sad if we did not have a strong choir on such an important occasion. I sincerely hope that you will show your support in this important matter. Thank you.



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On Tuesday 14 June we will be celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday. Children may dress up as the Queen, Princess, or Prince or in red, white and blue. The PTA will be providing a buffet for the children. Please send your child with a labelled picnic blanket for this exciting event. Thank you for your support.



Dinner Money

Dinner money for next term is £70.95 and the deadline for payment is **Friday 17 June**. Please pay using ParentPay. Thank you for your support.



School Closed

A reminder that school will be closed to pupils next **Friday (27 May)** as it is an INSET Day and also on **Thursday 23 June** due to European Referendum. 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 2 and Year 6 with 100%!

Parents should also be aware that referrals to the school nurses will be considered for those children with an attendance rate of below 95% due to health related absences.



The Punctuality Award for the week: EYFS, Year 1, Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.



Recommendations: **EYFS:** Annie E, Nathaniel C **Year 1:** Ella P, Tyrese L **Year 2:** Sian J, Christie W, whole of class **Year 3:** Anna J, Bonnie T-M **Year 4:** Pablo B, Marcus P-W **Year 5:** Sam C, Qua'Rou M **Year 6:** Olivia S, Roan D.

Lunchtime Award: Olivia A (Year 1).

Class of the Week: Year 4.



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: **Miss Lovelock/Miss Crowley:** Alicia I (Y2) **Miss Stevens:** Whole of Year 1

Mr Hunt: Thomas B **Mr Mayor:** Malaika W, Millie L, Ruby H, Joseph L, Rebecca D (Y6) **Mr Howell:** Niamh S **Mr Rowlands:** Alex H **Miss Cross:** Joseph L, Lewis P.



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

Tommy M (EYFS), Sian J (Y2).

Dates for your diary - May 2016

Monday 23 May		HSBC in School
Tuesday 24 May	All day	Year 6 trip to Ghamkol Sharif Mosque
Tuesday 24 May	1.15pm- 3.00pm	Year 3 walk to Church Holy Communion rehearsal. Parents to collect children from Church - 3.00pm
Thursday 26 May	3.20pm - 4.30pm	PTA Disco Non school uniform day
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
Tuesday 7 June	1.15pm- 3.00pm	Year 3 walk to Church Holy Communion rehearsal. Parents to collect children from Church - 3.00pm
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
Monday 13 June	3.00pm - 6.00pm	Athletics Competition at Alexander Stadium
Tuesday 14 June	11.45am	Fathers' Day Lunch (children with surnames M-Z)
Tuesday 14 June		The Queen's 90 Birthday celebrations!
Wednesday 15 June	7.30pm	PTA Meeting

Thursday 16 June	6.00pm	Creative Arts Evening. Please note change of date
Friday 17 June	All Day	Non school uniform day £1.00 donation
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
Wednesday 29 June	11.00am	Whole Academy Mass (children only)
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	11.00am	Academy Mass
Thursday 30 June	7.00pm - 8.30pm	Football Presentation Evening Sutton Coldfield Town Hall
Thursday 30 June	All day	Handover Day. Year 6 to Secondary schools. 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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