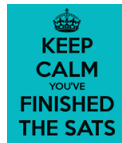


**Newsletter No 32**

Dear Parents and Friends

Thursday 26 May 2016



Well at last we are a SATs free zone! Well done to all the Year 2 children for trying so hard and to all the staff for their efforts in preparing the children so well. We are ending the week off with a bang - I am sure the children will all enjoy the disco tonight. Thank you to our PTA for organising today's event.



After yet another busy week, we are all ready to enjoy the half term break. Let us hope there's some sunshine for us to enjoy! **School reopens as normal on Monday 6 June.**

**Enjoy the half term break!**



**Mass:** Year 6 will lead our Mass on Thursday 9 June in school. All welcome.



**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.



**Tag Rugby Competition**

On Friday, Holy Cross took a team to the BCSSA Tag Rugby competition and the children were fantastic! This tournament represented our first attempt at a tag rugby tournament and the children did the school and themselves proud. They battled hard throughout each game and made their way to the semi-finals. Unfortunately, we lost in the dying seconds of the match; the effort that the children put in was amazing. They represented the school with great honour and we are all very proud of them.



**Ghamkol Sharif Mosque**

On Wednesday Year 6 enjoyed an exceptionally interesting day to the Ghamkol Sharif Mosque and the Islamic Exhibition centre. It was a jam-packed day full of fantastic facts, informative discussions and Islamic artefacts. A big well done to all of Year Six, who showed reverence and respect throughout the entire day. A fantastic learning experience for all.



### First Holy Communion

All Year 3 children will be going to Church for a practice on **Tuesday 7 June**. Parents are required to collect their child from **Holy Cross Church at 3.00pm** on this day. Thank you for your support.



### Flowers and Ties

Parents are asked for a donation of £2.00 per family towards of the cost of flowers for the church. Boys will be given red sashes by staff in the church hall on the day. Parents are asked for a donation of £5.00 for the red tie, which you will then receive in the week prior to the Holy Communion. Please send this money into school in a clearly labelled envelope.



### Choir

A reminder that members of the choir from Years 4-6 are asked to sing at the First Holy Communion Masses (11 and 18 June). We want this to be a special day for all our Y3 children so please support them by ensuring that if your child is in the choir they sing at both or at least one of the Masses. 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.

### MUSIC MATTERS!



### Music Lessons

A letter was sent home with children this week giving information regarding 'Peripatetic Music Tuition'. If you require a copy please contact the school office. The deadline for this form to be returned is **Tuesday 7 June**. Thank you.



### Year 4 Cricket Competition - Wednesday 8 June

The children will need to bring a packed lunch and drinks for this event. They will also need a sun hat and a waterproof coat to cover the British summer. Thank you for your support.



### Fathers' Day Lunch

On Thursday 9 June we will be holding our first Fathers' Day lunch for children with surnames A-L. Lunch will be served from 12.00pm and guests are requested to arrive at the Key Stage One entrance at 11.45am. We are looking forward to welcoming you to what should be a most enjoyable event.



### Year 6 Forest School

Next half term Year 6 will be taking part in weekly 'Forest School' every Friday afternoon. A letter has been sent home with all Year 6 children please contact the office if you require a copy. Thank you for your support.



### Celebrating the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

On Tuesday 14 June we will be celebrating the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Courses for Parents (Sutton Children's Centres)

Please see attached flyer giving information on courses available. Thank you.

### School Closed



A reminder that school will be closed to pupils 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 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: Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6.



**Recommendations:** EYFS: Alex E, Alfie J **Year 1:** Heloise C, Logan McC **Year 2:** Darren A, whole of year 2 **Year 3:** whole of year 3 **Year 4:** Kyle W, Charlie B-H **Year 5:** Natalie S, Qai'Rou M **Year 6:** Alice H, Milly L.

**Lunchtime Award:** Daniel B (EYFS).

**Class of the Week:** Year 3.

**Sports Award:** Joe S, Aoife O'C, George L-F, Lewis P (Y6), Pierce B, Jake W, Jake Wol, Qai'Rou M, Thomas T, Jessica P, Milly B (Y5).



## 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 Stevens:** Joseph K, Harry K **Mr Hunt:** Lewsis P (Y6) **Mr Mayor:** Ryan B, Joe S (Y6) **Mr Rowlands:** George L-F, Lewis P (Y6), Pierce B, Jake W, Jake Wol, Qai'Rou M, Thomas T, Jessica P, Milly B (Y5). **Miss Cross:** whole of Year 6.



**Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week and during the weeks holiday:**



Iris A, Maria J (EYFS), Nevin R, Eva H (Y2), Christien J, Frances C, Amy M (Y4), Alexandra H (Y5), Ashlee H, Joseph L (Y6).

Dates for your diary - June 2016		
Monday 6 June - Friday 10 June		Music Week - whole school
Monday 13 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 27 June		HSBC in School
<b>Wednesday 22 June</b>	<b>9.00am-10.00am</b>	<b>Mission Week - Parent Workshop (Years 3 &amp; 4)</b>
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
<b>Tuesday 28 June</b>	<b>9.00am-10.00am</b>	<b>Mission Week - Parent Workshop (Early Years)</b>
<b>Tuesday 28 June</b>	<b>2.15pm-3.15pm</b>	<b>Mission Week - Parent Workshop (Years 1 &amp; 2)</b>
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
<b>Dates for your diary - July 2016</b>		
Friday 1 July	7.00pm	Year 6 Leavers' Party at Hollyfields
<b>Wednesday 6 July</b>	<b>9.00am - 10.00am</b>	<b>Mission Week - Parent Workshop (Years 5 &amp; 6)</b>
Monday 11 July		HSBC in School
Friday 8 July	1.30pm	Sports Day/Summer BBQ
Tuesday 12 July	<b>6.00pm</b>	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***

Enjoy the week off!

Yours sincerely

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We are a nation of communities... a brilliant diversity spread like stars, like a thousand points of light in a broad and peaceful sky. George H. W. Bush



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