

Newsletter No 33

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 10 June 2016



On Saturday, our first group of children: Ava A, Imogen A, Enya B, Oliver B, Ben B, Daisy C, James D, Johnny G, Orlaith G, Nathan G, Cassandra G, Alexandra H, Leilagh K, Maria L, will be making their First Holy Communion at 12.00 Mass at Holy Cross Church. The children have been working very hard with Mr Mayor to prepare for this Sacrament. This will be a very special day for them and we hope that you will be able to come and share in this celebration. Please remember these children in your prayers. (Please pray for sunshine too!)



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.



Parking

On both Saturdays there will be a lot of extra cars. Please park carefully and do not block any of the residents' driveways. Thank you for your support.



Mass: Year 5 will lead our Mass on Thursday 16 June in school. All welcome.



Letters emailed to parents this week:

Year 3: Thanksgiving Mass Friday 24 June

Year 5: Alton Castle trip October 2016

Please contact office if you have not received copy



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.





Fathers' Day Lunch

It was lovely to see so many of you joining us for lunch this week. Thanks you to all the staff for ensuring everything ran smoothly. We look forward to welcoming many of you next week for Part two!



Celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday

On Tuesday 14 June we will be celebrating the Queens 90th birthday. Children may dress up as the Queen, a Princess, or a 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.



PTA Meeting

Please come along to our PTA meeting on Wednesday 15 June at 7.30pm. All new members made very welcome. 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.

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.



Whole Academy Mass at Bishop Walsh

On **Wednesday 29 June** all staff and children will be attending Bishop Walsh school for a very special Mass. Parents are asked to ensure that children have sun cream applied before they come into school. Also, children will need to have a sun hat/cap to wear and are required to bring in a packed lunch clearly marked with the child's name and class in a disposable bag.



Non School Uniform Day - Donation of £1.00 per child

On **Friday 17 June** the PTA have requested that the children bring in a donation of £1.00. This will be used to purchase strawberries and scones for the Summer Fayre. We are asking for donations as last year we had so much wastage. Thank you for your support.



Non School Uniform Day - Jarbola

On **Friday 1 July** the PTA have requested that the children bring in a pre-filled jar. This can be anything from sweets, hair bobbles, please look at our recent tweet for ideas! If you require a jar to fill please contact the school office.



Non School Uniform Day - Bottle of Wine in a Bag

On **Friday 8 July** the PTA have requested that the children bring in a bottle of wine (one per family) in a gift bag for our Summer Fayre.



Appeal for Gazebos

We are appealing for gazebos to use at our Summer Fair. Please contact the school office if you can help, Thank you for your support.



Appeal for help

The PTA are asking for volunteers to help at the Summer Fayre. If you can spare a bit of time please speak to Alyson Pratt, Zoe O'Toole, Caroline Wall or come to the school office.

School Closed

A reminder that school will be closed to pupils on **Thursday 23 June** due to European Referendum. Thank you.



EYFS Graduation Photographs

Graduation photographs were sent home with EYFS children this week. Please return orders to school office no later than **Friday 24 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 Year 3 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 and Year 5.



Recommendations: EYFS: Harry W, Ellen T Year 1: Keela K, Lily H Year 2: Christie W, Darren A Year 3: Ava A, Nathan G Year 4: Luke S, Charlie B-H Year 5: Jake Wol, Jessica P Year 6: Aiden G-W, Ciaran F.

Lunchtime Award: Thomas B (Y2).

Class of the Week: Year 6.

Sports Award: Tag Rugby Team, Year 6 Boys Football Team, Whole of Year 4, Alice H, Olivia S (Y6).

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 being "Learned and 'Wise'". 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 week's winners are: **Miss Crowley:** Henry H **Miss Stevens:** Jake M-B (Y2) **Mr Hunt:** Lewis P, Matthew M, Caitlin M (Y6) **Mr Mayor:** Oliver B, Johnny G **Mr Howell:** All of Year 4 **Mr Rowlands:** Chris S **Miss Cross:** EYFS Class, Olivia S, Andrea T, Nina R, Michael B, Caitlin M, Vanessa A, Ryan B, Sam K, George L-F, Aoife O'C (Y6).



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

Scarlett T (Y2), Frank W, Johnny G (Y3), Matilda C, Michael McG (Y5).



Dates for your diary - June 2016

Saturday 11 June	12.00pm	First Holy Communion
Monday 13 June	3.00pm - 6.00pm	Athletics Competition at Alexander Stadium KS2
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
Wednesday 22 June	9.00am-10.00am	Mission Week - Parent Workshop (Years 3 & 4)
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	6.00pm	Rotary Awards Evening
Tuesday 28 June	9.00am-10.00am	Mission Week - Parent Workshop (Early Years)
Tuesday 28 June	2.15pm-3.15pm	Mission Week - Parent Workshop (Years 1 & 2)
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
Tuesday 5 July	9.00am	EYFS Class Assembly
Wednesday 6 July	9.00am - 10.00am	Mission Week - Parent Workshop (Years 5 & 6)
Monday 11 July		HSBC in School
Friday 8 July	1.30pm	Sports Day/Summer BBQ
Tuesday 12 July	6.00pm	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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Miss T Cotter
Principal

"Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration."

(Mother Teresa)



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