

Newsletter No 36

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 1 July 2016



Mission Week

This week we have run an Academy Mission Week with the theme 'As One.' The week was launched in great fashion when on Monday we welcomed Dan Callow to lead our retreat day. The children all enjoyed learning new hymns and completing the activities. We also welcomed the Chaplaincy team from Bishop Walsh who led some activities with KS1. The Mission Week will conclude this afternoon with closing liturgies across the Academy. You can see different events from the week on our Twitter page.

Parent Workshops

Thank you to the parents who attended the Prayer Workshops last week and on Tuesday this week. We hope to welcome many Year 5 and 6 Parents next Wednesday 6 July (9am-10am) for their workshop.

Whole Academy Mass at Bishop Walsh

Wednesday was an incredible day, with all four Academy schools sharing Mass together concelebrated by Fr Vesey (Director of Diocesan Education Service), Fr Neil, Fr Gabby Maguire (Dean of Birmingham North), Fr Michael, Fr Allen and Deacon Daniel.



Despite the difficult weather conditions, our children were a credit to you and to Holy Cross School; the servers, readers and musicians were excellent as was the behaviour, reverence and enthusiasm of the children sitting in the congregation.

Many compliments were received from coach drivers, directors of the Academy and staff from other schools about the behaviour and contribution of our children during the day; we all felt very proud - thank you children!



Mass: Year 4 will lead our *Mass in school* on **Thursday 7 July**. Everyone is welcome.



Chance to Shine Cricket

Year 5 had a fantastic day they all played brilliantly and showed great team work! They were awarded the 'Sports Award' and received a recommendation! Members of the public commented on the excellent behaviour and manners shown by our children. Well done Year 5!



Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery

On Tuesday 28th June Year 4 went to the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery to learn about the Ancient Greeks. We started with Greek Myths and Legends and the children were able to dress up and act out different plays including King Midas and Pandora's Box and were fortunate to be able to touch some of the Ancient Greek artefacts and learn more about them.



Rotary Awards

Congratulations to Vanessa A, Shannon B, Ruby H, Ashlee H, Alice H, Elizabeth H, Sam K, George L-F, Milly L, Ellie-Jo L, Joseph L, Millie L, Sadie McK, Aoife O'C, Lewis P, Nina R, Olivia S, Rhea T and Andrea T who took part in the Rotary Awards. Their hard work and commitment was celebrated at a lovely presentation evening on Tuesday at Sutton Coldfield Town Hall. Well done to all the children and a big thank you to Mrs Jupp who works so hard in supporting the children to achieve this award.



Football Presentation

This was a lovely evening the children's behaviour was exemplary, thank you for your support.



Year 6 Leavers' Party

Tonight is the leavers' party, a time for year 6 and their families to enjoy a final celebration together. I am sure that it will be a great night.



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.



Plastic Drinking Bottles

As requested by parents, when we return to school in the Autumn term, children are to bring their own water bottles in every day; the school will no longer provide plastic drinking bottles for children. Please send your child with a drink of water in a transparent plastic non spill bottle; cans or glass bottles are not allowed for safety reasons. Thank you.



Tuesday 5 July

To confirm school will be open as normal on Tuesday 5 July as our teachers will not be taking part in the industrial action. Thank you.



Early Years Assembly

On Tuesday 5 July our Early Years class will be presenting their assembly about 'The Outdoors'. They have been rehearsing really hard and they look fantastic! Please come along and support our children.



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 is 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.



Summer Fayre Volunteers Friday 8 July 2016

The PTA would like to offer the pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 the opportunity to help the PTA by running some of the game stalls at the summer fayre on Friday 8 July 2016. If your child is available to help out for 45 minutes at the summer fayre from 3.20pm-4.05pm or 4.05pm-4.50pm please contact the school office. Thank you for your support.



Sports Day Friday 8 July

Sports Day will be on Friday 8 July starting at 1.30pm this is a lovely afternoon. Please come along and support our children, all welcome!



Summer Family BBQ Friday 8 July 3.20pm to 5.30pm

This will be a fantastic event to celebrate the end of term and start of Summer. There will be a licenced bar available! So please leave your car at home, bring your picnic rug, relax and have some fun!



Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets have been sent home with children today for our 'Summer Raffle' this will be drawn on Friday 8 July during the Summer Fayre. There are some fantastic prizes, please contact the school office if you require extra books. Thank you for all your support.



Holy Communion

Year 3 children will bring home their 'group' Holy Communion photograph today. If you wish to place an order please return no later than **Thursday 14 July**. Thank you.



Online Safety Audit

An Online Safety Audit has been sent home with every child today. I would be very grateful if you could complete the form and return it to the school office; please return by **Friday 15 July**. The information you provide will be used at our 'Parent Workshops' in the future. Thank you.



Year 6 Leavers' Production

Our Year 6 Leavers' Production 'Goodbye my Friend' will be on Tuesday 12 July at 6.00pm. The children are rehearsing really hard for this and it looks fantastic!



Year 6 Leavers' Mass

This will be held on Thursday 21 July at 9.15am in school, please come along everyone welcome.



Early Years Graduation

Our Early Years children will be celebrating their Graduation on **Friday 22 July at 2.00pm**. Parents are invited to join in this fantastic celebration!



Day for Change

We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated. We managed to raise an incredible £346.22 for UNICEF!



Office Opening Times

From September the school office hours will change. Monday to Thursday 8.30am - 4.30pm Friday 8.30am - 3.45pm. Thank you.



Talk PANTS

At Holy Cross we teach the recommended underwear rule by the NSPCC. Please log onto our website, Parents' Information, Safeguarding and Online Safety. This will give you further details.



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 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 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.



Recommendations: **EYFS:** Charlie G **Year 1:** Ella P all of EYFS class **Year 2** Orlaith F, Mia B, Francesca L, all of Year 1 class **Year 3:** James D, Sam W **Year 4:** All of Year 4 class **Year 5:** Charlie S (Y4), all of year 5 class **Year 6:** Regine W (Y4), Trinity H (Y5).

Lunchtime Award: Jessica T (Y5).

Class of the Week: Year 1.

Sports Award: Year 5.



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 Lovelock/Miss Crowley:** Year 4 **Miss Stevens:** Ellie M-B (EYFS) **Mr Hunt:** Isla H **Mr Mayor:** Leilagh K **Mr Howell:** Madeline L, Matthew N-C **Mr Rowlands:** Michael McG **Miss Cross:** James N-C (Y3), Nina R, Joe S.



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



Salvio J, Charlie G (EYFS), Olivia F (Y2), Niamh S, Charlie S (Y4), Emily E, (Y5).

Dates for your diary - July 2016		
Friday 1 July	2.30pm	Closing Liturgy in school all welcome
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)
Friday 8 July	1.30pm - 5.30pm	Sports Day/Summer BBQ
Monday 11 July	All day	Year 3 trip to Chedworth Roman Villa
Tuesday 12 July	6.00pm	Year 6 Leavers' Production 'Good-Bye My Friend'
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	2.00pm	Early Years Graduation parents welcome
Friday 22 July	3.20pm	Break up for Summer!

***Other dates available on website**

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely

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