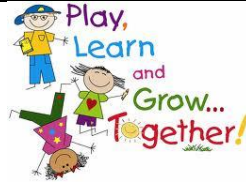


Newsletter No 2

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 16 September 2016



Another busy week! This week we welcomed our second group of children into Early Years and on Thursday all 30 children were in school for the first time. They have all had a happy week which has been lovely to see.



Our Year 4 children looked fantastic on Tuesday in all their Roald Dahl costumes they had a great day. Thank you.



Mass: Year 6 will lead our Mass in school on Thursday 22 September. Everyone is welcome.



Letters emailed to parents this week:

EYFS: Children visit to Church

Please contact office if you have not received copy



Dinner Money for this half term

If your child is in KS2 and has a school dinner the deadline for payment is today. Please make payment through ParentPay, thank you.



INSPIRE Workshops

INSPIRE workshops were introduced to offer parents (or other family members) the opportunity to come into school and work with their own child, helping them to learn and gain ideas and support for helping them at home. These workshops always offer practical activities - things for parents and children to do together and hopefully are an enjoyable experience for children and adults alike! You (and your children) commented on how good it was to spend time working together - they liked having mom/dad all to themselves!

Inspire Workshop for Year 5 and Year 6 this will be held on **Tuesday 27 September 9.00am to 10.00am**

Inspire Workshop for Year 3 and Year 4 this will be held on **Tuesday 11 October 9.00am to 10.00am**

One person per family is welcome to come along to support; join in and see the children working.



Grandparents' Lunch

This year we are holding three lunch days (last year's event was so popular!); these are being held on **Tuesday 4 October** (children with surname A-H) **Wednesday 5 October** (children with surname I-N) and **Wednesday 12 October** (children with surname O-Z). A letter has been sent home with children, order and payments are required no later than **Friday 23 September; please note that late orders will not be accepted**, thank you for your support.

Grandparents need to arrive at **11.45am** and **will enter through Key Stage 1 gate**.

We are really excited and looking forward to grandparents coming to our school and enjoying a meal with the children and we know the children are just as excited. As this is a one off event we request payment via cash or cheque. Thank you.



World's Largest Lesson

On Monday 19 September we will be taking part in the worldwide movement to learn about the 17 Global Goals set out by World Leaders by 2022. Each class will be exploring one the Global Goals in more detail and learning about how we can help and support the global goals being achieved. Have a look at this website to discuss it with your children - <http://worldslargestlesson.globalgoals.org/>



Rights Respecting School Award (RRSA)

The next Rights Respecting School Award (RRSA) Steering Group Meeting will be held on Monday 19 September at 2.30p.m in school. This is to discuss the journey so far and the next steps to achieve the Level 1 Award by Christmas. Please do come along to offer your support and any ideas you may have or just to listen! If you would like more information on what it means to become a rights respecting school, please see this website- <http://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/about-the-award/> Hope to see you on 19 September!



EYFS visit to Holy Cross Church

On **Friday 23 September** Early Years will be walking up to Holy Cross and St Francis Church to meet Father Neil and have a tour around the Church. There will be time for the children to ask any questions they may have and learn about how we behave in Mass.

At 2.30p.m we would like to invite parents of EYFS children to come to Holy Cross Church to join their child in a blessing for our new families by Father Neil. This is to celebrate and welcome our new families to Holy Cross Catholic Primary School. It will be followed by juice and snacks. Children will then be dismissed from church at 3.10 p.m. Any parent, who cannot attend, should collect their child from church at **3.10pm** (the time is given to allow parents time to collect siblings). A letter has been sent home with children in EYFS; please contact the office if you require a copy.



Nasal Flu Vaccination

Letters have been sent home with **Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3** from Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Trust. Parents are required to read and sign the relevant forms. Please return the completed forms to the school office no later than **Friday 23 September**. Thank you.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Year 6 invite you to come along to the Macmillan Coffee morning that they are organising on Friday 30 September 9.00am to 10.15am. Please try to support them so we can raise lots of money for this very worthwhile charity. We have also invited our neighbours, residents from The Oaks Residential Home and members from St Vincent de Paul Society.



Request for cakes

We would be very grateful for any donations of cakes home-made or shop bought to sell at the coffee morning; these can be sent into school on Wednesday 28, Thursday 29 or the morning of Friday 30 September. Thank you in mouth-watering anticipation!



There will be an award for 'Head Baker'.

Children can bring in money on Friday 25 September to enable them to purchase cakes after the coffee morning.



Sacrament Of Confirmation

Parents who have children in Year 6 who wish their child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in February 2017 **must** register their child at a meeting in church on **Thursday 6 October at 6.00pm**. Any parents unable to attend this meeting are to contact Father Neil. 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.



Absence Request Form (In exceptional circumstances only)

Parents seeking permission to take children out of school must complete an 'Absence Request' form. These are available from the school office or on our website under Parent Information/letters. Thank you.



Post Box

We have a post box in the reception area by the school office; access to this is available outside of the normal school office hours. This can be used for any correspondence or messages for the school. Please ensure that all envelopes are clearly labelled. Thank you.



School Kitchen

Please see prices of items available for children from the kitchen at break time:

Milkshakes: 60p, toast: 20p, juice: 35p and bottled water: 35p.

If you wish your child to have items please send money in with them each day.



Plastic Drinking Bottles

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 (clearly labelled with child's name); cans or glass bottles are not allowed for safety reasons. Children are encouraged to drink water throughout the day and during PE lessons. Children can refill their bottles when needed. Please do not be alarmed if your child comes home with a full bottle of water it means that they have refilled it. Thank you.



Holy Cross Long Term Plan 2016-17

The long term plan has been updated for this academic year to reflect the topics your child will be learning about. Please see the LTP by following this website link - <http://www.holycross-sch.net/page/?title=Curriculum+Information&pid=24>

In response to the parent focus group, school trips are being planned well in advance to support parents planning payments.



Curriculum update

Please visit your child's class page on the website to see what topic they are learning about this term. The Mathematics page has also been updated to show you what objectives are being in each year group this term, follow this link to see- <http://www.holycross-sch.net/page/default.asp?pid=80>



School Nurse

We now have a new School Nurse. She will visit our school every two weeks. Her contact details are;
Ms Liz Rouse

bchnt.suttoncottagesnteam@nhs.net (0121) 465-5457

School nurse team provide help and support for many issues including emotional health, weight management and behaviour issues. If you would like to speak to the school nurse about any concerns, you can contact her directly or contact the school office to arrange an appointment for you.

As part of our Attendance Policy, children with low attendance due to health related reasons can be referred to the school nurse for further advice and support. I will discuss with individual families as appropriate.



Reception Intake - September 2017

In October 2016, the local authority will write to parents/carers of children who are on roll at a community or private nursery advising them of how to apply for a Reception Class place for September 2017. To view a copy of the Parents' Information Booklet go online at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions by **4 December 2016**. The Local Authority will accept applications until the national closing date of **15 January 2017**. 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.

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



This week the Attendance Award was won by EYFS, Year 3 and Year 6 with 100%!

The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.

Recommendations: Year 1: Oskar C, Sienna M Year 2: Aaron H, Sebastian H Year 3: Darren A, Eloise H Year 4: Isabel W, Ava A, Imogen A Year 5: Marcus P-W, Keane S, Luke S Year 6: Jake Woot, Thomas T, Iona T.

Lunchtime Award: Milly B.

Class of the week: 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 'Curious and Active'. 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 Stevens:** Henry H **Mr Hunt:** Maria J (Y1) **Mr Mayor:** Eliza S
Miss Lovelock/Miss Crowley: Orlaith G **Mr Rowlands:** Madeline L, Francis C **Miss Cross:** Pierce B, Emily E.



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
Florence H, Jack W, James W (EYFS), Joseph M (Y2), Eva D (Y2), Nhea R (Y6).

Dates for your diary - September 2016		
Monday 19 September	All day	World's Largest Lesson
Monday 19 September	2.30pm-3.20pm	Rights Respecting School Award (RRSA) Steering Group Meeting
Thursday 22 September		School nurse to see Year 6 children
Friday 23 September	3.30pm	Football Match vs Maney Hill (away)
Tuesday 27 September	9.00am -10.00am	Inspire Workshops Year 5 and Year 6
Friday 30 September	9.00am-10.15am	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Friday 30 September	3.30pm	Football Match vs St Joseph's (home)
Dates for your diary - October 2016		
Tuesday 4 October	9.00am - 10.00am	Year 2 assembly
Tuesday 4 October	11.45am	Grandparents Lunch (Children with surnames A-H)
Tuesday 4 October	1.30pm-5.00pm	Shakespeare Cast Workshop
Wednesday 5 October	11.45am	Grandparents Lunch (Children with surname I-N)
Thursday 6 October	6.00pm	Confirmation meeting in Church for Year 6 parents
Tuesday 11 October	9.00am -10.00am	Inspire Workshops Year 3 and Year 4
Wednesday 12 October	11.45am	Grandparents Lunch (Children with surnames O-Z)
Wednesday 12 October to Friday 15 October		Year 6 visit to Alton Castle
Thursday 13 October	All day	Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 to receive Nasal Flu Vaccination
Tuesday 18 October	9.00am - 10.00am	Year 4 assembly
Tuesday 18 October	1.30pm-3.20pm	Get Your Grown Ups Growing
Wednesday 19 October	3.30pm - 7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday 20 October	3.30pm - 6.00pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 21 October	All Day	School closed Inset Day

****Other dates available on website***

Have a lovely weekend

Yours sincerely

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