

### Newsletter No 3

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 23 September 2016



We are certainly back in the swing of school life! Our new Early Years class has settled in very well (as has Miss Stewart!) to their new school routine. We welcomed Mr Pearson (Headteacher of Walmley Junior School) for a visit this week and he did comment on how settled Early Years were in their new environment! I am pleased to say that all the children have returned with a positive attitude and a love of learning which is great to see. We are running a variety of after school clubs this year and look forward to seeing a large number of children taking advantage of these opportunities.



**Mass: Year 3** will lead our Mass in school on **Thursday 29 September**. Everyone is welcome.

### Cross Country

The cross country team performed their best against many schools from across Sutton. The children gave 100% throughout the 1 mile course and we are very proud of them. Well done to Michael and Amy who became our highest ever finishers in this competition.



### Letters emailed to parents this week:

All of KS2: Gaelic Football

**Please contact office if you have not received copy**



### Football Dates

**Please see the following dates for your diary:**

23.09.16-Maney Hill vs Holy Cross - away

30.09.16-St Joseph's vs Holy Cross - home

05.10.16- Shrubbery vs Holy Cross- away



**Please note** that all the team are expected to attend every training session please inform Mr Hunt or Miss Crowley for any apologies.

### 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.





### 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 30 September to enable them to purchase cakes after the coffee morning. Remaining cakes will be sold outside at the end of the school day.



### 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.

### Harvest Mass

Our Harvest Mass this year is on **Thursday 20 October 9:15am**. This is a lovely occasion when we thank God for the gift of food. As in previous years, we want to provide offerings for our local community in need. Therefore we are asking for shoe boxes to be sent into school to be decorated ready to make our lovely food hampers. In order to make the hampers, we would ask for the following donations from each family:



#### Shoe Boxes - Week beg 26 September

Tinned food - Week beg Monday 3 October one tin per child.

Packets of food (rice, pasta, biscuits etc.) - Week beg Monday 10 October one per child

Fresh fruit and vegetables by Wednesday 19 October.

Thank you in anticipation!



### PTA

Thank you to those who attended the first PTA meeting on Wednesday 14 September. There are lots of plans for the coming year both to bring our school family together and to raise money for the children.

We have a small, very hardworking group of people who really need your help.

Successful PTAs are those where tasks and events are organised and supported by a group of people; with the workload shared. With the hectic lives we all lead, organisations cannot be run by a few people. If our PTA is to support our school and help our children, we must all try to support it in any way we can. I ask you all to consider if and how you can help this year; not necessarily on the committee but supporting particular events. They are very keen to welcome new members!

The PTA will be seeking volunteers to assist running the events this year so I do hope that you will give them your support. Thank you.

The next PTA meeting is on **Wednesday 9 November at 7.30pm** - all welcome!



### Open Day Tuesday 8 November

We are having two open sessions for prospective parents who have children due to start in the Early Years Reception class in September 2017. These will be on Tuesday 8 November 9.15am - 10.15am and 2.30pm - 3.20pm. If you know of any Catholic families who are in this position please let them know. We are looking forward to meeting you all.



### Supplementary Forms

Supplementary Forms available now from school office for children who wish to start our Early Years Class in September 2017. These forms need to be signed by Fr Neil; please see him about this when you go to Mass. The deadline for these to be returned to the school office is **Friday 20 January 2017**.



### 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](http://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 and Year 4 with 99.63%!

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

**Recommendations:** Year 1: Annie E, Daniel B Year 2: Kieron McC Year 3: Dylan G, Fraser C Year 4: James M Year 5: Stephene A, Isobel H Year 6: Matilda C, Jessica T.

**Lunchtime Award:** Daniel S (Y2).

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

**Sports Award:** Michael McG (Y6), Amy M (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 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:** Harry W **Mr Hunt:** Calum McC **Mr Mayor:** Eliza S  
**Mr Rowlands:** Charlie B **Miss Cross:** Milly B, Jacob D.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:  
Elijah C-B, Gabriella L (EYFS), Eva P (Y5).

Dates for your diary - September 2016		
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)
<b>Wednesday 5 October</b>	<b>3.30pm</b>	<b>Football match vs Shrubbery (away)</b>
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
<b>Tuesday 11 October</b>	<b>4.00pm-6.00pm</b>	<b>Cross country at Bishop Vesey</b>
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
<b>Monday 17 October</b>	<b>4.00pm-6.00pm</b>	<b>Tag rugby competition</b>
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
<b>Monday 31 October</b>	<b>8.50am</b>	<b>Return to school</b>

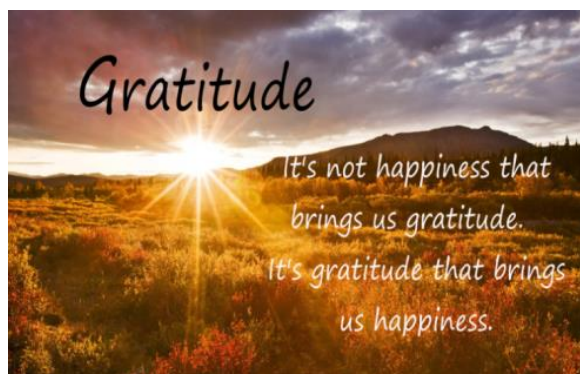
Dates for your diary - November 2016		
Wednesday 2 November	9.00am	Bags2School
Thursday 3 November	7.00pm-10.00pm	Shakespeare Performance The Old Rep
Monday 7 November - Friday 11 November	All week	Kindness Week
Tuesday 8 November	9.15am-10.15am 2.30pm-3.20pm	Open day sessions for prospective parents for EYFS September 2017
Tuesday 8 November	4.00pm-6.00pm	Multi Skills
Wednesday 9 November	7.30pm-8.30pm	PTA Meeting
Thursday 10 November	7.00pm-8.00pm	First Holy Communion meeting for Year 3 parents
Tuesday 15 November	9.00am-10.00am	Year 1 and Year 2 Inspire Workshop
Wednesday 16 November	3.20pm-5.00pm	PTA Film Night
Friday 18 November	All day	Takeover Day
Tuesday 22 November	9.00am-10.00am	Year 3 Assembly
Dates for your diary - December 2017		
Friday 2 December	3.20pm-5.20pm	PTA Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 7 December	4.00pm-6.00pm	Indoor Athletics
Wednesday 14 December	9.15am-10.15am	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Production
Thursday 15 December	3.20pm-4.30pm	PTA Christmas Disco
Tuesday 20 December	1.45pm-3.30pm	Wizard of Oz Pantomime in school

*\*Other dates available on website*

Have a lovely weekend  
Yours sincerely

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