



Newsletter No 4

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 30 September 2016



October is the month of the Rosary and a month when we remember Mary, the mother of Jesus. During this month the children will be saying the Rosary in their classes and I do ask that you can try to find time to say the Rosary and to pray to Mary as a family.



October is also 'Black History Month' and the children will be discussing the lives and beliefs of very influential black people from present and past times.

Thank you to all those Y5 and Y6 parents who attended the INSPIRE Workshop on Tuesday; it was a great turnout. I hope who all enjoyed practising your spelling skills!!!



Thank you to all family and friends who attending our Macmillan Coffee Morning today. We will let you know next week how much money was raised.

Letters emailed to parents this week:

Year 6: Weekly reading log letter

Please contact office if you have not received copy



Mass: Year 4 will lead our Mass in Church on **Thursday 6 October**. Everyone is welcome.

Children in EYFS

Children in EYFS will not be attending Mass at Church on Thursday 6 October due to them settling into school life. Please arrive at school start of normal school day. Thank you.



Grandparents' Lunch

Our first Grandparents' Lunch is being held on **Tuesday 4 October** (children with surname A-H)

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

Our other lunch dates are **Wednesday 5 October** (children with surname I-N) and **Wednesday 12 October** (children with surname O-Z).

We look forward to meeting our special visitors on these days.



Shakespeare Cast Workshop

On **Tuesday 4 October** the Shakespeare cast will be going to the Old Rep Theatre for their cast workshop. Children are required to arrive at school at normal time. The children will need to bring a packed lunch including a snack for break time and wear their school uniform. We will be taking the children on public transport. The children will return to school at approximately 5.15pm, please collect your child from school. Thank you.



Class Assembly

On **Tuesday 6 October at 9.15am** our Year 2 class will be performing their assembly about 'The Great Fire of London'. They have been working hard in preparation so I hope you will be able to attend. Thank you.



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.



Parent/Teacher Consultations

A letter has been sent home today with your child regarding Parent/Teacher Consultations. Please complete the proforma and return to the class teacher no later than **Monday 10 October**. Thank you.



Home-School Agreement

Every child (not EYFS) has been given 'Home-School Agreement' today to bring home. Please read with your child, sign and return by **Monday 10 October**. If you have not received a copy please contact the school office. Thank you for your support.



HSBC Bank

A member of the HSBC Bank visits our school every other week. We try to encourage our KS2 children to open and be responsible for their own bank account and manage their money. Please see dates below when the bank will be open: **Monday 10 October**, Monday 31 October, Monday 14 November and Monday 28 November and Monday 12 December.



Eye Tests for EYFS

Letters were sent home with our EYFS children on Wednesday. The Orthoptist will be visiting our EYFS children on **Tuesday 11 October** to undertake a screening eye test. Only return the form to school if you **do not** want your child to be tested. Thank you.



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.



Get Your Grown-ups Growing'

This will take place on **Tuesday 18 October at 1.30pm** - Planting Bulbs for the new academic year. This is a **non-uniform day- your child can bring in £1** for a donation towards gardening equipment or they can bring a donation in for the GYGG event e.g. soil, bulbs, soil sacks, gardening equipment. If your child would like to bring their own gardening equipment in for this event then please make sure it is clearly labelled. Please ensure your child is wearing clothes that they don't mind getting dirty and appropriate footwear and coat as it will still go ahead if it rains!



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:

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!



Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust-Application for School Clothing Grant 2016

We have application forms for school clothing grants; if you think you are eligible for a grant please contact the school office. The forms need to be returned no later than **Wednesday 30 November**.



Holy Communion

A reminder that the Sacrament of First Holy Communion Masses for our Year 3 children will be held on **Saturday 10 June** and **Saturday 17 June**. The Corpus Christie Procession will be on **Thursday 22 June**. Father Neil will confirm at a later date how the class will be split for each Saturday. Thank you



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 only** please do not provide juice. Thank you.

Football Match

It was a nail biting match last Friday at Maney Hill School. In the first half we were winning by 2-0 but their team came on after half term a little bit stronger and tucked in 2 goals, finishing with a 2-2 draw! An excellent result for our first fixture of the year!



ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMORROW



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 Year 5 with 100%!

The Punctuality Award for the week: EYFS and Year 2.

Recommendations: Year 1: Alex S, Salvio J Year 2: Eden H Year 3: Thomas B, Jake M-B Year 4: Erin P, Ben B Year 5: James R, Jack H Year 6: Jack McI, Jessica P.

Lunchtime Award: Year 4.

Class of the week: Olivia A (Y2).

Sports Award: Qai'Rou M, Ben L, Pierce B (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 '**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:** Anaha P **Mr Hunt:** Daniel S **Mr Mayor:** Ryan K **Miss Lovelock/Miss Crowley:** Frank W **Mr Rowlands:** Qau'Rou M **Miss Cross:** Orley G (Y4), Jake Woo.



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

Ollie L, Aidan J (EYFS), Alicia I (Y3), Erin P (Y4), Kyle W (Y5), Milly B (Y6).

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)
Wednesday 5 October	3.30pm	Football match vs Shrubbery (away)
Thursday 6 October	6.00pm	Confirmation meeting in Church for Year 6 parents
Monday 10 October	1.00pm	HSBC in school
Tuesday 11 October	9.00am -10.00am	Inspire Workshops Year 3 and Year 4
Tuesday 11 October	9.00am - 12.00pm	EYFS Eye tests
Tuesday 11 October	4.00pm-6.00pm	Cross country at Bishop Vesey
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
Monday 17 October	4.00pm-6.00pm	Tag rugby competition
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
Monday 31 October	1.00pm	HSBC in school
Monday 31 October	8.50am	Return to school
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 Sports
Wednesday 9 November	7.30pm-8.30pm	PTA Meeting
Thursday 10 November	7.00pm-8.00pm	First Holy Communion meeting Year 3 parents in Church Hall
Monday 14 November	1.00pm	HSBC in school
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
Sunday 20 November	10.30am-11.30am	Mass of Commitment
Tuesday 22 November	9.00am-10.00am	Year 3 Assembly
Monday 28 November	1.00pm	HSBC in school
Tuesday 29 November		Academy Photographers Families, siblings & individuals
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
Monday 12 December	1.00pm	HSBC in school
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**

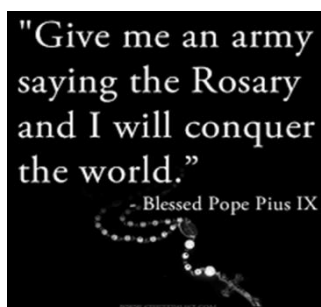
Have a lovely weekend

Yours sincerely

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