

## Newsletter No 6

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 14 October 2016



Year Six, Miss Cross, Miss Crowley, Mrs Cutler and Mr Hunt have enjoyed a lovely and very busy few days at Alton Castle and have not let the colder conditions spoil their fun; I hope you have enjoyed the tweets! Mary Hope (Chair of the Academy Committee), Father Neil and myself visited the children last night to celebrate Mass with them. They have all had a great time! The staff reported that the children's behaviour has been excellent. The staff from Alton Castle are always pleased to see the children from Holy Cross Catholic Primary School - it makes me feel very proud! I know that as parents you will be glad to have them home; get ready for plenty of washing!!



### Health and Safety - Parking

I am afraid that yet again I am asking for your cooperation regarding parking when dropping of or collecting children at the beginning or end of the school day. Parents are parking in clearly marked no stopping zones to drop off/collect children. These areas are marked for a reason; it is not safe to stop in these areas and could result in an accident. The Community Police team are aware of this situation and will be monitoring closely. Please put safety before convenience. Thank you.

### Letters emailed to parents this week:

**Year 2:** Trip to Thinktank

**Year 3:** Trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery

**Year 4:** Forest Schools

**All of KS2:** After School Dance Club

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



**Harvest Mass:** Year 6 will lead our Harvest Mass in school on **Thursday 20 October**. Everyone is welcome. 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:

**Fresh fruit and vegetables by Wednesday 19 October.**

Thank you in anticipation!



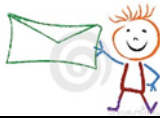
### Grandparents' Lunch

It was lovely to see so many grandparents at our lunch this week and last week. Many of them spoke to me to say how much they enjoyed having the opportunity to come in and share lunch with their grandchildren.

A big thank you to Mrs Watts, the kitchen staff and to all our lunchtime staff for working so hard to ensure it all ran smoothly!

## INSPIRE Workshops Year 3 and Year 4

Thank you to the large number of parents who attended this workshop; we hope you found it both enjoyable and useful.



### Parent/Teacher Consultations - Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20 October

Please contact the school office if you have not got an appointment for the above.



### Year 4 - Class Assembly

On **Tuesday 18 October at 9.15am** our Year 4 class will be performing their assembly about 'Roald Dahl'. Please come along and support our children. Thank you.



### '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!

Year 4 will be doing a litter pick during part of the afternoon.

# ZUMBA

### Zumba Club - EYFS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3

Letters were sent home with children this week. If your child would like to join the Zumba Club please complete and return forms no later than **Wednesday 19 October 2016**. Please note that there are limited places so it is a first come first served basis. Again please note **NO late orders** after this date will be accepted. Thank you for your cooperation.



### Tennis Club - Year 1 and Year 2

Letters were sent home with children in Year 1 and Year 2 this week. If your child would like to join the Tennis Club please complete and return forms no later than **Tuesday 18 October 2016**. Please note that there are limited places so it is a first come first served basis. Please note **NO late orders** after this date will be accepted. Thank you for your cooperation.



### After School Dance Club - KS2

A letter has been emailed to all children in KS2 this week. If your child would like to join the After School Dance Club please log into ParentPay and pay £24.50 no later than **Wednesday 19 October 2016**. Please note that there are limited places so it is a first come first served basis.



### After School Badminton Club - Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

A letter has been sent home with children in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 this week giving details of our new 'Badminton Club'; which will be held on Thursday evenings. If your child would like to join please complete and return form no later than **Wednesday 19 October**. If you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



### Year 4 Forest School

Next half term Year 4 will be taking part in weekly 'Forest school' sessions every Friday afternoon. Children will be required to wear suitable outdoor clothes and footwear. A letter has been emailed home to all parents; please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you for your support.



### Transfer to Secondary School

The closing date for applications to be submitted to the Local Authority for those children transferring to secondary school in September 2017 is **Monday 31 October 2016**.



### Bag 2 School - Bags have been sent home with children.

Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in good quality second hand clothing that can be re-used and we have arranged to make a collection from this school. All bags are weighed and we will be paid by the total weight collected. Remember the more you collect the bigger benefit to our School! They will collect the following items for RE-USE: adults and children's clothing, bedding, soft toys, paired shoes, hats, belts and handbags. **NO BRIC-A-BRAC PLEASE. Extra bags welcome - there is no limit.** If you need spare bags please come to the school office. Bags will be collected on **Wednesday 2 November 2016 by 9.00am**. Please only drop off bags on that morning as the school cannot store overnight. Thank you for your support!



### 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. Please note forms received after this date will not be accepted.**

### 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.



### Year 2 Trip to Birmingham Thinktank.

On **Monday 21 November**, Year 2 are going on a trip to the Birmingham Thinktank. This is in relation to their Science topic of 'Animals and Humans'. Deadline for payment is **Monday 14 November** this is made payable via Parentpay. A letter was emailed to parents on 10 October; please contact the school office if you have not received a copy.

Birmingham  
Museum &  
Art Gallery

### Year 3 Trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery

On **Tuesday 6 December**, Year 3 are going on a trip to the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. This is in relation to their topic of 'Ancient Egyptians'. Deadline for payment is **Monday 21 November** this is made payable via Parentpay. A letter was emailed to parents on 6 October; please contact the school office if you have not received a copy.



The PTA is looking for any local businesses to help support us by donating a bottle of Champagne for our Christmas raffle. We would be grateful if any parent or friend of the school can help provide us with this donation. Please contact the school office if you are able to help. Thank you.

**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:** Year 1, Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.

**Recommendations:** Year 1: Sophie H, Jack W Year 1: Alfie J, Ellie M-B Year 2: Whole class Year 3: Orlaith G, Olivia H Year 4: Ethan L, Malaika W Year 5: William H, Charlie B-H.

**Lunchtime Award:** Erin P (Y4).

**Class of the week:** EYFS.



### 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 Stewart:** Sophia H **Miss Stevens:** Ellen T **Mr Hunt:** Maggie R  
**Mr Mayor:** Mia B **Mr Rowlands:** Eva P.

## Happy Birthday!

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

Gracie D (Y1), Liam B, Logan McC, Harry K (Y2), Nathan G (Y4), Marcus P-W (Y5).

### Dates for your diary - October 2016

Monday 17 October	4.00pm-6.00pm	Tag rugby competition
Tuesday 18 October	9.15am - 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	8.50am	Return to school
Monday 31 October	1.00pm	HSBC in 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
<b>Thursday 10 November</b>	<b>6.00pm-7.00pm</b> <b>Please note</b> <b>change of time</b>	<b>First Holy Communion meeting Year 3 parents in Church Hall</b>
Friday 11 November	All day	Takeover Day (Please note change of day)
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	Children in Need Day
Sunday 20 November	10.30am-11.30am	Mass of Commitment
Monday 21 November	All day	Year 2 trip to Thinktank Science Museum

Tuesday 22 November	9.15am-10.00am	Year 3 Assembly
Monday 28 November	1.00pm	HSBC in school
Tuesday 29 November		Academy Photographers Families, siblings & individuals
Wednesday 30 November	All day	Non school uniform day - wear blue for St Andrew's Day
<b>Dates for your diary - December 2017</b>		
Friday 2 December	3.20pm-5.20pm	PTA Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 6 December	All day	Year 3 trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery
Wednesday 7 December	4.00pm-6.00pm	Indoor Athletics
Monday 12 December	1.00pm	HSBC in school
Wednesday 14 December	9.00am refreshments start 9.15am	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Production
<b>Wednesday 14 December</b>	<b>1.30pm-2.30pm</b>	<b>The Choir singing at The Oaks Residential Home</b>
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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