

Newsletter No 8

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 11 November 2016

TAKEOVER DAY

What an amazing day I've had! I was so lucky to be successful and be appointed as Principal of Holy Cross Catholic Primary School. It was weird to be called by my second name rather than my first name as my classmates normally call me Chris. All of Year 6 has been working hard, doing their roles correctly. I am also grateful to all the staff for allowing us to have the opportunity of teaching the other years, running the office and being the Vice Principals and of course, the Principal of the school. Thank you for all your support!

Master Simon

I would like to reinforce what my fellow Principal has written. The children have been amazing today; they have put a lot of thought and preparation into their specific roles and really embraced the theme. To all Year 6 parents - you should be very proud of your children; they were FANTASTIC! You can see what they got up to today by looking at Twitter.

Miss Cotter



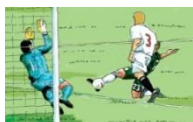
Mass: Year 5 will lead our Mass in school on Thursday 11 November.

Letters emailed to parents this week:

Year 1 and Year 2: Ukulele lessons

Year 6: Visit to St Chad's Cathedral

Please contact office if you have not received a copy



Football Match

Last week we battled well against St. Nicholas but unfortunately we lost 6-1. The team worked hard throughout the game, battling to a 1-1 draw at half time, but then their experience took control. We are now out of the Sutton Cup but do have an upcoming match against Guardian Angels to make progress in the Catholic Cup.



Multi Skills Competition

On Tuesday 8 November, a team from Years 3 and 4, competed in the Sutton Schools Multi Skills competition. The team did really well and performed to the best of their ability. Their behaviour was excellent throughout which was commented on by the organisers. We eventually finished a very credible 6th place - well done to all those who took part.



Ukulele Lessons

We have some places available to provide children in Years 1 and 2 with the opportunity to participate in group music tuition for ukulele. This is an excellent opportunity for your child to learn a new skill. This service is provided by a qualified music teacher; Mr Fekete (supplied by Services to Education). The lessons take place in small groups, once a week, on a Friday during the school day. A letter has been emailed to parents but if you require a hard copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Free School Meals

If you think that you may be entitled to Free School Meals please contact the school office for an application form. Thank you.



Poppy Appeal

Thank you for all donations; we will let you know how much money we raised at a later date. Thank you.



First Holy Communion Meeting

Thank you to all parents that attended. Those parents, who did not attend, need to contact Fr Neil to confirm that they do wish their children to receive the Sacraments of First Confession and First Holy Communion.



HSBC Bank

A member of the HSBC Bank will visit our school on **Monday 14 November**. We try to encourage our KS2 children to open and be responsible for their own bank account and manage their money.



INSPIRE WORKSHOPS

Inspire Workshop for Year 1 and Year 2

This will be held on **Tuesday 15 November 9am to 10am** - one person per family is welcome to come along to support; join in and see the children working.



Christmas Fayre on Friday 2 December from 3.20pm to 5.20pm

Please put this important date in your diary.

To support the our Christmas Fayre please note the following dates will be **non-uniform days** and each child is asked to bring in the following items on those days:

Wednesday 16 November - Bottle Tombola Donation, any bottles from ketchup to bubbly!

Friday 25 November - Chocolate [Boxes, bars or whatever you have, all in date, thank you] Tombola donation

Friday 2 December - Yule logs from KS1 and Mince pies or homemade cakes from KS2.

Thank you once again for your support it is appreciated.

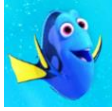


Volunteers

Calling any volunteers! Please come and help out at our Christmas Fayre, we would be extremely grateful, even half an hour to help with washing up would be gratefully appreciated. Please contact the school office and leave your details. Thank you for your support.



The PTA Christmas Fayre is on Friday 2 December. We are looking for new and interesting stalls. Tables are £10.00 to rent. If you are interested in running a stall please leave your contact details at the school office. Thank you.



PTA Film Night - Finding Dory

The PTA is holding a film night after school on **Wednesday 16 November**. This will start at 3.20pm and finish at **5.30pm**. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to enjoy some Christmas shopping, knowing their children are being entertained. Popcorn and drinks are included in the price of £2.50 per child. Forms were sent home with children on Wednesday; if you have not received a copy please contact the school office. Forms need to be returned no later than **Monday 14 November**. Thank you.



Children in Need 2016



This year's theme is 'Spots' and therefore we are asking children to come to school on **Friday 18 November** dressed in spots, spots on their faces, spots in their hair or anything spotty that you can think of; and **pay £1** to support children and young people who are in need. Thank you for your support.



Traditional Christmas Wreaths

An order form was sent home with children last week for traditional Christmas wreaths, £6.00. If you would like to place an order please return slip to the school office no later than **Friday 18 November**. These will be available to collect at the Christmas Fayre. Thank you.



Mass of Commitment for Year 3 and Year 6

The Mass of Commitment for those children who will be receiving the Sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation will be held on **Sunday 20 November at 10.30am in Church**.

This is a very important part of Sacramental preparation and it is expected that all children shall attend.

Thank you for your support.



Year 2 Trip to Birmingham Thinktank.

On **Monday 21 November**, Year 2 is 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**; payment should be made via Parentpay. A letter was emailed to parents on 10 October; please contact the school office if you have not received a copy.

Year 3 Trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery

On **Tuesday 6 December**, Year 3 is 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**; payment is made via Parentpay. A letter was emailed to parents on 6 October; please contact the school office if you have not received a copy.



School Choir

Our school choir will be singing at the following events:

Monday 12 December at 1.30pm, OAP Parish Christmas Lunch at the Church Hall.

Wednesday 14 December, 1.30pm at The Oaks (residential home).

Saturday 17 December at 9.45am, House of Fraser in Sutton Coldfield - parents are welcome to watch.

These are lovely opportunities for the children to perform to a variety of audiences and show the rewards of their hard work. I look forward to a high participation at all these events.



Year 6 Trip to St Chad's Cathedral

On **Tuesday 10 January**, Year 6 are going on a trip to St Chad's Cathedral. Deadline for payment is **Monday 12 December** this is made payable via Parentpay. A letter was emailed to parents on 8 November; please contact the school office if you have not received a copy.



Multi-Sport and Activity Camp

Bishop Walsh sports providers, MicroSports, is planning to run a special 'Multi-Sport and Activity Camp' over the Christmas holidays. This is due to take place in the first week of January 2017.

MicroSports is based all year at Bishop Walsh Catholic School. MicroSports coaches and staff/manage the schools excellent sports facilities. A letter has been sent home with children giving more details; please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you.



Attendance - Our school strives for 100% attendance.

Did you know...? Government legislation states that 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 99.63%!

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

Recommendations: EYFS: James W, Jessie F Year 1: Christopher K, Sienna M, Ruth H Year 2: Eden H Year 3: Alicia I, Finbarr McG Year 4: Leilagh K, Sam S Year 5: Madeline L, Uday P, Charlie S Year 6: Pierce B.
Lunchtime Award: Harry M (Y3).
Class of the week: Year 5.
Sports Award: Multi Skills Team.

Kindness Week Writing Award: EYFS: Ronan L, Gabriella L Year 1: Ruth H, Gracie D Year 2: Niamh C, Aaron H Year 3: Caitlin L, Mia B Year 4: Imogen A, Isabel W Year 5: Madeline L, Marcus P-W Year 6: Nhea R, Jacob D.



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 '**Intentional and Prophetic**'. 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:** Caitlin McG **Miss Stevens:** Oskar C **Mr Hunt:** Daniel S **Mr Mayor:** Ricky M (Y6) **Miss Crowley:** Jake Woo (Y6) **Mr Rowlands:** Jack McK **Miss Cross:** Clark T (Y6).



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
 Connor T (EYFS), Joseph K (Y2), Jack H, Ben O'T (Y5), Jake Wol (Y6).

Dates for your diary - November 2016		
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	All day	Non school uniform - children to bring in bottle
Wednesday 16 November	3.20pm-5.30pm	PTA Film Night
Friday 18 November	All day	Children in Need Day - theme this year will be 'Spots'
Sunday 20 November	10.30am-11.30am	Mass of Commitment for Year 3
Monday 21 November	All day	Year 2 trip to Thinktank Science Museum
Tuesday 22 November	9.15am-10.00am	Year 3 Assembly
Wednesday 23 November	7.30pm	PTA Meeting - Please note new date
Friday 25 November	All day	Non school uniform - children to bring in chocolate
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

Dates for your diary - December 2017		
Friday 2 December	All day	Non school uniform - KS1 Yule logs, KS2 mince pies or homemade cakes
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
Friday 9 December	8.00pm-9.30pm	An Advent & Christmas celebration with Jo Boyce & Friends at Holy Cross & St Francis Church
Monday 12 December	1.00pm	HSBC in school
Monday 12 December	1.30pm	Choir singing at Parish Christmas dinner
Tuesday 13 December	12.00pm	Christmas dinner for children and staff non-school uniform - children can wear Christmas jumpers
Tuesday 13 December	2.15pm refreshments 2.30pm start	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Production
Wednesday 14 December	9.00am refreshments start 9.15am	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Production
Wednesday 14 December	1.30pm-2.30pm	The Choir singing at The Oaks Residential Home
Thursday 15 December	3.20pm-4.30pm	PTA Christmas Disco
Saturday 17 December	9.45am-10.15am	Choir singing at The House of Fraser
Monday 19 December	6.00pm-7.00pm	Advent Service of Nine Lessons and Carols KS2 at Church
Tuesday 20 December	1.45pm-3.30pm	Pantomime company in school - Wizard of Oz
Thursday 22 December	All Day	Toy Day - children to wear full school uniform

***Other dates available on website**

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

C Simon

Master C Simon
Takeover Principal

T Cotter

Miss T Cotter
Principal

*Greater love has no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends.*



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