

Newsletter No 16

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 13 January 2017



Welcome back! The Academy Committee and staff hope that you enjoyed the Christmas break and wish you all a very happy New Year. Yesterday I emailed you to inform you that the report following our Section 8 Ofsted visit in November is now on the website. It can be found in the 'School Information/ Inspections and Standards' section.

The children returned to school looking very smart. As a whole school New Year's resolution (again!), please ensure that **all** items of school uniform are clearly named. It must be very frustrating when new items of clothing are lost and as you can imagine, very difficult for staff to identify any misplaced items.



Hair bows/accessories

Children do look extremely smart in their uniforms however, there seems to be a new trend in hair bows; they have increased in size and in brightness of colour and are clashing with the school uniform. I am sure that these bows really complement children's own clothes but are not suitable for school. Please ensure that all hair bows and accessories are of an appropriate size and colour (preferably red or green/green and white check). Thanks you for your cooperation in this matter.



Mass: Year 4 will lead our Mass in school on Thursday 19 January, all welcome.



Letters emailed to parents this week:

Year 1: Balance Bike Training

Year 6: Trip to Birmingham Back to Back Houses

School Closure in the Event of Adverse Weather

The Premises and Site staff work very hard in ensuring the school site is safe. We always endeavour to keep the school open, but obviously weather can deteriorate rapidly and therefore in the event of adverse weather we have to make decisions on the grounds of the health, safety and wellbeing of all our school community. Decisions will be made and parents notified as early as possible using Twitter, Website and our text group call system. In order for the school to send a text; we must have your current mobile number. Please ensure that you notify the school office of any new mobile numbers so that we can update our records.



Reception Intake - September 2017

In October 2016, the local authority wrote 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. The Local Authority will accept applications until the national closing date of **15 January 2017**. Thank you.



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.*

School Attendance Reports



Attendance letters/reports for children have been sent home yesterday. Please contact the school office if you have not received one, thank you.



Year 1 Trip to Asda

Year 1 had an enjoyable learning experience in Asda on Monday morning. The children had the opportunity of tasting different exotic fruits from passionfruit to persimmon to encourage them to try new healthy fruits! They then had a tour of Asda and even got to see the warehouse! It was a great way to end our topic on Healthy Eating! Well done to all children, you were beautifully behaved.



Year 6 Trip to St Chad's Cathedral

On Tuesday Year 6 had the privilege of visiting St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham city centre. The day was action packed- they explored the crypt, learnt about the history of the Cathedral and participated in midday Mass. They all learnt lots of new and exciting facts about the Cathedral, and were fortunate to have two wonderful guides to show us around. A big well done to all of the children for their excellent behaviour during the day, they were a shining example of our school.



Dinner Money

If your child is in KS2 and has a school dinner the deadline for the payment of **£64.50 is today**. Please make payment through ParentPay. If you have credit showing on your ParentPay account please deduct this from the £64.50 and pay the remaining balance. Thank you.



Balance Bike Training - Year 1

Working in partnership with the Youth Sports Trust and Aspire Sports, Year 1 will be undertaking balance bike training over a 4 week period. These sessions will be during the school day and the children will need to wear their PE kit. Aspire Sports will then provide the rest of the equipment including the bikes and scooters. The children will not need to bring in their own bike and there is no cost requirement for these sessions. The sessions will run on Tuesday 17, 24 January and Tuesday 7 and 14 February 2017, and the children must have their PE kits in school each day. Thank you.



Life Education

On **Wednesday 18 January Years 3, 4, 5 and 6** will take part in 'Drug Education Prevention' in school. Parents are invited in at 3.20pm to attend a 10 minute session held in the hall where there is the opportunity to meet the educator from Life Education and find out a little bit more about what the children had learnt in their session. If you have not sent your reply slip into school please contact school office to confirm attendance, thank you.



PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting will be held in school on **Wednesday 18 January** at 7.30pm. Please come along and join us, all welcome. Thank you.



Music Invoices

Music Invoices have been sent home with children who have music lessons. The deadline for payment is **Wednesday 25 January** via Parent pay. Please pay the amount highlighted in yellow on the invoice. Thank you.



Bishop Walsh production of 'Back to the 80's'

A letter has been sent home with Year 5 children regarding a visit on Tuesday 7 February to Bishop Walsh; to watch their production of 'Back to the 80's'. Please return consent slips no later than **Tuesday 31 January**. Please contact the school office if you have not received a copy, thank you.

Sainsbury's



Active Kids

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We are collecting Sainsbury's vouchers again, please ask your family, neighbours and anybody you know so we can get lots of equipment for our school. Thank you for your support.



Unwanted Gifts and Christmas Jumpers

Our very organised PTA are already planning for next year and have made the following request:

They would like donations of any children's Christmas jumpers/tee-shirts that are no longer wanted or are now too small, to be brought to the school office. This year they are planning to have a Christmas jumper stall at the Christmas Fayre. Also, any unwanted Christmas gifts i.e. toiletry sets, would also be very gratefully received. 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 2 with 100% Well done!

The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 1 and Year 2.

Please see below whole school attendance for Autumn term 2016-2017.

EYFS 97.3%

Year 1 98.4%

Year 2 96.8%

Year 3 98.5%

Year 4 96.6%

Year 5 98.7%

Year 6 96.0%

Overall School Total 97.5%

Recommendations: EYFS: Elijah C-G, Marian A Year 1: Ruth H, Alex E Year 2: Eden H, Heloise C

Year 3: Darren A, Christie W Year 4: Cassandra G, Malaika W Year 5: Christien J, Kyle W, Charlie B-H, Luke S

Year 6: Michael McG, Clark T.

Lunchtime Award: Isabel W (Y5).

Class of the week: Year 6.



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 '**Grateful and Generous**'. 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: Aidan J Miss Stevens: Anaha P Mr Mayor: Dylan G Miss Crowley & Miss Lovelock: Enya B Mr Rowlands: Isabel W Miss Cross: Ben L, Trinity H.**



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

Nathaniel C (Y1), Regine W (Y5), Trinity H, Sam C (Y6).

Dates for your diary - January 2017		
Tuesday 17 January	All day	Year 1 Bikeability
Wednesday 18 January	7.30pm	PTA Meeting
Tuesday 24 January	All day	Year 1 Bikeability
Wednesday 25 January	9.00am-12.00pm	EYFS - School nurse to carry out hearing tests
Tuesday 31 January	9.00am	Academy Photographers in school - groups, teams.
Dates for your diary - February 2017		
Saturday 4 February	tbc	Sutton Schools Swimming Gala at Stechford Cascades
Monday 6 February	3.20pm-4.30pm	PTA Spring disco
Tuesday 7 February	12.30pm-3.00pm	Year 5 at Bishop Walsh to watch production 'Going Back to the Eighties'
Tuesday 7 February	All day	Year 1 Bikeability
Tuesday 7 February	All day	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 9 February	7.00pm	Confirmation - Year 6 children
Tuesday 14 February	All day	Year 1 Bikeability
Wednesday 15 February	All Day	Year 6 trip to Birmingham Back to Back Houses
Wednesday 15 February	9.15am	Year 5 Class assembly
Friday 17 February	3.20pm	Break up for half term
Monday 27 February	8.50am	Return to school
Monday 27 February	All week	Book week
Dates for your Diary - March 2017		
Thursday 2 March	All day	Book day
Thursday 2 March	7.00pm-8.00pm	PTA Bedtime story night
Friday 3 March	3.30pm	Football match away vs Minworth
Tuesday 14 March	3.00pm-4.00pm	First confession for Year 3
Wednesday 16 March	3.00pm-4.00pm	First confession for Year 3
Wednesday 29 March	3.30pm-7.00pm	Parents' evening
Thursday 30 March	3.30pm-6.00pm	Parents' evening
Friday 31 March	7.00pm-8.00pm	PTA Family Bingo night
Dates for your diary - April 2017		
Tuesday 4 April	9.00am refreshments 9.15am start	KS2 Easter Production - all welcome
Friday 7 April		No music lessons

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

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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