



**Newsletter No 17**

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 20 January 2017

Thank you to those parents who attended a briefing from the Life Education team this week. Key Stage Two classes found the class sessions very informative.



**Polite reminder**

We are always committed to letting the children enjoy playtimes outside whenever possible, so as the weather is very changeable at the moment, parents are reminded to ensure that children come to school with an appropriate warm coat. Thank you.



**Mass:** Year 5 will lead our Mass in school on Thursday 26 January, all welcome.

**Music Invoices**

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



**Confirmation**

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A letter has been sent home with Year 6 children requesting information for sponsor cards and Confirmation certificates. Please complete and returned to class teacher no later than **Friday 27 January**. Thank you.



**Confirmation - Serving Refreshments Thursday 9 February**

Volunteers are needed to help serve refreshments to parents and families after the Confirmation Mass. If you can spare some time please give your details to the school office or talk to a PTA member. Your help will be much appreciated - 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.





### School Choir

Letters were sent home this week with the school choir; to sing at our Year 6 Confirmation Mass on Thursday 9 February. This is a very special and important occasion for the school and the parish so I hope that many children will be able to attend to support the Year 6 children.

Please complete and return no later than **Friday 3 February**. If you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



### Cello and Woodwind Lessons

We currently have vacancies for woodwind lessons; we also will have a vacancy for cello lessons after Easter. If your child would like to learn the cello or woodwind instrument please contact the school office for further details. 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 4 with 100% Well done!  
The Punctuality Award for the week: EYFS and Year 4.



**Recommendations:** EYFS: Jack W, Jay M, Elijah C-G, James W Year 1: Christopher K, Ellen T Year 2: Myles O'D, Maggie R Year 3: Orlaith F, Thomas B Year 4: Ben B, Daisy C Year 5: Pablo B, Amy M Year 6: Iona T, Ricky M.

**Lunchtime Award:** Marian A (EYFS).

**Class of the week:** EYFS.

**Sports Award:** Alex H, Phoebe F.



**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:** James W **Miss Stevens:** Cormac K **Mr Hunt:** Eden H **Mr Mayor:** Olivia H **Miss Crowley & Miss Lovelock:** Mollie-Mae H (Y3) **Mr Rowlands:** William H **Miss Cross:** Jessica P, Luke L.



**Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:**  
Heloise H (Y3), Leilagh K (Y4), Luke S (Y5), Thomas T (Y6).

Dates for your diary - January 2017		
Tuesday 24 January	All day	Year 1 Bikebility
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 Bikebility
Tuesday 7 February	All day	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 9 February	7.00pm	Confirmation - Year 6 children
Tuesday 14 February	All day	Year 1 Bikebility
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 vs Minworth (away)
Tuesday 14 March	3.00pm-4.00pm	First confession for Year 3
Wednesday 15 March	11.45am	Mothers' Day Lunch children with surname A-K
Wednesday 16 March	3.00pm-4.00pm	First confession for Year 3
Friday 17 March	3.30pm-4.30pm	Football Match vs Mere Green JI School (home)
Tuesday 21 March	11.45am	Mothers' Day Lunch children with surname L-Z
Friday 24 March	3.30pm	Football match vs St Nicholas Catholic Primary (away)
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
Wednesday 5 April	3.30pm	Football match vs Newhall Primary School (away)
Friday 7 April		No music lessons

**\*Other dates available on website**

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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