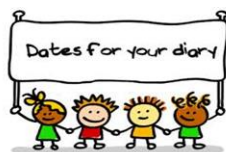




Newsletter No 18

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 27 January 2017



We have a very busy few weeks coming up before the end of half term. Please ensure you look at the 'Dates for your Diary' section at the end of the newsletter.



Mass: Year 6 will lead our Mass in *Church* on Thursday 2 February, all welcome.



No throat sweets to be sent in with children

Obviously the change of weather has led to an increase of colds and coughs. This week, several children have brought throat sweets into school. This is a reminder that for health and safety reasons, cough/throat sweets are not to be sent in to school with children. I have taken advice from the School Nurse who fully supports the school's stance on this matter. Any type of non-prescribed medication is not allowed. These sweets have clear restrictions about how many should be consumed in a day. The school cannot monitor this safely and cannot be confident that sweets are not being shared by children and/or that children are not exceeding the advised quantity. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



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 Photographers

Academy Photographers will be in school on Tuesday 31 January; to take photos of groups and teams.

Be Saints!

Saint Speed Sharing - Year 6

A letter has been sent home with Year 6 children inviting parents' to a fun-filled evening of Saint Speed Sharing on **Thursday 2 February** from **3.30pm - 4.15pm** in Year 6 classroom. This will link to their Saints projects that they have been creating for their recent homework and for their upcoming confirmation. During this evening, Year 6 will be sharing their Saints with you; explaining why they have chosen them, giving you lots of interesting information and explaining how their life has influenced theirs. Get ready with your questions for them! They would love to share their Saints with you. Please return reply slip no later than **Monday 30 January**. If you require a copy of the letter please contact the school office. Thank you.



PTA Disco - Monday 6 February

This will be held on Monday 6 February from 3.20pm to 4.30pm. This day will be a non-uniform day. **£2.50** entrance to the disco per child - this is to include a packet of crisps, bag of sweets and unlimited amount of fruit squash. Please send £2.50 entrance fee in envelope marked 'school disco' and a maximum **£2.00** spending money in a separate purse please. If you are available to help please contact the school office. Thank you for your support.



School Choir

Letters were sent home 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.



'The Right Click: Internet Safety Matters' workshop - Tuesday 7 March 3.30pm

This workshop is for parents and children who are in **Year 5 and Year 6**. We urge you to attend or ask a representative for your child to come along. The workshop has been jointly developed by Unicef UK and BT to help keep children safe online, while encouraging them to become confident digital citizens. The workshop will offer you the opportunity to explore what your child likes doing online and what their concerns are, as well as providing advice on different safety features and how to set them. A letter has been sent home with children in Year 5 and Year 6. If you would like to attend, please complete and return reply slip no later than **Monday 27 February 2017**. If you require a copy of the letter please contact the school office. Thank you.



Flowers for Church

Parents of Year 6 children are asked to send in **£2.00** by **Monday 6 February** please send in a sealed envelope marked with your child's name and 'Confirmation Flowers.' This is towards flowers for the Church. Thank you.

Confirmation



Confirmation - Cleaning Church on Tuesday 7 February -6.30pm

Year 6 parents, who would be prepared to help clean the Church in preparation for their child's Confirmation are asked to please give their contact details to the school office. Thank you for cooperation.



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.



Places available

Holy Cross School have vacancies for children in Year 2 and Year 6. Please contact the school office on 0121 675 2158 for further details.



Poppy Appeal

Many thanks to everyone that supported this charity - we managed to raise £219.78! Fantastic!



Active Kids

Active Kids

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.



Brownies Group

The 7th Sutton Coldfield Brownies meet every Tuesday evening 6.15pm to 7.45pm at Holy Cross Church Hall. If you would like your daughter to join please go to www.girlguiding.org.uk for further information and enrolment form. 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 EYFS with 97.41% Well done!

The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 2 and Year 5.



Recommendations: EYFS: Tabitha S Year 1: Henry H, Tommy M Year 2: Liam B, Phoebe F Year 3: Fraser C, Emma McK Year 4: Leilagh K, Cillian K, Sam W Year 5: Frances C, James R Year 6: Niamh P, Millie McC.

Lunchtime Award: Olivia H (Y3).

Class of the week: Year 6.

Sports Award: Eloise H (Y3).



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:** Sophia J **Miss Stevens:** Reuben R **Mr Mayor:** Finbarr McG, Nevin R **Miss Crowley & Miss Lovelock:** Alex H **Mr Rowlands:** Marcus P **Miss Cross:** Nhea R, Hannah E.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
Caitlin K, Heloise C (Y2), Alexandra H, Enya B, Thomas S (Y4).

Dates for your diary - January 2017		
Tuesday 31 January	9.00am	Academy Photographers in school - groups, teams.
Dates for your diary - February 2017		
Thursday 2 February	3.30pm-4.15pm	Year 6 Saint Speed Sharing
Saturday 4 February	tbc	Sutton Schools Swimming Gala at Stechford Cascades
Monday 6 February	3.20pm-4.30pm	PTA Spring disco Non-school uniform day
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 vs Minworth (away)
Tuesday 7 March	3.30pm-4.30pm	Yr 5 & Yr 6 'The Right Click: Internet Safety Matters'
Wednesday 8 March	7.30pm-8.30pm	PTA Meeting

Tuesday 14 March	3.00pm-4.00pm	First confession for Year 3
Wednesday 15 March	9.00am refreshments 9.15am start	Y5 Class assembly
Wednesday 15 March	11.45am	Mothers' Day Lunch children with surname A-K
Thursday 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

T Cotter

Miss T Cotter
Principal



ST. JOHN PAUL II
Multi-Academy Company
Bishop Walsh Catholic School | Holy Cross Catholic Primary School | St Joseph's Catholic Primary School | St Nicholas Catholic Primary School



Registered Office: Bishop Walsh Catholic School, Wylde Green Road, Sutton Coldfield B76 1QT
T: 0121 351 3215 enquiry@bishopwalsh.net Company No. 08706247