



## Newsletter No 19

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 3 February 2017



Please pray for all our Year 6 children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation next Thursday.



**Mass:** Confirmation for our Year 6 children will take place on **Thursday 9 February**; there will be no Mass in school on this day.



### Confirmation

- Children and sponsors must arrive by **6.30pm** and go straight to the Church hall where staff will be waiting. Parents to make their own way into Church.

If you wish your child to have a photograph the photographer will be available from **5.30pm to 6.15pm** in the Church hall.



### Swimming Gala

Good luck to Finbarr McG, Orlaith F, Emma McK (Y3) Thomas S, Ethan L, Erin L-F (Y4), James R, Sam K, Luke S, Amy M, Regine W (Y5) and Jessica T (Y6).

*Children are required to wear their PE kit to the swimming gala*



### PTA Disco - Monday 6 February - Please note change of entrance fee

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.



### Tennis Club - Year 1 and Year 2

Letters were sent home with children in Year 1 and Year 2 today. If your child would like to join the Tennis Club please complete and return forms no later than **Monday 13 February**. 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.

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

Letters were sent home with children today. If your child would like to join the Zumba Club please complete and return forms no later than **Monday 13 February**. 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.

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Back to Backs

## Year 6 Trip to Birmingham Back to Back Houses

On **Wednesday 15 February 2017** Year 6 are going on a trip to the Birmingham Back to Back Houses. This is in relation to their topic of 'World War Two'. A voluntary donation of **£8.00** is now required to cover the cost of transport, workshops at venue, tour and insurance. Please login to your Parent Pay account and select this trip; deadline for payment is **Thursday 9 February**. If you require a copy of the letter that was sent home with Year 6 children please contact the school office. Thank you.



## Confirmation

### 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 - 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.



### Year 5 Assembly Wednesday 15 February - 9.15am (refreshments at 9.00am)

Our Year 5 class will be performing their assembly about 'Stone Age.' I am sure we will all learn something!! I hope that you will be able to attend. Thank you.



### Purple Pinkie Day-Friday 17 February

Holy Cross, along with other Sutton Primary schools, is taking part in 'Purple Pinkie Day' on **Friday 17 February**. This is the Rotary Club's charity supporting work to eradicate Polio overseas. This will be a non-school uniform day. The children simply have to wear pink/purple on that day and bring in a small donation to go towards this fantastic charity.

### '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.



### Lenten Fundraising - Whole School Sponsored Walk



As part of our fundraising programme during Lent the whole school will be completing a 5k sponsored walk around New Hall Valley (EYFS children will complete a shorter walk). This will take place on **Tuesday 28 February**. Our aim is to raise as much money as possible for our worthwhile charities and we would be very grateful if you could please encourage your child/children to ask for as many sponsors as possible. Please send all collected money into school no later than **Friday 3 March**. Many thanks for your generosity and support during our Lenten fundraising. A letter and sponsor form was sent home with children on Tuesday, if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.

### Lenten Fundraising



This year, we are taking a different fundraising journey through Lent. Please see our Lenten Fundraising timetable - 2017; it will give you further information of our events. Thank you.



### Mothers' Day Lunches - Wednesday 15 March and Tuesday 21 March

These lunch days will be held on Wednesday 15 March (children with surname A-K) and Tuesday 21 March (children with surname L-Z). Mothers, grandmothers, aunties or a female family friend need to arrive at **11.45am** and will enter through Key Stage 1 gate. We are really excited and looking forward to visitors coming to our school and enjoying a meal with the children and we know the children are just as excited. A letter has been sent home with children. Please contact the school office if you need another copy.

*Please note that the deadline for payment is **Monday 6 March**. We do not want anyone to miss out but as food needs to be ordered in advance, no late orders can be accepted after this date.* Thank you for your support; we hope to see many of you at these days.



### MovieStarPlanet

It has come to our attention that some of our children have started using MovieStarPlanet- please see the attached link from NSPCC for a short guide on what it is. <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/moviestarplanet/> This app does include chat room access so please do continue to monitor your children's safety online. Thank you for your support.



### 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.



### 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 99.17% Well done!

The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, and Year 4.



**Recommendations:** EYFS: Bethany McK, Ronan L **Year 1:** Alice F, Maria J **Year 2:** Phoebe F, Maggie R **Year 3:** Caitlin L, Isla H **Year 4:** Nathan G, John J **Year 5:** Lilliemae G, Eva P **Year 6:** Trinity H, Emily E, Charlie H.

**Lunchtime Award:** Alex S (Y1) and Cillian K (Y4).

**Class of the week:** EYFS.

**Sports Award:** Daniel W (Y1), Thomas B (Y3) and Year 5.



### 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:** Addison H-G **Miss Stevens:** Ella B **Mr Hunt:** Jack C

**Mr Mayor:** Harry M **Mr Rowlands:** Charlie B-H **Miss Cross:** Pierce B, Natalie S.



**Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:**  
Olivia A, Niamh C (Y2).

Dates for your diary - February 2017		
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	9.15am	Year 5 class assembly
Wednesday 15 February	All Day	Year 6 trip to Birmingham Back to Back Houses
Friday 17 February	All day	Purple Pinkie Day-Non school uniform wear pink or purple
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
Tuesday 28 February	2.00pm-3.00pm	Whole school sponsored walk - Lenten fundraising event
Dates for your Diary - March 2017		
Thursday 2 March	1.15pm	Year 2 will start swimming lessons
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
Friday 10 March	3.30pm-4.30pm	EYFS/KS1 Art exhibition in school hall - Lenten fundraising event
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
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)
Friday 17 March	3.30pm-4.30pm	KS2 Art exhibition in school hall - Lenten fundraising event
Tuesday 21 March	11.45am	Mothers' Day Lunch children with surname L-Z
Wednesday 22 March	Lunch time	EYFS/KS1 to sell lunchtime craft/ healthy food sale - Lenten fundraising event
Thursday 23 March	Lunch time	KS12to sell lunchtime craft/ healthy food sale - Lenten fundraising event
Friday 24 March	3.30pm	Football match vs St Nicholas Catholic Primary (away)
Tuesday 28 March	9.00am-9.45pm	EYFS/KS1 Morning tea - Lenten fundraising event
Tuesday 28 March	2.15pm-3.00pm	KS2 Afternoon tea - Lenten fundraising event
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)



Thursday 6 April	3.30pm-4.15pm	Outdoor workout in the style of Joe Wicks led by Mr Rowlands & Miss Cross - Lenten fundraising event
Friday 7 April		No music lessons

*\*Other dates available on website*

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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