



**Newsletter No 23**

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 10 March 2017



It has been another busy week as we continue preparing for the season of Easter. Our fundraising is going well - thank you for your support. Sponsored walk has raised an amazing £1,568.70 so far!

After school today, Early Years and Years 1 and 2 will be exhibiting and selling their art work. We hope that you will be able to come and enjoy the art exhibition and support our Lenten charities by buying your child's art work.



*We are looking forward to welcoming a lot of special ladies for our Mothers' Day lunches next week. This event has been advertised for four weeks in the newsletter which clearly stated that no orders would be accepted after the specified cut-off date. Despite this notification, we have received several requests to the office, asking for late orders. Unfortunately, as the order date of 6 March (as stated in the newsletters) has now passed, **no** late orders will be accepted. If you have missed out, remember our Lenten morning/afternoon tea is coming up on 28 March - orders in by **20 March** please. Thank you for your cooperation.*



**Confirmation Thanksgiving Mass**

This will be held on **Thursday 16 March at 9.15am** in school. Year 6 will be presented with their Confirmation certificates during this Mass. We hope you can attend.



**Football Match**

Our football team are playing at home against Mere Green J&I School tonight. Please come along and support!



**Ball Boys**

On Saturday 4 March 12 boys from Y4 and Y5 were ball boys for the match, Sutton Coldfield FC vs Blythe Spartans. The boys got to enjoy sausage and chips and had to wear a ball boy uniform. It was a great match, which ended up with Sutton Coldfield FC winning 3-2! The boys represented us well and thoroughly enjoyed the experience! Well done to Kyle, Jack H, Thomas, Owen, James D, Samuel S, Harrison S, John J, Frank, Charlie S, Charlie B and Samuel K.

## SUTTON PARK

### Year 4 Trip to Sutton Park

Year 4 enjoyed a lovely trip to Sutton Park. They travelled on the bus to Sutton Coldfield and walked through the town to town gate where they started learning about the history of Sutton Park. They learnt about the beginnings, developments and tales of Sutton Park. They visited Wyndley pool and Keepers pool to discover why they were built and purpose of them. The sun shone brightly all day; it was glorious.

### Chess Tournament

Six members of our Chess club took part in the Birmingham Catholic Chess tournament on Thursday at St Joseph's Primary School. Each child played 6 matches against other children from different schools and the children played brilliantly! They were courteous, respectful and showed brilliant team morale. We came 5th overall, well done!



### Bedtime Stories

Thank you to the PTA members for organising this and the staff who gave their time to read the stories; an amazing £123.04 was raised!



### KS1 Universal School Meals

Children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free universal school meal. If you would like your child to change from sandwiches to school dinner or visa versa please put this in writing to the school office. This will enable us to keep our records accurate and provide correct meal numbers to our school kitchen. Thank you.



### Cross Country

We would like to wish our Cross Country Team good luck for their race on Monday 13 March at Bishop Vesey!



### HSBC Bank

A member of the HSBC Bank will visit our school on **Monday 13 March**. We try to encourage our KS2 children to open and be responsible for their own bank account and manage their money.



### **Year 3 - Sacrament of First Confession**

Year 3 will be making their first Confessions on **Tuesday 14 and Thursday 16 March 2017** at Holy Cross and Saint Francis Church at **3.00pm**.

You are warmly invited to join your child for this important occasion. If you wish to attend please meet Mr Mayor and the children at Holy Cross Church at 2.55pm. First Confessions will be preceded by a brief Liturgy of the Word. Once your child has made their First Confession and penance, you are more than welcome to leave the Church. We will walk back with any children who are in Kids' Club.



### **Year 5 Trip to National Memorial Arboretum**

On **Tuesday 14 March 2017** Year 5 are going on a trip to the National Memorial Arboretum - Alrewas. This is in relation to their topic of 'War Horse'. Let's hope for good weather!



### **Year Six and Year Two SATs Workshops**

A letter was sent home with children in Year 6 and Year 2 giving information about SATs Workshops for parents. **Please contact the school office if you require a copy.** The workshop for Year 6 will be held on **Wednesday 15 March 3.20pm to 4.20pm**, and the workshop for Year 2 will be on **Monday 3 April 3.20pm to 4.20pm**. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible. Thank you.



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

We will be holding our first Mothers' Day Lunch on Wednesday 15 March. 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. Thank you for your support; we hope to see many of you on Wednesday.



### **KS2 Art Exhibition**

On **Friday 17 March at 3.20pm** KS2 will be selling their art work in the school hall. All money collected will be given to our Lenten charities which are 'Mini Vinnies' and 'Cafod'. Please come into school and buy your child's art work!



### St Patrick's Day - Friday 17 March

We wore our daffodils with pride on St David's day this week and on Friday 17 March we will celebrate St Patrick's Day by the children wearing green (other than school uniform!) and donating £1 towards our Lenten charities if they wish. Also, children can bring in their Irish dancing costumes if they want to perform to the rest of the school in assembly!



### Irish Night

Bishop Walsh Catholic School are holding an Irish Night on Friday 17 March. Please see attached flyer for further information. Thank you.



### Lenten Fundraising Morning/Afternoon Tea

On Tuesday 28 March we are holding two Lenten fundraising events where your child can invite one person to join them for morning or afternoon tea. **EYFS/Key Stage 1 Children** You are invited to join us for Morning Tea, **9.00am - 9.45am**. **Key Stage 2 Children** you are invited to join us for Afternoon Tea, **2.15pm-3.00pm**. A letter was sent home with all children on Monday giving further details. If you require a copy please contact the school office, please return form no later than **Monday 20 March**. **Please note no late orders can be accepted after this date.**



### 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% Well done!

The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6.



**Recommendations:** EYFS: Patrick M, Kaya G **Year 1:** Ella B, Jack B **Year 2:** Liam B, Lola F, Phoebe F **Year 3:** Eva H, Mollie-Mae H **Year 4:** Whole class **Year 5:** Alan J, Regine W **Year 6:** Hannah E, Keane S (Y5).

**Lunchtime Award:** Daniel B (Y1).

**Class of the week:** Year 6.

**Sports Award:** Chess Team: Ava A, Imogen A, Cillian K, Sam K, Ben L, Jessica P. Swimming Team: Amy M, Regine W, Erin L-F, Caitlin L, Luke S, Sam K, Thomas S, Ethan L.



### 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 '**Attentive and Discerning**'. 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:** Jessie F **Miss Stevens:** Salvio J **Mr Hunt:** Logan McC

**Mr Mayor:** Joshua W **Miss Lovelock and Miss Crowley:** Owen P, Daniel B (Y1) **Mr Rowlands:** Amy M, James R

**Miss Cross:** Chris S, Charlie H.



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

Ricky M and Pierce B (Y6).

Dates for your Diary - March 2017		
Tuesday 14 March	3.00pm-4.00pm	First Confession for Year 3 at Church
Wednesday 15 March	11.45am	Mothers' Day Lunch children with surname A-K
Wednesday 15 March	3.20pm-4.20pm	Year 6 SATs workshop for parents
Thursday 16 March	9.15am	Thanksgiving Mass in school
Thursday 16 March	3.00pm-4.00pm	First Confession for Year 3
Friday 17 March	All Day	Non-school uniform day St Patricks-wear green
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
Wednesday 22 March	4.00pm	Cross Country Race in Sutton Park
Thursday 23 March	12.00pm	Catholic Netball competition
Thursday 23 March	Lunch time	KS2 to 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	12.00pm	EYFS Class of the half term 'Award Dinner'
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	6.45pm-9.00pm	PTA Family Bingo night
Dates for your diary - April 2017		
Monday 3 April	3.20pm-4.20pm	Year 2 SATs workshop for parents
Tuesday 4 April	9.00am refreshments 9.15am start	KS2 Easter Production - all welcome
Wednesday 5 April	9.15am	Stations of the Cross-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	9.15am	Service of Readings and Hymns for Passiontide-all welcome
Friday 7 April		No music lessons
<b>Dates for your diary - May 2017</b>		
Friday 19 May	tbc	Fun Time Friday (Adults only) - more details to follow

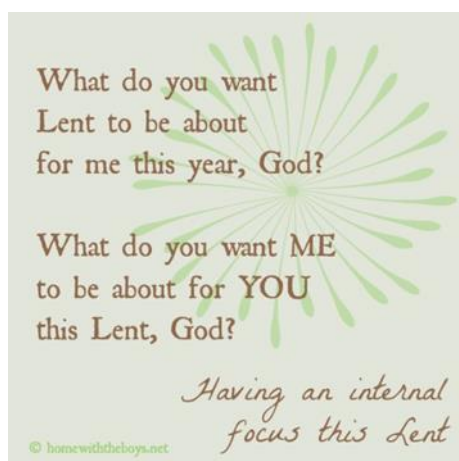
*\*Other dates available on website*

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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