

Newsletter No 25

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 24 March 2017



Mothers' Day Lunch

It was lovely to see so many of you here this week enjoying lunch with your children. We welcomed over 100 special visitors which was amazing! Thank you to all the staff for ensuring everything ran smoothly! Do not worry dads - you are going to be invited very soon!



We wish all our very special and hardworking mums a very 'Happy Mothers' Day' - we hope you have a very special day.

Stranger Danger

On a serious note, I have been informed that again there has been a man seen in Newhall Valley exposing himself. I ask you all to be very vigilant if your children walk through or play in that area.



Summer School Uniform

All children are required to wear their summer uniforms as soon as we return after the Easter holidays (hopefully we will be basking in tropical sunshine by then!) Thank you for your support.

Girls: Green check dress suitable shoes, with white socks or grey trousers with jade green polo shirt with logo.

Boys: Jade green polo shirt with logo Grey shorts or grey trousers, grey socks, and sensible dark school shoes - no trainers.

Please note the round neck; green sweatshirt is not part of everyday uniform. This sweatshirt is to be worn only for PE. Thank you.



Mass: Year 4 will lead our Mass on *Thursday 30 March, in school.* All welcome.



Letters emailed to parents this week:

Whole School: Funding Letter

Year 1: Trip to Warwick Castle

Year 3: Trip to Chedworth Roman Villa

Please contact office if you have not received copy



Football Match

Last week the children battled valiantly to secure an excellent 2-2 draw. The match started off perfectly as Milly slotted in an early goal for Holy Cross. Mere Green school fought their way back into the match and took a 2-1 lead. Then in the final 10 minutes, Kyle executed a lovely finish into the bottom right hand corner to draw the team level. A fantastic performance by all the team, ready for their academy derby against St. Joseph's school today. Please come along and support!



Cross Country

On Wednesday the cross country team made the school extremely proud. Despite the wind and the pouring rain, the children ran fantastically well. They persevered against the conditions and gave 100%. This was the final race of the year and across the whole cross country season the children have always tried their best and we are very proud of them.



Netball Tournament

Last night Holy Cross netball team participated in the Catholic schools BCSSA Netball competition. After six challenging games in the howling wind, the Holy Cross team came up trumps winning 5 of their games, totalling 15 goals! This led us through to the semi-final against Corpus Christi, where in the last 2 minutes Holy Cross defeated the team, winning 1-0. Finally, we were placed in the final and after another gruelling 8 minutes of fantastic netball- we were the runners up. A huge well done to all 8 players who were absolutely fantastic, their resilience, perseverance and team work was truly outstanding! A fantastic afternoon had by all!



HSBC Bank

A member of the HSBC Bank will visit our school on **Monday 27 March**. We try to encourage our KS2 children to open and be responsible for their own bank account and manage their money.



Lenten Fundraising Morning/Afternoon Tea

On **Tuesday 28 March** we are looking forward to seeing you at our two Lenten fundraising events; thank you.



Parents' Evening

We will be holding parents' evenings on **Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 March**. If you have not got an appointment please contact the school office.

You will be given our annual questionnaire to complete when you arrive for your appointment. Please complete and return in the box provided on the evening; or return to the school office no later than **Monday 3 April**. Thank you.



Easter Activities - Friday 31 March

Key Stage 2 children will need to bring in a decorated egg for Easter. Eggs will be on display at end of the school day by the bike sheds for parents to see.
Children in Key Stage 1 will need to bring in their Easter Bonnets. They will parade around the key stage 1 playground at **8.50am**; parents are invited to stay in the playground and watch the parade.



Family Bingo Night

This very enjoyable and popular event will be held on **Friday 31 March** in the school Hall. Doors open at 6.45pm, bingo starts at 7.00pm. Easter Eggs for all winners! Flyers have been sent home today giving you more information and the opportunity to order your food. If you require a copy please contact the school office. As we are limited on numbers, forms need to be returned **today**. Thank you for your support.



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

Letters were sent home with children for after school Zumba. If your child would like to join this club please complete and return form with payment no later than **Tuesday 28 March 2017**. Please note that for organisational purposes, **NO late orders after this date will be accepted**. Thank you for your cooperation.



Tennis Club- Year 1 and Year 2

On Wednesday letters were sent home with children for after school Tennis Club. If your child would like to join this club please complete and return form with payment no later than **Tuesday 28 March 2017**. Please note that for organisational purposes, **NO late orders after this date will be accepted**. Thank you for your cooperation.



Increase in School Dinner Cost

Citiserve has informed schools this week that from **1 April 2017** there will be an increase of 10p to the cost of a school dinner. The cost of a meal will now be **£2.25**. Apologies for the short notice but I again stress that schools have only been notified this week about this increase. Thank you for your cooperation.



Basketball Club Year 3 and Year 4

During the next half term Mr Hunt will be running an after-school basketball club for both boys and girls in Year 3 and Year 4. The club will run on Monday 24 April, 8 May and 15 May 2017; from 3.20pm-4.20pm. A letter has been sent home with children today. Please contact the school office if you require a copy. Deadline to return form is **Tuesday 4 April**. Thank you.



Lenten Fundraising Keep Fit Workout - Joe Wicks Style

On **Thursday 6 April** we are holding a Lenten fundraising event where you and your child/children can come along and join in our 'workout' Joe Wicks style. This will start at 3.30pm and will finish at 4.15pm. Miss Cross and Mr Rowlands will be leading the workout. We cannot promise that you will be 'Lean in fifteen' but it will be great fun and a fantastic way to raise money for our Lenten charities! Children will be dismissed at 3.20pm and they will have their PE kit on ready to start. The cost of the workout is **£2.50** for the adult, there will be no charge for children. Letters were sent home with children this week. If you would like to join us please complete and return the slip together with the **correct money by Thursday 30 March** in a sealed envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and 'Workout' Lenten. If you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Irish Dancing- After School Club

Letters have been sent home today with children in years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 giving further information regarding this club. The deadline for payment is **Thursday 6 April**. Please contact the school office if you require a copy. There are limited places available. Thank you.



Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust

A letter was sent home with children yesterday giving information about Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust and what it has to offer. Please contact the school office if you require a copy. The application form for 'School Clothing Grant' must be returned to school no later than **Friday 28 April**.



Year 1 Trip to Warwick Castle

On **Tuesday 13 June 2017** Year 1 are going on a trip to Warwick Castle. This is in relation to their topic of 'Kings and Queens'. A voluntary donation of **£20.00** is now required to cover the cost of transport, venue, and insurance. Please login to your Parent Pay account and select this trip; deadline for payment is **Friday 5 May**. A letter was emailed to parents on Wednesday 22 March; if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Year 3 Trip to Chedworth Roman Villa

On **Tuesday 11 July** Year 3 are going on a trip to Chedworth Roman Villa/National Trust, Yanworth, near Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. This is in relation to their topic of 'Romans'. A voluntary donation of **£20.00** is now required to cover the cost of transport, venue, and insurance. Please login to your Parent Pay account and select this trip; deadline for payment is **Friday 5 May**. A letter was emailed to parents on Wednesday 22 March; if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.

FRIDAY FUN TIME!

Funtime Friday at the Boathouse Restaurant-Change of date

Holy Cross PTA presents: Funtime Friday (adults only) at the Boathouse Restaurant on **Friday 12 May 2017**.



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 1 with 100% Well done!

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



Recommendations: EYFS: Daniel K, Georgia H Year 1: Annie E, Gracie D, Alex S Year 2: Olivia A, Heloise C, Myles O'D Year 3: Francesca L, Olivia H Year 4: Cillian K, Leilagh K Year 5: Luke S, Matthew NC Year 6: Matilda C, Ricky M.

Recommendations for attending Fractions Fun Club: Owen P, Cillian K, Daisy C, Alex H, Ethan L, Frank W, Cassie G (Y4), Lilliemae G, Jack R, Isobel H, Charlie S (Y5).

Lunchtime Award: Cassie G (Y4).

Class of the week: Year 3.

Sports Award: Cross Country Team: Niamh S, Amy M, Madeline L, Marcus PW, Ben O'T, Sam K (Y5) Michael McG, Jake Woo, Jake Wol (Y6).

Netball Team: Grace B, Matilda C, Alex H, Niamh P, Nhea R, Natalie S, Iona T, Jessica T.



Virtues and Values

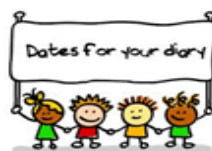
As you know the Archdiocese of Birmingham has introduced a focus on Gospel Virtues and Values. This half term we are concentrating on being '**Attentive and Discerning**'. As a school community we are looking for opportunities in our own lives where we show the virtues. Please discuss this with your 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:** Ollie L **Miss Stevens:** Ellie MB **Mr Hunt:** Daniel S **Mr Mayor:** Jake Wol (Y6), Caitlin L **Miss Lovelock and Miss Crowley:** Jack (Y5) **Mr Rowlands:** Pablo B **Miss Cross:** Luke L.



Dates for your Diary - March 2017		
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	3.30pm	Football match (home) vs Minworth
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
Friday 7 April	3.20pm	Break up for Easter
Friday 7 April	3.30pm	Football match vs Penns Junior School (home)
Monday 24 April	8.50am	School reopens for Summer term (summer uniform please)
Dates for your diary - May 2017		
Thursday 4 May	All Day	School closed all day - Local Government Elections
Friday 5 May	3.30pm	Football match vs Moor Hall (home)
Friday 12 May (Change of date)	tbc	Fun Time Friday (Adults only) - At The Boathouse

***Other dates available on website**

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

T Cotter

Miss T Cotter
Principal

For all our busy mums:

And our mums in heaven:

A Mother's Prayer

Dear Lord, it's such a hectic day
With little time to stop and pray
For life's been anything but calm
Since You called me to be a mom
Running errands, matching socks
Building dreams with building blocks
Cooking, cleaning, and finding shoes
And other stuff that children lose
Fitting lids on bottled bugs
Wiping tears and giving hugs
A stack of last weeks mail to read
So where's the quiet time I need?
Yet when I steal a minute, Lord
Just at the sink or ironing board
To ask the blessings of Your grace
I see then, in my small one's face
That you have blessed me
All the while and I stop to kiss
That precious smile.

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I live in your heart
I speak to your soul
We are not far apart

When you feel a light breeze
Hear the songs the birds sing
Know that I see every smile
Your kindness can bring

I see you building your dreams
With wisdom and grace
And asking His guidance
With each challenge you face

I am more than a memory
You will feel our love grow
I am forever your angel
Some things you just know

Please tell me your thoughts
Your hopes and your fears
And know that through faith
He will heal all your tears

For today, I can share
That in Heaven above
God has taken my hand
I am complete, I am love

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