



Newsletter No 26

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 31 March 2017



Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Egg display

We were very impressed by the colourful designs of Easter bonnets and eggs. Thank you for supporting these fun end of term activities and well done to all the winners.



Maths Challenge

With all the busy Lenten activities, I apologise that I did not mention last week's amazing achievement by Ava, Charlotte, Imogen and Sam (all Year 4) in defeating nine other schools to win their heat of the Maths Challenge organised by King Edwards Grammar School and qualify for the final in June. It is the first time we have entered this competition; what a debut! We are incredibly proud of the team and Miss Crowley who prepared them so well; well done to you all!



Lenten Tea

It was lovely to see so many family members supporting our two Lenten Teas on Tuesday. The children loved being able to entertain family members with work that they were keen and proud to share! Thank you for supporting this event in such numbers.

Our Mini Vinnies have been supporting the Parish Lenten Lunches; photographs of which can be seen on the Archdiocese Twitter page.



Parents Evening/ Questionnaire Reminder

Thank you to all parents who attended Parents' Evening on Tuesday and Wednesday and to those of you who have already completed questionnaires. We do value your feedback so if you took your questionnaire home to complete, please return to school no later than **Monday 3 April**. Thank you.



Family Bingo Night

Eyes down look in! We are looking forward to tonight. Let us hope it is a great success and that you win lots of Easter eggs! Thank you to the PTA for their hard work in organising the event.



Online Safety

Please read this article about concerns raised over you tube videos which appear to be child friendly e.g Peppa Pig, Frozen etc but are actually parodies and have inappropriate content. <http://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/how-kids-being-tricked-watching-12806011> please continue to monitor and discuss what your child does online - whether that be on their phone, tablet, computer or gaming devices.



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 (not tights) 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 5 will lead our Mass on **Thursday 6 April, in Church.** All welcome.



Vacancy in Woodwind Lessons

If your child is in Year 3 or Year 4 and is interested in learning the flute; there is a vacancy in the woodwind lessons. These are held on Fridays in school time. If you would like any further information please contact the school office. Thank you.



Music Lessons

There are no music lessons **Friday 7 March**. Music Invoices will be sent home with children next week; the deadline for payment is **Friday 5 May**. Thank you.



Swimming Year Two

There is no swimming lesson for Year 2 next week. The next lesson will be on **Thursday 27 April**. Thank you.



Football Match

Last week, the football team played in their local derby against St. Nicholas Catholic Primary School. The team played very well and the match finished in a tense 1-1 draw. The team started brightly, taking an early lead before St. Nicholas equalized. They peppered the St Nicholas' goal with a multitude of attempts at goal but were unable to score that 2nd goal. They all played excellently, giving 100% and making the school proud.

The match tonight has been cancelled the team are require to come training. Thank you.

There is a football match on Wednesday 5 April vs Newhall Primary School (away) please come along and support our team! The next match will be on Friday 7 April vs Penns Junior School (home).



Increase in School Dinner Cost

Citiserve has informed schools 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 last week about this increase. Thank you for your cooperation. In next week's newsletter you will be given the amount of dinner money due after Easter. Thank you.



Year Two SATs Workshops

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.



Easter Production & Stations of the Cross

The KS2 Easter Production will take place on **Tuesday 4 April**; refreshments at 9.00am and the production will start at 9.15am.

On **Wednesday 5 April**, we will be participating in Stations of the Cross at 9.15am in the hall. On **Friday 7 April**, we will be holding a Service of Readings and hymns for Passiontide at 9.15am in the hall. All parents are very welcome at all occasions.



Rotary Award - Visit to Lee Garden Restaurant

We are planning to take the children in Year 6 who are taking part in the Rotary Award Scheme, on a visit to Lee Garden Restaurant on **Tuesday 4 April**. The visit is not compulsory but will be an opportunity for the children to learn more about the Chinese culture and sample Chinese cuisine. A letter has been sent home with the children if you require a copy please contact the school office. The deadline for payment is **Monday 3 April**. Thank you.



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 Years 3 and 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. 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 that are taking part; 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. If you and your child would like to join us please complete and return the slip together with the correct money. If you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Irish Dancing- After School Club

Letters have been sent home 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.



Easter Fun Day

Holy Cross Pre-School invite you all to their Easter fun day on **Thursday 6 April** taking place at 9.00am - 3.00pm. There will be lots of fun to be had including various games, chances to win prizes and activities to take part in. Entry will be £1 for which you will get a raffle ticket and your child will get an Easter egg.



Bag 2 School - Bags have been sent home with children.

Bags 2 School is a company that specialises in good quality second hand clothing that can be re-used and we have arranged to make a collection from this school. All bags are weighed and we will be paid by the total weight collected. Remember the more you collect the bigger benefit to our School! They will collect the following items for RE-USE: adults and children's clothing, bedding, soft toys, paired shoes, hats, belts and handbags. NO BRIC-A-BRAC PLEASE. **Extra bags welcome - there is no limit**. If you need spare bags please come to the school office. Bags will be collected on **Thursday 27 April by 9.00am**. Please only drop off bags on that morning as the school cannot store overnight. Thank you for your support!



Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust

A letter has been sent home with children 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.



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 3 with 100% Well done!

The Punctuality Award for the week: EYFS, Year 2, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6.



Recommendations: EYFS: Aidan J, Florence H Year 1: Sophia J, Niall O'D Year 2: Logan McC, Aaron H Year 3: Olivia F, Dylan G Year 4: Whole Class, Erin Le-Fort Year 5: William H, James R Year 6: Ricky M. Lunchtime Award: Florence H (EYFS).

Class of the week: Year 6.



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:** Marian A **Miss Stevens:** Iris A **Mr Hunt:** Olivia A

Mr Mayor: Eliza S **Miss Lovelock and Miss Crowley:** Isabel W **Mr Rowlands:** Sam K **Miss Cross:** Niamh P, Millie McC, Pierce B, Hannah E, Emily E, Iona T, Jessica P, Jack McI.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
Ellie M-B (Y1), Caitlin L, Darren A (Y3), Pablo B (Y5).

Dates for your diary - April 2017		
Monday 3 April	3.20pm-4.20pm	Year 2 SATs workshop for parents
Tuesday 4 April	11.00am-2.00pm	Year 6 Rotary children-Lee Garden Restaurant
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)
Thursday 27 April	by 9.00am	Bags2School
Dates for your diary - May 2017		
Monday 1 May	All Day	School closed-Bank Holiday
Thursday 4 May	All Day	School closed all day - Local Government Elections
Friday 5 May	3.30pm	Football match vs Moor Hall (home)
Monday 8 May	All Week	Year 6 SATs
Friday 12 May (Change of date)	tbc	Fun Time Friday (Adults only) - At The Boathouse
Wednesday 24 May	All Day	Speight of the Art-Ballet in school
Thursday 25 May	All Day	Year 6 Trip to Ghamkol Sharif Mosque
Friday 26 May	All Day	Inset Day-School closed to children
Dates for your diary - June 2017		
Tuesday 13 June	All Day	Year 1 Trip to Warwick Castle
Wednesday 14 June	7.30pm-8.30pm	PTA Meeting
Tuesday 20 June to Friday 23 June	All Day	Year 5 Bikebility
Tuesday 20 June	All Day	Academy Photographers-classes, leavers & graduations
Wednesday 21 June	1.30pm-3.00pm	Life Talk Year 6
Thursday 22 June	8.50am	Corpus Christie Procession
Tuesday 27 June	9.00am refreshments 9.15am start	EYFS Assembly

Dates for your diary - July 2017		
Monday 3 July to Thursday 6 July	All Day	Year 5 Bikeability
Wednesday 5 July	All Day	Transition Day
Friday 7 July	3.20pm-5.30pm	Summer Fayre
Saturday 8 July	All Day	Sutton Coldfield Games
Sunday 9 July	All Day	Sutton Coldfield Games
Tuesday 11 July	All Day	Year 3 Trip to Chedworth Roman Villa
Thursday 13 July	6.00pm-7.00pm	Year 6 Leavers' Production
Thursday 20 July	3.20pm-4.30pm	PTA Disco-Non school uniform day
Friday 21 July	3.20pm	Break up for summer!

**Other dates available on website*

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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Father, help me to see this holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace.



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