

Newsletter No 29

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 5 May 2017



I hope you all enjoyed the long weekend. It has been a busy week with the school being closed for the Bank Holiday and Polling Day - we have put five days into three!



Good Luck!

SATs Week

I'm sure Y6 do not need to be reminded that next week is SATs week. Please remember them in your prayers. All year 6 children are welcome to arrive at school at 8.00am: for a special Year 6 Breakfast Club. Children not attending the Breakfast Club should be in school for 8.50am in order to be registered. ***Please ensure your child is on time. Thank you for your co-operation.***



Mass: Year 4 will lead our Mass on Thursday 11 May in school. All welcome.



Letters emailed to parents this week:

Year 2: Weston Super-Mare Trip

Please contact office if you have not received copy



Football Match

The team will play their final fixture of the season tonight at home against Moor Hall; come along and cheer on the team.



PTA

We are so grateful for support we receive from the PTA and to you as parents for supporting their events. Please see below a list of items that the PTA have kindly paid for with all the money donated by parents, families and friends :

From September 2016 to April 2017

Prayer garden including willow cross fences statues and plants and trees - £1987.71

Donations for books and school equipment including 2 sofas for and storage seat in library - £870.84

303 new guided reading books - £1,500.00.

There are plans in consultation with the school for the PTA to donate more to the school before the end of term. PTA meetings are open and they're more than happy for parents to join in and discuss any ideas they have. New members are more than welcome!



Gaelic Football

Due to staffing levels and Health and Safety requirements we are unable to continue with the Gaelic Football after school club. Sorry for any disappointment caused.



Ballot Paper-Parent Academy Committee Representative

Ballot paper and supporting statements for Parent Academy Committee Representatives were sent home with children on Wednesday. The closing date for returning votes is **Friday 12 May**. If you have not received a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Holy Cross PTA presents:

Funtime Friday (adults only) at the Boathouse Restaurant on Friday 12 May 2017.

The evening comprises of:

3 course dinner, DJ, Raffle and a Silent Auction. Motto for the evening 'Dig Deep' £22.50 per person. Arrive from 7.00pm dinner at 7.30pm. Please come along, this will be a fantastic night!

A flyer has been sent home with your child giving you further information regarding the above; to book places please contact Geraldine Causer on 07525 908 012. The deadline for bookings is **today**. If you have not received flyer please contact school office. Thank you for your support.



Year 1 Assembly Tuesday 16 May - 9.15am (refreshments at 9.00am)

Our Year 1 class will be performing their assembly about 'Kings and Queens'. I am sure we will all learn something!! Everyone welcome! I hope that you will be able to attend. Thank you.



Phonics

Year 1 Phonics Workshop

On **Wednesday 17 May 2017**, a 'Year One Phonics Workshop' is being held for all parents who have children in Year One. The phonics workshop will begin at **9.00am in the classroom** and it should last approximately one hour. A letter has been sent home with all Year 1 children; please complete and return reply slip no later than **today**. If you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



School Dinners in KS2

A letter has been sent home with children in Year 2; asking if children will be having school dinners or will bring in a packed lunch from home, when they move into Year 3 in September. School meals cost £2.25 per day; paid half termly in advance. Please complete the proforma and return no later than **Monday 15 May**. If you have not received this letter please contact the school office for a copy.



Year 6 Trip to Ghamkol Sharif Mosque

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 6 on a visit to the Ghamkol Sharif Mosque in Small Heath and Islamic Exhibition Centre on **Thursday 25 May**. This is to support the RE Curriculum and to promote good citizenship and community cohesion. The visit includes a tour of the mosque and provides the children with the opportunity to learn more about the Muslim faith.

As we believe that the understanding of other faiths is so important and the experiences that the children will be involved in are so beneficial the Parish have agreed to subsidise the cost of this trip this year. We are very grateful for their generosity. Therefore, a small voluntary contribution of **£2.50** is now required to cover the cost of the donations to both the Mosque and the Exhibition Centre. ***Due to the small amount please send payment in cash or cheque made payable to 'John Paul II Multi Academy' by Monday 23 May. In an envelope marked 'Mosque Visit'.*** A letter has been emailed home if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Fathers' Day Lunches - Wednesday 14 June and Thursday 15 June

These lunch days will be held on Wednesday 14 June (children with surname A-L) and Thursday 15 June (children with surname M-Z). Dads, grandfathers, uncles or a male 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; this has become a very popular event in our calendar. A letter has been sent home with children. Please contact the school office if you need another copy.

If you wish to join us please complete and return the reply slip together with the **correct money by Wednesday 24 May**. In a sealed envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and 'Fathers' Day Lunch.' Alternatively please post your order in the white post box in reception by school office. This is open from 7.00am to 6.00pm. ***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 on these days.



EYFS Trip to Twycross Zoo

On **Friday 9 June**, EYFS is going on a trip to Twycross Zoo. A voluntary donation of **£16.00** is now required to cover the cost of transport, admission and insurance. Payment for this trip is via Parent Pay. Please login to your Parent Pay account and select this trip; deadline for payment is **Thursday 25 May**. A letter was emailed to parents if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Year 2 Trip to Weston-Super-Mare

On **Monday 10 July**, Year 2 is going on a trip to Weston-Super-Mare. A voluntary donation of **£22.00** is now required to cover the cost of transport, admission and insurance. Payment for this trip is via Parent Pay. Please login to your Parent Pay account and select this trip; deadline for payment is **Tuesday 6 June**. A letter was emailed to parents if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Year 6 Trip to West Midlands Safari Park

On **Tuesday 18 July 2017** Year 6 is going on a trip to West Midlands Safari Park. A voluntary donation of **£26.00** 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 **Wednesday 28 June**.

A letter was emailed to parents on Thursday 26 April; if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



School Attendance Matters

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 Years 1 and 2 with 100% Well done!

The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 1, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.



Recommendations: EYFS: Jimmy W, Jacob H **Year 1:** Niall O'D, Sophia J **Year 2:** Eden H, Tyrese L **Year 3:** Mia B, Scarlett T **Year 4:** Frank W, Orlaith G **Year 5:** Regine W, Ben O'T **Year 6:** Tabitha S (EYFS), Jessica P.

Lunchtime Award: Elijah C-G (EYFS).

Class of the week: EYFS.



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 '**Compassionate and Loving**'. 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:** Jay M **Miss Stevens:** Charlie G **Mr Hunt:** Daniel S **Mr Mayor:** Thomas B **Mr Rowlands:** Stephene S **Miss Cross:** All of Year 6.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
Jacob H (EYFS), Malaika W (Y4) Madeline L (Y5).

Dates for your diary - May 2017		
Monday 8 May	All Week	Year 6 SATs
Friday 12 May	7pm	Fun Time Friday (Adults only) - At The Boathouse
Tuesday 16 May	9.00am refreshments 9.15am start	Year 1 assembly
Wednesday 17 May	4.00pm-6.00pm	Year 5 Football tournament
Friday 19 May	2.00pm-4.30pm	BCSSA Tag Rugby Competition
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		
Thursday 8 June	All Day	School Closed to children - General Elections
Saturday 10 June	12.00pm	First Holy Communion
Tuesday 13 June	All Day	Year 1 Trip to Warwick Castle
Wednesday 14 June	11.45am-1.30pm	Fathers' Day Lunch children with surnames A-L
Wednesday 14 June	7.30pm-8.30pm	PTA Meeting
Thursday 15 June	11.45am-1.30pm	Fathers' Day Lunch children with surnames M-Z
Saturday 17 June	12.00pm	First Holy Communion
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	6.00pm	Induction Evening for EYFS starters September 2017
Thursday 22 June	8.50am	Mass/Corpus Christie Procession
Thursday 22 June	6.00pm	Creative Arts Evening
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 Bikebility
Wednesday 5 July	All Day	Transition Day. Year 6 to Secondary schools. new EYFS parents to attend teddy bear picnic
Friday 7 July	All Day	Sports Day followed by Summer Fayre
Saturday 8 July	All Day	Sutton Coldfield Games
Sunday 9 July	All Day	Sutton Coldfield Games
Monday 10 July	All Day	Year 2 Trip to Weston-Super-Mare
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!

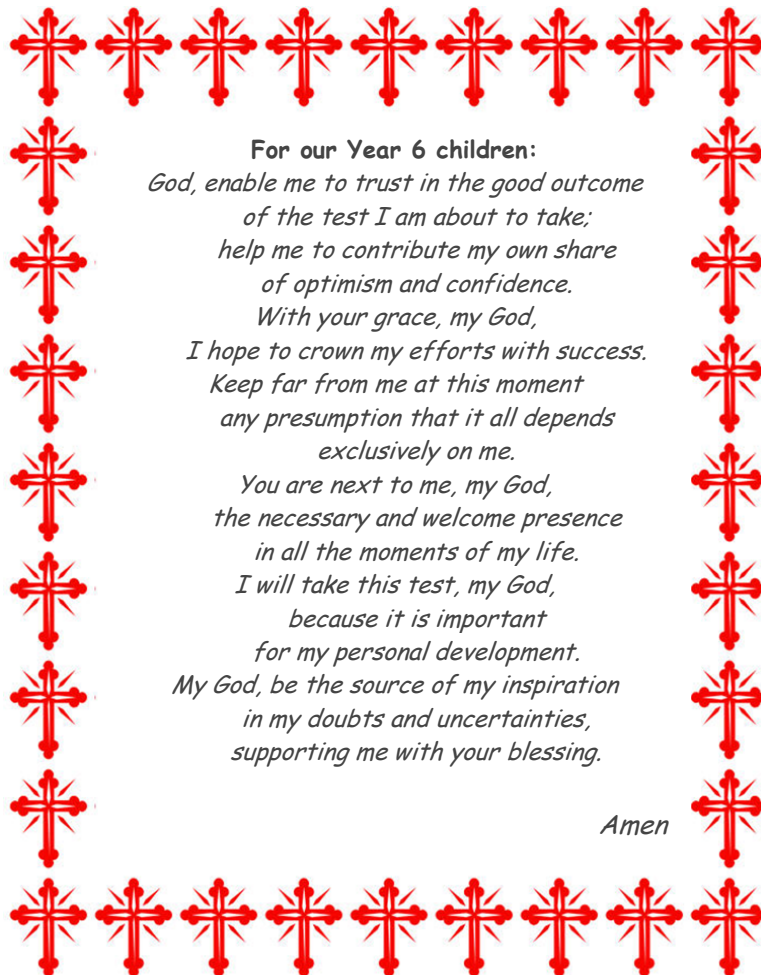
***Other dates available on website**

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely

T Cotter

Miss T Cotter
Principal



For our Year 6 children:
*God, enable me to trust in the good outcome
of the test I am about to take;
help me to contribute my own share
of optimism and confidence.
With your grace, my God,
I hope to crown my efforts with success.
Keep far from me at this moment
any presumption that it all depends
exclusively on me.
You are next to me, my God,
the necessary and welcome presence
in all the moments of my life.
I will take this test, my God,
because it is important
for my personal development.
My God, be the source of my inspiration
in my doubts and uncertainties,
supporting me with your blessing.*

Amen



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