

Newsletter No 30

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 12 May 2017



Hallelujah
The
Sats
Are over

It has been a very long and hard week with SATs coming to end yesterday; you could almost hear the sigh of relief - and that was just Miss Cross! On Tuesday we received an unannounced monitoring check to ensure our procedures were fully compliant with the strict government requirements; be assured, everything was in order! Well done to all in Year 6 who tried their best all week and to all the staff for running breakfast clubs, supporting intervention work and ensuring that all the SATs tests ran as smoothly and calmly as possible.



Parent Questionnaire

Thank you so much for your completed questionnaires. This really does give the school a true reflection of how we are doing and we are very pleased with the positive responses. We are so proud that again 100% of you said that your children are happy and safe at school; that staff expect children to work hard and encourage them to be mature and independent and that the school helps develop skills to fulfil our mission. These elements are so important to us as a school as is our effective partnership between home, parish and school. Please see summary of results (rounded %) at the end of the newsletter.



Fiddle Spinners

Can all parents please remind children not to bring 'fiddle spinners' into school. Whilst I appreciate this is the latest, new craze; pupils are not encouraged to bring any toys in school. Thank you for your cooperation.



Mass: Year 6 will lead our Mass on Thursday 18 May in school. All welcome.



Letters emailed to parents this week:

EYFS: Forest School

Please contact office if you have not received copy

Funtime Friday

Fun Time Friday

Tonight is Funtime Friday PTA event at The Boathouse. I am sure that this will be a great success; as it has been in past years. I hope that you all have an enjoyable evening!



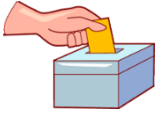
Bag2School

We raised an amazing £74.00! Thank you to the PTA for organising this event and thank you to all families and friends for being so generous.



Football Match

Last week the football season finished and we succumbed to an 8-0 loss to Moor Hall. Across the whole season the team have given 100% and performed well. We have had many great highlights from cracking goals to wonderful tackles, displaying the desire and commitment of the boys and girls to do their best for the team. As a school we are very proud of every player who wore the green and black stripes this year and thank them for all their efforts.



Ballot Paper-Parent Academy Committee Representative

Today is the closing date for returning votes. The returning officer will inform us of the decision in the future once votes are counted. Thank you.



First Holy Communion Mass-Saturday 10 and 17 June 2017

A letter was sent home with all year 3 children this week; providing all the arrangements and important information for Holy Communion. Please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you.



School Choir

The children in Year 3 will be celebrating their First Holy Communion on two Saturdays; 10 and 17 June. Although this is a special day for Year 3, it is also an important school and parish event and we support the children by the choir from Years 4-6 singing at the Masses; in the same way they had been supported during their own First Holy Communion Mass.

Being part of the school choir is a commitment and I ask that all members of the choir participate in at least one of the First Holy Communion Masses if possible. It would be very sad if we did not have a strong choir on such an important occasion. I sincerely hope that you will show your support in this important matter. Thank you.



Magical Maths

Magical Maths is an afterschool maths programme exclusively for local primary schools. We had an assembly on Tuesday 2 May for all the children to enjoy and the afterschool clubs will be for those who choose to book up. The club is for 6 weeks and each week lasts for one hour 3.20pm to 4.20pm and covers a variety of educational Maths topics in a fun and exciting way. The clubs include some dressed up characters that will visit the schools from week to week, including a maths detective, a maths genius, the mathletes, and a mathemagician. Each week there are three different activities that the children will take part in. These activities are based around mega fun games, puzzles and tricks. The clubs will be on a Wednesday starting on **Wednesday 14 June and continuing on 21 June, 28 June, 5 July, 12 July and 19 July.**

You can find out more about it at <https://magicalmathsclub.com/> and book your child's club there directly online. They have had a number of bookings but they do have a little space for more - If it is easier for you, you can phone **Magical Maths on 0121 314 1236** to book your child's place. Get ready for some fun games and activities all using the power of maths!



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 1. The phonics workshop will begin at **9.00am in the classroom** and it should last approximately one hour. 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.



Outdoor Classroom Day-Thursday 18 May

Anyone who has seen the impact that learning and playing outdoors has on children knows how powerful such experiences can be. Learning outdoors creates lasting memories, helps build a greater awareness of the environment, provides more opportunities to think independently, and gets children feeling challenged and excited by learning. Children are more active when they play outdoors; it is essential for their healthy development and enjoyment of childhood. On Thursday 18 May we will be celebrating Outdoor Classroom Day, throughout the school! Please check out twitter profile to see what we get up to!



Class of the Term Lunch Time Award - Year 6

Congratulations to Year 6 who were awarded last half term's 'Class of the Term Lunch Time Award'. Their prize is to choose the menu of the day on **Wednesday 24 May**. A letter has been sent home with Year 6 children giving more details; please contact the school office if you require a copy. The deadline to order a meal is **Tuesday 16 May**; (please note due to ordering of food late orders cannot be accepted). Thank you.



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 Year 2 and Year 6 with 100% Well done!

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



Recommendations: EYFS: Kaya G, Sophie H Year 1: Salvio J, Ellie M-B Year 2: Kieron McC, Lily H Year 3: Caitlin L, Emma McK Year 4: Erin L-F, Owen P Year 5: Eva D Year 6: Whole Class.

Lunchtime Award: Tyrese L (Y2).

Class of the week: Year 6.

Sports Award: Cillian K, James M, Ethan L, Ben B, Harrison S, Thomas S, Samuel S (Y4).



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:** Eliza H **Miss Stevens:** Kieron McC (Y2) **Mr Hunt:** Tyrese L **Mr Mayor:** Alicia I **Miss Lovelock and Miss Crowley:** Erin P **Miss Cross:** Jacob D, Whole Class.



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

Alfie J (Y1), Liam O'T (Y2), Ben L, Jake Woo (Y6).

Dates for your diary - May 2017		
Tuesday 16 May	9.00am refreshments 9.15am start	Year 1 assembly
Wednesday 17 May	4.00pm-6.00pm	Year 5 Football tournament
Thursday 18 May	All Day	Outdoor Classroom Day
Friday 19 May	2.00pm-4.30pm	BCSSA Tag Rugby Competition
Monday 22 May	12.00pm	HSBC in school
Tuesday 23 May	1.30pm-3.00pm	Practice session for Y3 First Holy Communion
Wednesday 24 May	12.00pm	Class of the half term award dinner for Year 6
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
Sunday 28 May	5.00pm	May Procession at Holy Cross Church
Dates for your diary - June 2017		
Monday 5 June	8.50am	Return to school
Tuesday 6 June	1.30pm-3.00pm	Practice session for Y3 First Holy Communion
Wednesday 7 June	4.00pm-6.00pm	Sutton School Year 6 Boys' Football Festival
Thursday 8 June	All Day	School Closed to children - General Elections
Saturday 10 June	12.00pm	First Holy Communion
Monday 12 June	12.00pm	HSBC in school
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 Bikeability
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
Monday 26 June	12.00pm	HSBC in school
Tuesday 27 June	9.00am refreshments 9.15am start	EYFS Assembly
Wednesday 28 June	11.30am-3.30pm	Final for Maths Challenge-King Edwards Boys' School
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. 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	12.00pm	HSBC in school
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

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