



## Newsletter No 32

Dear Parents and Friends

Thursday 25 May 2017



We welcomed Bishop Robert Byrne (accompanied by Fr Neil) on Monday. He enjoyed a belated visit with the Confirmandi in Year 6 before meeting School Council and looking at our new Prayer Garden. The children had the opportunity to discuss Catholic Life at Holy Cross as well as asking the Bishop questions about his own faith and vocation. We will welcome Bishop Robert back to the school in September as part of our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations.



Here comes the bride!

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to Miss Crowley and her fiancée for their forthcoming wedding during half term. We wish the future Mr and Mrs Howes every happiness as they start this new chapter of their lives together.

After yet another busy week, we are all ready to enjoy the half term break. Let us hope there's some sunshine for us to enjoy! **School reopens as normal on Monday 5 June.**

**Enjoy the half term break!**



**Mass:** There will be no Mass on Thursday 8 June; school is closed due to the General Election.



### The Royal Ballet

Yesterday we welcomed the Royal Ballet who led workshops with Years 1, 2 and 3. What a wonderful opportunity for the children to be involved in such creativity; look out for the photographs on Twitter.



### Catholic Schools Tag Rugby Competition

Last week we took a team to compete at the Catholic Schools Tag Rugby Competition against schools from across Birmingham. The team performed fantastically and reached the semi-finals. Unfortunately we were unable to beat St. Catherine of Sienna, but we were very proud of the team. They gave 100% and were a credit to the school. A special thanks also goes to Mr. Rowlands who stepped in at the last minute to referee a selection of games and give encouragement to lots of schools.

## NOVELTY KEYRINGS

### Novelty Keyrings

I have noticed the increasing amount of key rings on children's' book bags. I understand this helps children identify their bag; however I do not want children becoming upset if they get lost or damaged. Therefore after half term I ask parents to limit this to one key ring per bag. Thank you



### Sun Tan Cream

Children do not bring sun screen to school for health and safety reasons e.g. younger children not being able to apply correctly and getting sun screen in their eyes or the possibility of an allergic reaction. Parents are asked to apply a suitable high factor sun cream to their child/children before the school day begins. This will provide adequate protection for the rest of the day. The school obviously monitors weather conditions, ensuring water is available and children being reminded to seek shady areas and wear sun caps when outside. Thank you for your support.



### May Procession

The May Procession will be held at Holy Cross and Saint Frances Catholic Church on Sunday 28 May at 5.00pm. Father Neil would like all First Holy Communion children to attend; everyone is welcome!



### Holy Communion Practice sessions

On **Tuesday 6 June** all Year 3 children will walk from school to attend a practice session at Holy Cross Church. The children will the need to be collected from the Church at **3.00pm** on both of these days. Any children who are in Kids' Club on those days will be walked back to school to attend Kids' Club.



### Flowers and Ties

Parents are asked for a donation of £3.00 per family towards of the cost of flowers for the church. The deadline for payment is today. Please send this money into school in a clearly labelled envelope with 'Holy Communion' and your child's name.

Parents of boys are asked for a donation of £5.00 for the red tie, which you will then receive in the week prior to the Mass. Boys will be given red sashes by staff in the church hall on the day. Please log onto your Parent Pay account to make payment Thank you.



### Choir

A reminder that members of the choir from Years 4-6 are asked to sing at the First Holy Communion Masses (10 and 17 June). We want this to be a special day for all our Y3 children so please support them by ensuring that if your child is in the choir they sing at both or at least one of the Masses (they can wear their own clothes!). 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.



### Parking

On both Saturdays there will be a lot of extra cars. Please park carefully and do not block any of the residents' driveways. Thank you for your support.



### Holy Cross is 50!

50th Birthday Celebrations- In September, 2017, we will start celebrating Holy Cross' 50th Birthday! In preparation for the celebrations, we need your help! We are collecting photos from over the 50 years- so if you attended Holy Cross or know anybody that did, then please send in any photos of your time at Holy Cross to- [enquiry@holycross-sch.net](mailto:enquiry@holycross-sch.net), with the subject- 'Holy Cross 50th Birthday Celebrations'.

We are also looking to collect memories, so again if you or know anybody that did attend Holy Cross, then please get in contact via the school office or enquiry e-mail address and Miss Crowley will be in touch to ask you some questions.



### Year 4 Cricket Competition - Wednesday 7 June

The children will need to bring a packed lunch and drinks for this event. They will also need a sun hat and a waterproof coat to cover the British summer. Thank you for your support.



### EYFS Trip to Twycross Zoo

On **Friday 9 June**, EYFS is going on a trip to Twycross Zoo. A voluntary donation of **£16.00** will 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 **today**. 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** will 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.



### Cello Lesson

There will be no cello lessons on Friday 9 June; credits will be given next term. Thank you.



### Dinner Money

If your child is in KS2 and has a school dinner the deadline for the payment of **£76.50** is **Monday 12 June**. Please make payment through ParentPay. If you have credit showing on your ParentPay account please deduct this from the £76.50 and pay the remaining balance. 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** will 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 EYFS, Year 2 and Year 3 with 99.05% Well done!

The Punctuality Award for the week: We had no lates this week!



**Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week and during Half Term:**

Iris A, Maria J (Y1), Nevin R, Eva H (Y3), Frances C, Christien J, Amy M (Y5), Alexandra H (Y6).

### Dates for your diary - May 2017

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
<b>Wednesday 7 June</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Year 4 Cricket Competition</b>
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
Friday 16 June	All Day	Early Years - Den Day in aid of Save the Children
Saturday 17 June	12.00pm	First Holy Communion
<b>Monday 19 June</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Year's 4 and 5 going to Aegon Classic Tennis Tournament</b>
Tuesday 20 June to Friday	All Day	Year 5 Bikeability

23 June		
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
<b>Dates for your diary - July 2017</b>		
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**

I hope you all enjoy the half term break.

Yours sincerely

***T Cotter***

Miss T Cotter  
Principal

May your hands  
be forever clasped  
in friendship, and  
your hearts joined  
forever in love.



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