



Newsletter No 33

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 9 June 2017



Holy Communion

On Saturday, our first group of children: Darren A, Mia B, Thomas B, Fraser C, Olivia F, Orlaith F, Dylan G, Olivia H, Mollie-Mae H, Eva H, Isla H, Alicia I, Ryan K and Harry M will be making their First Holy Communion at 12.00 Mass at Holy Cross Church. The children have been working very hard with Mr Mayor to prepare for this Sacrament. This will be a very special day for them and we hope that you will be able to come and share in this celebration. Please remember these children in your prayers. (Please pray for sunshine too!)



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 Year 3 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. 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.



Slightly earlier than planned, Mrs Haywood is taking a well-deserved rest and has started her maternity leave. We wish her well as she and her husband await their forthcoming arrival. I will let you know when there is any news.



Mass: Year 4 will lead our Mass on Thursday 15 June in school. All welcome.



Appeal for help

The PTA is asking for volunteers to help at the Summer Fayre. If you can spare a bit of time please speak to Alyson Pratt, Zoe O'Toole, and Caroline Wall or come to the school office.



Appeal for Face Painters

We are appealing for anyone that can do face painting at our Summer Fair. Please contact the school office if you can help.



Samosa Supplier

We would like to have a samosa stall at this year's fayre; if you are able to donate or assist in any way please contact the school office. 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, 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.



HSBC

HSBC Bank

A member of the HSBC Bank will visit our school on **Monday 12 June**. We try to encourage our KS2 children to open and be responsible for their own bank account and manage their money.

School Dinners

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.



Fathers' Day Lunch

Orders are now closed for our two Fathers' Day lunches being held on **Wednesday 14 and Thursday 15 June**. Lunch will be served from 12.00pm and guests are requested to arrive at the Key Stage One entrance at 11.45am. We are looking forward to welcoming you to what should be a most enjoyable event.



PTA Meeting

Please come along to our PTA meeting on **Wednesday 14 June at 7.30pm**. All new members made very welcome. Thank you for your support.



Save the Children-EYFS-Den Day

On **Friday 16 June** our EYFS class will be taking part in Den Day for Save the Children. They will spend the day outdoors building dens, they can let their imaginations take over and create their own incredible den - and by getting sponsored to build super shelters at school, they'll be making life better for children who don't have a safe place to sleep tonight. The money we raise by taking part will help to make life better for children all over the world.

Please send in donation of boxes, bedsheets, curtains or blankets.

Letters and sponsor forms have been sent home with EYFS children, please contact the office if you require a copy, thank you for your support. Please return sponsor form and monies by **Friday 16 June**.



Year 4 and Year 6-Aegon Classic Tennis Tournament-Monday 19 June

We have been offered the amazing opportunity to take both Year 4 and Year 6 to participate in a training session at the Edgbaston Priory Tennis Club during the Aegon Classic Tennis Tournament. The Aegon Classic is the one opportunity to see the world's top female tennis stars play on grass for this season. This year the entrants include the British Number One, Johanna Konta and many more stars.

A letter has been sent home with children please complete reply slip and return no later than **Wednesday 14 June**. Please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you.



Year 5 Cricket Competition-Monday 19 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.



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 Year 3 with 99.05% Well done!
The Punctuality Award for the week: EYFS, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6.



Recommendations: EYFS: Daniel K, Ollie L Year 1: Jack B, Alice F Year 2: Calum McC, Connor McC Year 3: Darren A, Harry M Year 4: James M, Alex H Year 5: Sam K, Jack H Year 6: Mille McC, Ben L.



Lunchtime Award: Klaudia R (EYFS).
Class of the week: Year 3.
Sports Award: Flynn B (Y2).



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 'Faith-Filled and Hopeful'. 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:** Gabriella L **Miss Stevens:** Ellen T **Mr Hunt:** Daniel S **Mr Mayor:** Olivia F **Miss Lovelock and Mrs Howes:** Matthew N-C (Y5) **Mr Rowlands:** Keane S **Miss Cross:** Netball girls - Grace B, Milly B, Matilda C, Alex H, Niamh P, Nhea R, Natalie S, Jessica T, Annie D.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
Scarlett T (Y3), Frank W, Johnny G (Y4), Matilda C (Y6).

Dates for your diary - June 2017		
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
Monday 19 June	All Day	Year 5 Cricket Competition
Monday 19 June	All Day	Year's 4 and 6 going to Aegon Classic Tennis Tournament
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 Christi 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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