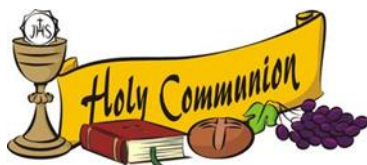




Newsletter No 34

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 16 June 2017



Last Saturday, our first group of children celebrated the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. It was a beautiful Mass; a very reverent occasion for our children and their families. Tomorrow, our second group of children: Eloise H, Francesca L, Caitlin L, Jake M-B, Finbarr McG, Emma McK, Erin P, Eliza S, Scarlett T, Olivia W, Christie W, Joshua W, Darcie W and Ella W will be receiving this Sacrament at 12.00 Mass at Holy Cross Church. The children have been working very hard with Mr Mayor to prepare for this occasion. 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. We had a good turn out last week and it would be very sad if we did not have a strong choir again this week. I sincerely hope that you will show your support in this important matter.



Parking

A reminder that there will be a lot of extra cars in the Church car park on Saturday. Please park carefully and do not block any of the residents' driveways. Thank you for your support.



Cleaning the Church

As part of our school/parish links, Year 3 families clean the church in preparation for Saturday's Mass. The church will be open tonight from 7.20pm to 7.50pm for a half hour slot; this is due to Masses that have been booked. I do hope that Year 3 parents will make every effort to help to prepare the church for tomorrow's very important Sacrament Mass. Thank you.



Fathers' Day Lunches

It was lovely to see so many dads and granddads at our special lunches this week. The children love to share lunch with you at school and I appreciate you making the time to attend. A big thank you to Mrs Watts and the kitchen staff, the lunchtime team and the office staff for ensuring that this event ran smoothly.



Health and Safety - Parking

I am afraid that yet again I am asking for your cooperation regarding parking when dropping off or collecting children at the beginning or end of the school day. Parents are parking in clearly marked no stopping zones to drop off/collect children. These areas are marked for a reason; it is not safe to stop in these areas and could result in an accident. Also, please do not park over resident's drives. The Community Police team are aware of this situation and will be monitoring closely. Please put safety before convenience. Thank you.



Mass: Year 3 will lead our Mass in *Church* on *Thursday 22 June*. This is also (weather permitting) our Corpus Christi procession when we process with the Blessed Sacrament from Church to school where we celebrate Benediction in the hall. These Catholic traditions are not seen as often these days, so please make every effort to attend Mass on Thursday. Everyone is very welcome.



EYFS Trip to Twycross Zoo

Our EYFS class had a lovely time at the Zoo last Friday. They learned so much about all the animals; their behaviour and manners were fantastic! A big thank you to the volunteers and we hope you had fun too!



Online Safety Notice

If your child uses Musical.ly or Live.ly then please do read this Channel 4 report about the potential dangers and risks - <https://www.channel4.com/news/children-bombarded-with-sexually-explicit-chat-on-musical-ly-and-live-ly> - Please continue to monitor and discuss with your child what they do online. If you have any questions or need support then please do not hesitate to contact the school office or Mrs Howes.



Year 1 Trip to Warwick Castle

Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed the trip to Warwick castle. They started off the day watching the bowman show. Then looked around the castle and learnt a lot about this history of the Royal family. The children enjoyed watching and learning about the birds of prey. They finished the day heading up the tower to the top of the castle. It was an excellent day. A big thank you to our volunteers!



Netball

Last week the Year 6 girls' netball team took part in a competition against schools from across Sutton Coldfield. The girls were excellent and finished in 2nd place. They represented the school with great pride and commitment, showing fierce determination to compete whilst also displaying great sportsmanship. Well done girls!



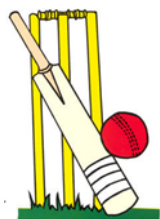
Football

The Year 6 boys also took part in a football festival last week against other Sutton schools. The boys played fantastically well and achieved a very credible 4th place in their group. Both the 2nd and 3rd placed teams only achieved a mere 1 point advantage after all the group games. They gave 100% effort throughout the competition and with no substitutions the boys had to play every minute of every match, even with matches straight after each other. Their final testament is that the winning school beat everyone there apart from our boys who nearly snatched a late winner against them. Well done lads!



Athletics Competition

On Monday we had the pleasure of taking a mixed KS2 team to compete in the BCSSA Catholic Schools Athletics Competition at the Alexander Stadium. The children's behaviour was excellent and they gave 100% against some very tough opposition. A big well done to all the children, but an extra mention is for the girls' 4 x100m relay team who finished 3rd in the final and to Matilda who came joint 4th out of 30 other schools in the high jump.



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.



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

The children will need to bring a packed lunch, bottles of water and come to school in their PE kit (they are allowed to wear trainers instead of their PE pumps) Due to the unpredictability of the British weather, the children will also need to have protection from the sun and a raincoat depending on the weather. Thank you.



Academy Photographers

On Tuesday 20 June the photographers will be in school to take photographs of classes, leavers and graduation. Please ensure that all children are in full summer uniform and the have a school cardigan/jumper with them. Thank you.



Early Years Induction Evening

A reminder for parents with a child starting school in September 2016 that the Induction Evening is on **Wednesday 21 June at 6.00pm** (refreshments served from 5:45pm). This is a very important evening for parents so please make every effort to attend.



Creative Arts Evening

On **Thursday 22 June** at **6.00pm** there will be a Creative Arts Evening. Children who are performing can arrive at **5.30pm**. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our children's talents with our whole school community! There will a range of performances that will include: playing an instrument, being in a band, singing, dance, gymnastics, reciting poetry and much more! Please come along to support our children.



Summer Fayre

The PTA have requested the following:



£1 Donation

On **Friday 23 June** we request that the children bring in £1 donation for the PTA to purchase items for our Summer Fayre. Children are required to wear **full school uniform**. Thank you.



On **Friday 30 June** the PTA have requested that the children bring in a jar for our Summer Fayre. This can be anything from a jar of jam to a jar of chilli sauce. Children are required to wear **full school uniform**. Thank you.



Bring in bottle of wine in a bottle bag

On **Friday 7 July** the PTA have requested that the children bring in a bottle of wine (one per family) in a gift bag for our Summer Fayre. Children are required to wear **full school uniform**

Thank you for all your support towards making our Summer Fayre and BBQ a great success! Let's hope for good weather. Thank you.



EYFS Assembly Tuesday 27 June - 9.15am (refreshments at 9.00am)

Our EYFS class will be performing their assembly. Everyone welcome! I hope that you will be able to attend. Thank you.



Summer Fayre Volunteers Friday 7 July

The PTA would like to offer the pupils in Years 4, 5 and Year 6 the opportunity to help the PTA by running some of the game stalls at the summer fayre on Friday 7 July. A letter has been sent home with children today; please contact the school office if you require a copy. 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.



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 1 and Year 3 with 99.26% Well done!

The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.



Recommendations: EYFS: Aidan J, Michael B, whole class **Year 1:** whole class, Maria J **Year 2:**

Liam B, Aaron H **Year 3:** Olivia H, Nevin R **Year 4:** Imogen A, Erin L-F **Year 5:** James R, Keane S **Year 6:** Milly B, Chris S.



Lunchtime Award: Owen P (Y4).

Class of the week: Year 3.

Sports Award: Athletics team.



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:** Tresa B **Miss Stevens:** Ronan L (EYFS) **Mr Hunt:** Ella P

Mr Mayor: Ricky M (Y6) Olivia W, Ella W **Miss Lovelock and Mrs Howes:** Isobel W **Mr Rowlands:** Matthew N-C, Michael McG (Y6) **Miss Cross:** Jessica T.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
Klaudia R (EYFS), Emma McK (Y3), Lilliemae G (Y5), Michael McG (Y6).

Dates for your diary - June 2017		
Saturday 17 June	12.00pm	First Holy Communion
Monday 19 June	All Day	Year 5 Cricket Competition
Monday 19 June	All Day	Years 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	1.30pm-3.20pm	Sports Day
Friday 7 July	3.20pm-5.30pm	Summer Fayre and Family BBQ
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 'An Inspector Calls'
Friday 14 July		Year 6 Leavers' Party at Hollyfields Club - Erdington
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.

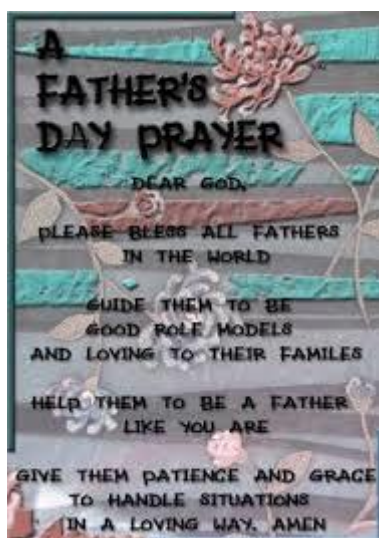
Yours sincerely

T Cotter

Miss T Cotter
Principal

Happy Fathers' Day to all our lovely dads and granddads. We hope you all have a lovely relaxing day!

For all our dads here and in heaven.



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