



## Newsletter No 35

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 23 June 2017



On Saturday the second group of children received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Both weeks have been very special and reverent occasions. I would like to thank Mr Mayor, Mrs Gregory and Mrs Burton for preparing the children so well; they were a credit to their families and the school. Thanks also to the children (and staff!) who sang in the choir, our altar servers, the parish choir, the school staff and of course Fr Neil. These were very special days for everyone in our Holy Cross Family.



### Holy Communion Photographs

Year 3 children were given their Holy Communion photographs to take home this afternoon. ***Please send your order direct to Academy Photography Ltd in the pre-paid envelope provided; the deadline is the 17 July. Thank you.***



Yesterday morning we participated in a beautiful Thanksgiving Mass, Corpus Christi procession and outdoor Benediction. These traditions are not seen frequently these days so it was lovely for the children to have the opportunity to take part. They behaved so reverently so well done children! It was lovely to see so many parents at the Mass and taking part in the procession. The children who had recently received their First Holy Communion enjoyed their Celebration breakfast prepared by the PTA- thank you to all of you for helping to make this a special day.



### Creative Arts Evening

We had a very successful Creative Arts Evening last night; Holy Cross has very talented children! It was lovely to see children having the opportunity of showing their talents to an audience. Thank you to all our music teachers; Mr Fekete, Mr James, Mr Smith, Miss Lauer and to Mr Mayor and all the school staff for organising last night's extravaganza!



**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.



**Staffing from September 2017**

EYFS: Miss Stewart  
Year 1: Miss Stevens  
Year 2: Mr Hunt  
Year 3: Mr Mayor  
Year 4: Miss Lovelock and Mrs Howes  
Year 5: Mr Rowlands  
Year 6: Miss Cross

Children will meet their new teachers on Handover Day on Wednesday 5 July.



**Holy Cross 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Big congratulations to Regine W (Y5) and Daniel W (Y1) for winning our 'Logo Competition'. Please see the winning entry attached to newsletter. The logo will be used on our letter head, our school website and any publicity material we use for the birthday celebrations. Thank you to all the children who entered our competition; we had some fantastic entries and it was a very difficult decision.

**Letters emailed to parents this week:**

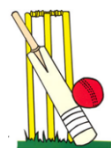
**Year 4:** Performing Arts Day at Bishop Walsh



*Please contact office if you have not received copy*



**Mass:** Year 5 will lead our Mass in *Church* on **Thursday 29 June**. This is the Feast of SS Peter and Paul and is a Holy Day of Obligation.



**Year 5 Cricket Competition**

On Monday, we took the whole year 5 class to compete in the 'Chance to Shine festival'. This was the culmination of our continuing partnership with Warwickshire Cricket Club who provided a set of 5 weeks of free cricket coaching to the children. The festival was brilliant and the children had a great time. They did very well in the blazing sunshine with some excellent shots to smash the ball off the boundary or fantastic catches. We are proud of all of them.



### Years 4 and 6 Aegon Classic Tennis Tournament

On Monday, both Year 4 and Year 6 had the opportunity to attend the Aegon Classic tournament at the Edgbaston Priory club. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to meet and watch some of the world's top 10 female tennis players as they prepare for Wimbledon. They also had the chance to play in a session on the same courts. The children did amazingly well in the blazing sunshine and were a real credit to the school, well done to both year groups.



### Bike Shed

If you leave your child's bike in the bike shed please ensure that it is safely chained and locked. The school cannot hold responsibility for any loss. Thank you.



### HSBC Bank

A member of the HSBC Bank will visit our school on **Monday 26 June**. We try to encourage our KS2 children to open and be responsible for their own bank account and manage their money.



### Year 5 visit to Bishop Walsh

Year 5 will be going to Bishop Walsh on **Tuesday 27 June** to participate in a Science lesson. The children will be walking to and from Bishop Walsh. They will be back before the end of the school day. 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. This is a fantastic, exciting opportunity for the children.



### Year 4 visit to Bishop Walsh

Year 4 will be going to Bishop Walsh on **Wednesday 28 June** to participate in a Performing Arts Day. The children will be walking to and from Bishop Walsh. They will be back before the end of the school day. 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. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school for this day. The children will require a packed lunch; a letter has been emailed home please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you.



### Year 4 Maths Final

Good luck to the children taking part in 'The Borchers Shield' - Maths Challenge Final on **Wednesday 28 June**; At King Edward's School, Edgbaston. We will let you know the result next week.



### Summer Fayre

The PTA have requested the following:



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.*



### 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.



### Sutton Coldfield Community Games

These will be held on **Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 July** at Wyndley Leisure Centre. Please see attached poster giving you more details. Thank you.

### Holy Cross Pre-School



Holy Cross Pre-School will be having their Open Day on **Saturday 8 July**, from 10.00am to 2.00pm. There will be lots of games and activities and a bouncy castle. All welcome; please come along!



### 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 with 98.15% Well done!

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



**Recommendations: EYFS:** Jessie F, Marian A **Year 1:** Daniel B, Sienna M **Year 2:** Eden H, Calum McC, Joseph K **Year 3:** Orlaith F, whole class **Year 4:** Erin L-F, Imogen A, Ava A **Year 5:** Madeline L, Lillimae G **Year 6:** Jake Woo, Emily E.



**Lunchtime Award:** Calum McC (Y2).

**Sports Award:** Whole of Year 5.



### **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:** Chase B **Miss Stevens:** Whole class **Mr Hunt:** Logan McC

**Mr Mayor:** Eloise H, whole class **Miss Lovelock and Mrs Howes:** Malaika W, Johnny G **Mr Rowlands:** Charlie B

**Miss Cross:** Erin L-F (Y6), Jake M-B, Michael McG.





Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:  
Ellen T (Y1).

Dates for your diary - June 2017		
Monday 26 June	12.00pm	HSBC in school
Tuesday 27 June	12.00pm	Y5 Going to Bishop Walsh for Science lesson
Wednesday 28 June	All Day	Y4 Going to Bishop Walsh for Performing Arts
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	2.00pm-3.20pm	EYFS Graduation in hall - all welcome
Friday 21 July	3.20pm	Break up for summer!

**\*Other dates available on website**

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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