



Newsletter No 38

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 14 July 2017



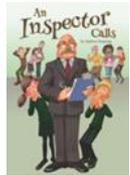
Last week the children all took part in a fantastic afternoon of sport. They all gave 100% across all of the 7 events, working on all the fundamental skills of PE in agility, balance and co-ordination. There was a great competitive spirit around the field as well as many examples of sportsmanship between the houses.

This year the results were as follows:

- 1st- More
- 2nd- Clitheroe
- 3rd- Fisher
- 4th- Campion



The majority of you stayed for the family BBQ which was lovely to see. Several families told me how enjoyable the event had been and of course we were so lucky with the weather! A big 'Thank you' to the PTA for organising this event they raised an amazing £2,035.04! A special thank you to everyone who donated different items for this event.



Year 6 Leavers' Production

Last night we all enjoyed the Year 6's production of 'An Inspector Calls'. They know us all so well!! These performances are always witty but poignant and remind us that Holy Cross really does have talent!



School Reports

School reports have been sent home with children today (please check their bags!) You will be invited to offer written feedback which will be greatly valued by the school; we do take on board your opinions. As the reports are very detailed, there will be no Parents' Evening before the end of term. If you have any specific queries regarding your child's report; please arrange to see your child's class teacher.



Stranger danger

I am afraid that sadly there has been another incident in our local area. Two Bishop Walsh students (former Holy Cross pupils) were mugged walking through Newhall Valley after school. A letter was sent home last week urging parents to ensure that their children are safe on their way to and from school, please do follow our advice.



Mass: Year 6 will lead our Mass in school on **Thursday 20 July**. All welcome!



An important reminder - Haircuts

In recent weeks, there have been a number of boys coming to school with hair styles not in line with our school policy. Our policy is very clear:

Haircuts should be sensible, neat and clean, without extremes of fashion such as colours, tram-lines, patterns, partly shaved heads etc. *These styles may be fun and fashionable but are not deemed appropriate for school.* Long hair should be tied back discreetly for hygiene and safety reasons.

I ask for your cooperation in this important matter. Thank you.



Lunchtime Play Co-Ordinator Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Play Co-Ordinator 6.40 hours per week, Monday - Friday 12.00pm to 1.20pm. We are looking for someone who will take an active part in supporting/improving lunchtime for our children. The post would commence from September. For further information please contact the school office 675-2158.



Rotary Awards

Congratulations to Grace B, Matilda C, Jacob D, Hannah E, Alex H, Charlie H, Ben L, Ricky M, Niamh P, Clark T and Jessica T who took part in the Rotary Awards. Their hard work and commitment was celebrated at a lovely presentation evening on Tuesday at Sutton Coldfield Town Hall. Well done to all the children and a big thank you to Mrs Jupp who works so hard in supporting the children to achieve this award.



Ordering School Uniform

Parents are reminded that school uniform should be ordered as early as possible to avoid disappointment. As you can appreciate this will be an extremely busy time for our suppliers Clive Mark and Mapac.



Year 2 Trip to Weston-Super-Mare

On Monday, Year 2 went on their summer holidays to Weston Super-Mare to complete their topic about holidays. The children's behaviour across the whole trip was excellent and they had so much fun. They looked at how we play on the beach in the present day and had loads of fun turning into mermaids, digging holes, making sandcastles and having fun in the sand. They attempted to dip their toes in the sea, however the sea was in the far distance and so they had to settle for a dip in the sandy mud instead. Finally they explored the Grand Pier, making links back to their learning about beach holidays in the Victorian Period before finishing off with an ice-cream. Overall they had a fantastic day! Thank you to the volunteers who I hope had a lovely time as well.



Year 3 Trip to Chedworth Roman Villa

As part of the Roman Britain topic, Year 3 visited Chedworth Roman Villa earlier this week. The children enjoyed a guided tour of the site, a living history session which included making a medicine bag and dressing as a slave and finally an activity looking at genuine Roman artefacts found on the site. Year 3 children were true ambassadors for Holy Cross School; not only were their manners and behaviour excellent but also the enthusiasm and knowledge shown by all. Especial thanks goes to our volunteer helpers, without which such trips would not be possible. Well done Year 3, we are very proud of you!

ZUMBA

Zumba Club - Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 (September 2017)

Letters have been sent home with children. If your child would like to join the Zumba Club please complete and return forms no later than **Monday 17 July**. Please note that there are limited places so it is a first come first served basis. Please note **NO late orders** after this date will be accepted. Thank you for your cooperation.



Tennis Club - Year 1 and Year 2 (September 2017)

Letters have been sent home with children this week. If your child would like to join the Tennis Club please complete and return forms no later than **Tuesday 18 July**. Please note that there are limited places so it is a first come first served basis. Please note **NO late orders** after this date will be accepted. Thank you for your cooperation.



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. The children will be travelling by coach and will leave school at approximately 9.15 a.m. They will leave the Safari Park at 3.15 p.m. and are expected to be back at school 4.30 p.m. approximately. The children will require a packed lunch and need not wear school uniform. There will be an opportunity for the children to visit the gift shop children can bring approximately £5.00 spending money. Let's hope for good weather!



'Get Your Grown Ups Growing' - THE BIG TIDY UP!

On **Tuesday 18 July** we will be holding another 'Get Your Grown Ups Growing' event at 2.00pm until 3.00pm and you are more than welcome to join! This is in response to children's requests to tidy up our local environment and we respect children's right to be heard. Children are asked to bring in a £1.00 donation to wear their own clothes, preferably old clothes that they won't mind getting messy and dirty, and suitable footwear. Please contact the office if you are available to help take any rubbish bags to the tip! We look forward to seeing you!



EYFS-'Mini Holi Festival'

On **Wednesday 19 July** Early Years will be celebrating the end of their multi-cultural unit on Hinduism by having a 'Mini Holi Festival!' Please could all children bring in a change of clothes (preferably clothes you don't mind getting dirty) for the Holi festival as we will be throwing coloured paint everywhere! Thank you.



Class Information

- All guided reading books and diaries must be returned to school no later than **Wednesday 19 July**. Please do check around the house for any lost books.
- All library books borrowed must be returned to school by **Wednesday 19 July**.
- Your child will come home with their P.E bag during the last few days for it to stay at home and be washed ready for September.
- Your child will also bring home their books from the year- please send in a sturdy plastic bag by **Wednesday 19 July** for your child to store their books. Some books have been kept back for monitoring reasons. These books will be sent home at the end of the autumn term.
- There will be no homework set over the summer holidays.
- Please do speak to your child about their new teacher and classroom.



If you would like more information on what to expect on your child's new year ahead then please go on to the school website to their respective class pages to see the curriculum information. Any questions please do not hesitate to ask.



On **Thursday 20 July** we will be holding Year 6 Leaver's Mass and our Mission Award Assembly. **Please send all children to school in full summer uniform; sending in their own disco clothes in a carrier bag. The children will get changed into their own clothes at the end of the school day; and bring their school uniform home with them. Thank you.**



End of Term PTA Disco - Children to come to school in full school uniform

This will be held on **Thursday 20 July** from 3.20pm to 4.30pm. If you are available to help please contact the school office. Thank you for your support. **£2.00 entrance fee to the disco per child (in a clearly marked envelope with child's name and 'Disco.'** Children can also bring a maximum of **£3.00** spending money - in a separate purse please.



Toy Day

On **Friday 21 July** children can bring a toy into school. Please do not send your child with an expensive toy as the school will not accept responsibility if this gets broken. Please note that children should not bring in electric toys to school. **The children need to wear full school uniform for this day.**



Early Years Graduation

Our Early Years children will be celebrating their Graduation on **Friday 21 July at 2.00pm**. Parents are invited to join in this fantastic celebration!



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 5 with 98.89% Well done!

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

Recommendations

Recommendations: EYFS: Addison H-G, Bethany McK, Elijah C-G **Year 1:** Ruth H, Nathaniel C

Year 2: Whole class, Mrs Feenan, Mr Causer, Mrs O'Toole **Year 3:** Sian J, Isla H **Year 4:** Daisy C, Ben B

Year 5: Jack McK, Isobel H **Year 6:** Whole class.



Lunchtime Award: Caitlin K (Y2).

Class of the Week: Year 3.



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:** Klaudia R **Miss Stevens:** Alex E **Mr Hunt:** Year 2 class

Mr Mayor: Year 3 class **Miss Lovelock and Mrs Howes:** Bonnie T-M, Ava A **Mr Rowlands:** Amy M, Rosena J

Miss Cross: Ricky M, Qai'Rou M.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
 Sophie H (EYFS), Cormac K, Christopher K, Oskar C (Y1), Ella W (Y3), Owen P (Y4), Rosena J (Y5).

Dates for your diary - July 2017		
Tuesday 18 July	All Day	Y6 Trip to Safari Park
Tuesday 18 July	2.00pm-3.00pm	Get Your Grown Ups Growing - All Welcome!
Thursday 20 July	3.20pm-4.30pm	PTA Disco-Wear school uniform and bring disco clothes in a bag.
Friday 21 July	All day	Toy Day - children to wear full school uniform
Friday 21 July	2.00pm-3.20pm	EYFS Graduation in hall - all welcome
Friday 21 July	3.20pm	Break up for summer!
Dates for your diary - September 2017		
Tuesday 5 September	8.50am	Return to school-wearing summer uniform

**Other dates available on website*

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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