



Newsletter No 39

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 21 July 2017



We celebrated a lovely Mass yesterday and thank Fr Ray for stepping in to celebrate Mass for us. Well done to our two Mission Award recipients: Daniel (Y2) and Qai'Rou (Y6) and to all of you in Year 6 for the contribution you have made during your time at Holy Cross Catholic Primary School. We wish you every success in the future.



Congratulations Mr Hunt!

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to Mr Hunt and his fiancée for their forthcoming wedding during the holidays. We wish the future Mr and Mrs Hunt every happiness as they start this new chapter of their lives together.



Goodbye and Thank You

Today we say good bye and good luck to Mr Smith, one of our Lunchtime play coordinators who is leaving us today to take up a post at Holy Cross Pre School and Kids' club. Also goodbye to one of our kitchen staff, Mrs Stokes who is leaving to take up a new career path. We thank them both for their hard work and enthusiasm in their time here at Holy Cross and wish them every success in the future.

Term Dates

As a reminder, the term dates for 2017-18 are attached with the revised INSET Days. The 2018-19 dates, once agreed will be published early in the Autumn term.



I would like to thank all the staff from all areas of the school for their hard work, in this busy year which included an Ofsted, two weddings and a new baby! Everyone works so effectively as part of a very hard working team to ensure that your children are safe, happy and enjoy exciting learning experiences, both inside and outside the classroom. I hope that they all enjoy a well-deserved break.



Mass: Year 4 will lead our Mass in school on **Thursday 7 September**. All welcome!



50th Anniversary Mass

This school Mass will be held on **Friday 15 September** at 11.00am. As part of our celebrations the whole school will be having a picnic after Mass. Therefore, children are required to bring in a packed lunch for this day.

Thank you.



Graduation for our Early Years Children

This was a wonderful celebration, enjoyed by our children, parents, family and staff. The children proudly graduated from their first year in school wearing a cap and gown, each being presented with a scroll. Thank you to Miss Stewart for organising this lovely occasion and ensuring the children are so ready to join Key Stage One in September.



Year 6 Trip to West Midlands Safari Park

Year 6 enjoyed a wonderful final trip to the West Midlands Safari Park. The children first explored the animals on safari then had a great time round the fun fair! Their behaviour was excellent and was commented on by both staff and members of the public. It was a lovely final trip and we wish them all the best in the future. Thank you to all the volunteers!



'Get Your Grown Ups Growing'

The Big Tidy Up! On Tuesday afternoon the whole school gathered together to tidy up the school environment and local area. It was all hands on deck and we gathered lots of rubbish and cleared any old planters. Thank you, as always, for the excellent support from our parents. See you the Autumn term for our annual planting event!



Dinner Money

The deadline for dinner money is **Wednesday 13 September**. The amount due is **£68.80**, please log onto your ParentPay account to make payment. If you have credit please deduct this amount from amount due. Any queries please contact the school office. Thank you.



My Annual Reminder!

If you are considering having your child's ears pierced over the holidays, the beginning of the holidays is ideal as they will have the 6 weeks of wearing them and be ready to remove them for PE in the Autumn term. The Summer holidays are the time when children enjoy different hairstyles e.g. braiding or patterns cut into hair. Please ensure that by the 5 September children's hairstyles are in line with our School Uniform Policy - thank you.



Assessment Information

Assessment Information- The STA has released guidance for parents of children in Year Two and Year Six about the end of year assessments. Please follow this link to find out more-
<http://www.holycross-sch.net/page/default.asp?pid=21>



Summer Uniform

Reminder to parents when we return to school in September children are required to wear full **summer uniform**. They will change to winter uniform after October half term, thank you for your support.



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.

Good bye and Good luck!



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We wish Year 6 all the best as they move on to their Secondary Schools.

This year we also say goodbye to many families who have been involved with the school for many years. They have been active members of the PTA and/or School Governors/Academy Committee Representatives and have supported all aspects of school life. We thank them for their support throughout the years and hope that they will have many happy memories of their time at the Holy Cross.

Goodbye and thank you to the following families:

The Baizley family
The Beddows family
The Craggs family
The Davis family
The Evans family
The Hewston family
The Homer family
The Liston family
The Marston family
The McCallion family
The McGuigan family
The McIlroy family
The Perkins family
The Pratt family
The Samir Labib family
The Simon family
The Taylor family
The Thomas family
The Turley family
The Turner family



Attendance - Our school strives for 100% attendance.

Did you know...? Under new Government legislation, 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 6 with 94.30%!



100% Attendance

Congratulations to the following children for achieving an amazing 100% attendance this year:

EYFS: Sophia H, Daniel K, Ronan L, James W **Year 1:** Oskar C, Nathaniel C, Anaha P, Daniel W
Year 2: Joseph K, Caitlin K, Joseph M, Daniel S **Year 3:** Thomas B, Fraser C, Mollie-Mae H, Isla H, Joshua W
Year 4: Enya B, Erin P, Owen P, Samuel W, Frank W **Year 5:** Jack H, Jack McK, Benjamin O'T, Regine W, Kyle W
Year 6: Pierce B, Thomas T.

Please see below whole school attendance for academic year 2016-2017.

EYFS 96.87%

Year 1 97.63%

Year 2 97.08%

Year 3 97.95%

Year 4 96.89%

Year 5 97.88%

Year 6 95.76%

Overall School Total 97.07%

The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5.

Recommendations

Recommendations: The Whole School!

Lunchtime Award: Klaudia R (EYFS).

Class of the Week: Year 6.





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: Whole School!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week and during the summer holiday:

Michael B, Tabitha S, Jessie-Rose F, Kaya G, Marian A (EYFS),
Daniel B, Reuben R, Alexander S, Jak McS (Y1),
Keela K, Jack C, Myles O'D (Y2),
Jake M-B, Mollie-Mae H, Harry M, Ryan K, Francesca L, Erin P, Olivia W (Y3),
Daisy C, Orlaith G, Harrison S, Samuel S, James D, Maria L (Y4),
Isobel H, James R, Abigail E (Y5),
Hannah E, Grace B, Jacob D, Clark T (Y6).



Goodbye, Good Luck and Thank You to the Leavers of 2017

Alexandra, Annie, Ben, Matilda, Charlie,
Chris, Clark, Emily, Grace, Hannah, Iona, Jack,
Jacob, Jake Wol, Jake Woo,
Jessica T, Jessica P, Luke, Michael, Millie, Milly,
Natalie, Nhea, Niamh, Pierce, Qai'Rou, Ricky, Sam and Thomas.

Dates for your diary - September 2017

Tuesday 5 September	8.50am	Return to school-wearing summer uniform
Friday 15 September	11.00am	50th Anniversary Mass - Bishop Robert
Friday 15 September	All Day	Music lessons start today
Wednesday 27 September		School nurses to carry out height and weight check Year 6

Dates for your diary - October 2017

Wednesday 11 October to Friday 13 October		Year 6 trip to Alton Castle
Dates for your diary - November 2017		
Tuesday 7 November	9.15am-10.15am	Open morning for prospective parents EYFS September 2018
Tuesday 7 November	2.00pm-3.00pm	Open afternoon for prospective parents EYFS September 2018

**Other dates available on website*

On behalf of the Academy Committee and Staff of Holy Cross Catholic Primary School, we thank you all for your support this year. We hope you all have an enjoyable and restful summer break.

Happy Holidays!
Yours sincerely

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