



Newsletter No 4

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 29 September 2017



October is the month of the Rosary and a month when we remember Mary, the mother of Jesus. During this month the children will be saying the Rosary in their classes and I do ask that you can try to find time to say the Rosary and to pray to Mary as a family.



Thank you to all those Y5 and Y6 parents who attended the INSPIRE Workshop on Tuesday; it was a great turnout.



Thank you to all family and friends who attending our Macmillan Coffee Morning today. Well done also to all the children who entered our 'Holy Cross Healthy Bake Off' - winners announced in Monday's assembly! The remaining cakes will be sold after school today and we will let you know the final total raised next week.



Mass: Year 4 will lead our Mass in *Church* on **Thursday 5 October**. Everyone is welcome.

Parents are reminded that we celebrate Mass at Church on the first Thursday of every month.

*In order to safeguard children, there are very clear procedures for the mornings we go to Mass at Church. On the days we meet at Church, adults must accompany the children and **stay with them** until the staff arrive. **Under no circumstances, should children be left on their own or to be responsible for their younger siblings.** Also, children must not be dropped off on the road to join the children from Kids' Club who are walking with staff; they must be taken directly to Church accompanied by an adult. I ask for your cooperation in this important matter.*

Children in EYFS

Children in EYFS will not be attending Mass at Church on Thursday 5 October due to them settling into school life. Please arrive at school start of normal school day. Thank you.



Football Match

On Wednesday, Holy Cross played their first match of the year and came away with a resounding 4-2 victory. The children played exceptionally well, passing and showing good movement off the ball. The first half finished in a tight 1-1 draw with an early goal from Jack. However they pushed on in the second half with further goals from Kyle and Oliver which put them in a leading position. The victory was assured when Kyle danced past their defence and calmly slotted the ball in the bottom corner of the net.

Their next match is the home derby match against St Nicholas Catholic Primary School on Monday 9 October. #mactastic!



Vacancy in Woodwind Lesson

There is a vacancy for woodwind. If your child is in KS2 and would like to learn to play the flute please contact the school office for further details. Thank you.



First Holy Communion Meeting

This will be held on **Tuesday 3 October at 6.00pm in Church**. *Parent Meetings are an essential part of Sacramental preparation and it is expected that all children will have a parent attending. Thank you for your support. Any parents, who are unable to attend, must contact Father Neil if they wish their child to receive the Sacrament.*



Class Assembly

On **Tuesday 3 October at 9.15am** our Year 4 class will be performing their assembly about 'Sound'. They have been working hard in preparation so I hope you will be able to attend. Thank you.



Grandparents' Lunch

Our first Grandparents' Lunch is being held on **Tuesday 3 October** (children with surname A-H)

Grandparents need to arrive at 11.45am and will enter through Key Stage 1 gate.

Our other lunch dates are **Wednesday 4 October** (children with surname I-N) **and Tuesday 10 October** (children with surname O-Z).

We look forward to meeting our special visitors on these days.



INSPIRE Workshops

Inspire Workshop for Year 1 and Year 2 this will be held on Tuesday 10 October 9.15am - 10.15am

Inspire Workshop for Year 3 and Year 4 this will be held on Tuesday 17 October 9.15am - 10.15am

One person per family is welcome to come along to support; please make every effort to attend.



Parent/Teacher Consultations

A letter has been sent home today with your child regarding Parent/Teacher Consultations. Please complete the proforma and return to the class teacher no later than **Monday 9 October**. Thank you.



EYFS Visit to Church-Please note change of date

On **Friday 13 October** Early Years will be walking up to Holy Cross and St Francis Church to meet Father Neil and have a tour around the Church. There will be time for the children to ask any questions they may have and learn about how we behave in Mass.

At **2.30pm** we would like to invite you to come to Holy Cross Church to join your child in a blessing for our new families by Father Neil. This is to celebrate and welcome our new families to Holy Cross Catholic Primary School. It will be followed by juice and snacks. Your child will then be dismissed from church at **3.10 pm**. If you cannot attend the blessing then please pick your child up from church at **3.10 pm**. (the time is given to allow parents time to collect siblings). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you.



Harvest Mass

Our Harvest Mass this year is on **Thursday 19 October 9:15am**. This is a lovely occasion when we thank God for the gift of food. As in previous years, we want to provide offerings for our local community in need.

Therefore we are asking for shoe boxes to be sent into school to be decorated as some of the donations will be used to make our lovely food hampers. In order to make the hampers, we would ask for the following donations from each family:

Tinned food - Week beg Monday 2 October one tin per child.

Packets of food (rice, pasta, biscuits etc.) - Week beg Monday 9 October one per child

Fresh fruit and vegetables by Wednesday 18 October.

This year however, the majority of the donations will be used to support a local foodbank which provides food for the growing numbers of families in need.

Thank you in anticipation!



Transfer to Secondary School

The closing date for applications to be submitted to the Local Authority for those children transferring to secondary school in September 2018 is **Tuesday 31 October 2017**.



Reception Intake - September 2018

In October 2017, the local authority will write to parents/carers of children who are on roll at a community or private nursery advising them of how to apply for a Reception Class place for September 2018. To view a copy of the Parents' Information Booklet go online at www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions. The Local Authority will accept applications until the national closing date of **15 January 2018**. Thank you.



Open Day Tuesday 7 November

We are having two open sessions for prospective parents who have children due to start in the Early Years Reception class in September 2018. These will be on Tuesday 7 November 9.15am - 10.15am and 2.00pm - 3.00pm. If you know of any Catholic families who are in this position please let them know. We are looking forward to meeting you all.



Supplementary Forms

Supplementary Forms available now from school office for children who wish to start our Early Years Class in September 2018. These forms need to be signed by Fr Neil; please see him about this when you go to Mass. The deadline for these to be returned to the school office is **Friday 15 January 2018**.



Attendance - Our school strives for 100% attendance.

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 4 and Year 5 with 100% Well done!

The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 2, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6!



Recommendations: Year 1: Sophie H, James W Year 2: Ellen T, Alex S Year 3: Heloise C, Phoebe F
Year 4: Harry M, Eliza S Year 5: Ava A, James D Year 6: Isobel H, Uday P.



Class of the Week: Year 2.

Lunchtime Award: Phoebe F (Y3).

Sports Award: Kyle W (Y6), Keane S (Y6).



Virtues and Values

This half term we are concentrating on being '**Eloquent and Truthful**'. 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 Stevens:** Jay M **Mr Hunt:** Ella B **Mr Mayor:** Keela K

Miss Lovelock/Miss Crowley: Ellie M-B (Y2) **Mr Rowlands:** Alex H **Miss Cross:** Kyle W, Megan P (Y3).



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
Ollie L, Aidan J (Y1), Alicia I (Y4), Erin P (Y5), Eva P, Kyle W (Y6).

Dates for your diary - October 2017		
Tuesday 3 October	6.00pm-7.00pm	First Holy Communion information meeting in Church
Tuesday 3 October	9.00am refreshments 9.15am start	Year 4 Assembly
Monday 9 October	3.30pm	Football Match home vs St Nicolas
Tuesday 10 October	9.15am-10.15am	Year 1 and Year 2 Inspire Workshop
Wednesday 11 October to Friday 13 October		Year 6 trip to Alton Castle
Friday 13 October	2.00pm	EYFS children walking to Church
Friday 13 October	All day	School nurse to administer 'Nasal Flu' for Years EYFS,1,2,3 and 4
Tuesday 17 October	9.15am-10.15am	Year 3 and Year 4 Inspire Workshop
Tuesday 17 October	1.30pm-3.20pm	Get Your Grown Ups Growing all invited
Wednesday 18 October	3.30pm-7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday 19 October	9.15am	Harvest Mass
Thursday 19 October	3.30pm-6.00pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 20 October	All Day	Inset Day - school closed for children

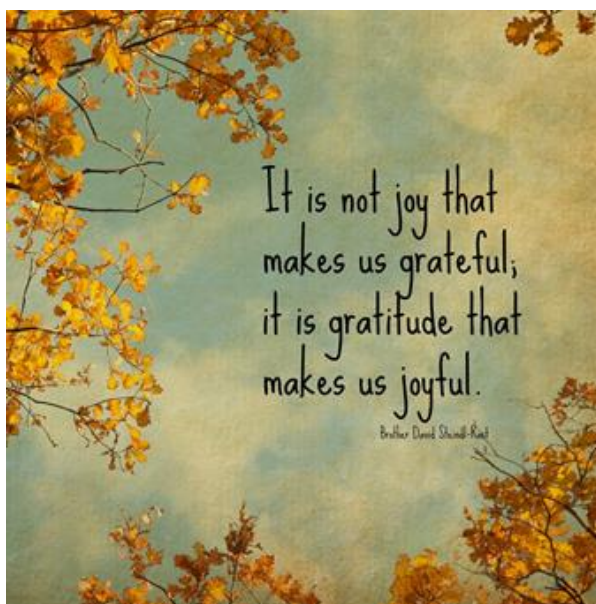
***Other dates available on website**

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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