



Newsletter No 5

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 6 October 2017



It was lovely to welcome so many grandparents to share lunch with us this week; especially those who joined us for the first time - we officially welcome you to our Holy Cross family! Thank you to the kitchen and lunchtime staff for working so hard to ensure everything ran smoothly. We received so many lovely compliments from grandparents saying how much they had enjoyed this event and the food! We look forward to welcoming the final group next week on **Tuesday 10 October** (children with surname O-Z).

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

We look forward to meeting our special visitors.



Alton Castle

Year Six will leave for their residential on Wednesday. We hope they have a lovely time and a safe journey. If you would like to wave goodbye to your child, the coach will be leaving at approximately 9.15am.



Thank you to all the Year 4 children (and staff!) for their assembly on Tuesday, the children all contributed with real confidence and enjoyment which was lovely to witness. It was great to see so many parents attending - thank you.



Careful Parking

I was hoping I would not have to write about this topic again but unfortunately a local resident has visited the school complaining how parents have parked across her drive and her neighbours' drive blocking them in whilst they are dropping off and/or collecting. It is important that we enjoy positive relationships with our neighbours so again I plead with you to park, as I am sure that many of our parents always do, responsibly and legally, even if it means a slightly longer walk to school. I ask for your full support in this matter.



Mass: Year 5 will lead our Mass in School on **Thursday 12 October**. Everyone is welcome.



Football Match

Our football team are playing Hillwest at home tonight; please come along to support!

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



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Last week we raised the incredible grand total of **£335.90!** Many thanks to everyone who was involved. The children really enjoyed running the event and it was lovely to welcome not only parents and grandparents but also some of our neighbours.

The winners of 'Holy Cross Healthy Bake Off'

1st: Regine (Y6) and Daniel W (Y2)

2nd: Daniel S (Y3)

3rd: Madeline L (Y6)



Congratulations to Mrs T Marklow she was the winner of 'Guess the Height of the Cake'.

Well done everyone!



First Holy Communion Meeting

Thank you to all parents that attended. Those parents, who did not attend, need to contact Fr Neil to confirm that they do wish their children to receive the Sacraments of First Confession and First Holy Communion.



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 with your child regarding Parent/Teacher Consultations. Please complete the proforma and return to the class teacher no later than **Monday 9 October**. If you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



EYFS Visit to Church

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.



Nasal Flu Vaccination

The immunisation team will be visiting our school on **Friday 13 October** to give children in EYFS, Years 1,2,3 and 4 the 'Nasal Flu Vaccination.'



HSBC Bank

A member of the HSBC Bank visits our school every other week. We try to encourage our KS2 children to open and be responsible for their own bank account and manage their money. Please see dates below when the bank will be open: **Monday 16 October**, Monday 30 October, Monday 13 November and Monday 27 November and Monday 11 December.



Zumba Club - EYFS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3

Letters were sent home with children this week. If your child would like to join the Zumba Club please complete and return forms no later than **Monday 16 October**. Please note that there are limited places so it is a first come first served basis. Again please note **NO late orders** after this date will be accepted. Thank you for your cooperation.



Tennis Club - Year 1 and Year 2

Letters were sent home with children in Year 1 and Year 2 this week. If your child would like to join the Tennis Club please complete and return forms no later than **Monday 16 October**. 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.



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. In order to make the hampers, we would ask for the following donations from each family:

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**.



Request from the PTA

At the end of each school year and before the PTA annual general meeting, (as required by the charities commission) the PTA accounts have to be audited and an annual report produced by a qualified accountant. In previous years a very kind parent volunteer has done this for us they have since left the school so the PTA are appealing for any parent or member of school wider community who is an accountant and could volunteer some time to audit and produce a report we would be extremely grateful. Please contact the school office if you can help. Thank you.



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 Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 with 100% Well done!



The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6!



Recommendations

Recommendations: EYFS: Martha W, Emileen W **Year 1:** Chase B, Gabriella L **Year 2:** Iris A, Henry H **Year 3:** Liam B, Jack C **Year 4:** Whole class **Year 5:** Samuel S, Isabel W **Year 6:** Lilliemae G, Christien J.



Class of the Week: Year 3.

Lunchtime Award: Ava A (Y5).



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 Stewart:** Charlie C **Miss Stevens:** Caitlin McG **Mr Hunt:** Christie W (Y4), Daniel W **Mr Mayor:** Eden H **Miss Lovelock/Miss Crowley:** Mia B, Jack M (EYFS) **Mr Rowlands:** Thomas S **Miss Cross:** Samuel K.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
Georgia H (Y1), Finbarr McG (Y4).

Dates for your diary - October 2017		
Monday 9 October	3.30pm	Football Match home vs St Nicholas
Tuesday 10 October	11.45pm-12.30pm	Grandparents' Lunch (children with surnames O-Z)
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
Monday 16 October		HSBC in school
Tuesday 17 October	9.15am-10.15am	Year 3 and Year 4 Inspire Workshop
Tuesday 17 October	2.00pm-3.00pm	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
Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October	All week	Half Term - school holiday
Monday 30 October	8.50am	Return to school
Monday 30 October		HSBC in school

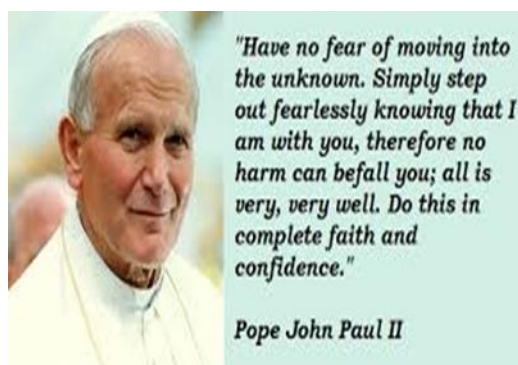
***Other dates available on website**

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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