



## Newsletter No 6

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 13 October 2017



Year Six, Miss Cross, Mrs Howes, Mrs Cutler and Mr Rowlands have enjoyed a lovely and very busy few days at Alton Castle and were blessed with some sunny days! I hope you have enjoyed the tweets! Father Neil and I visited the children last night to celebrate Mass with them. They have all had a great time! The staff reported that the children's behaviour has been excellent. The Alton Castle staff are always pleased to see the children from Holy Cross Catholic Primary School - it makes me feel very proud! I know that as parents you will be glad to have them home; they will sleep very well this weekend but be prepared for plenty of washing!!



**Harvest Mass:** Year 6 will lead our Harvest Mass in school on **Thursday 19 October at 9.15am.**

Everyone is welcome. This is a lovely occasion when we thank God for the gift of food. This year the majority of the donations will be used to support a local foodbank which provides food for the growing numbers of families in need.

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

***Fresh fruit and vegetables by Wednesday 18 October.***

Thank you in anticipation!



**Letters emailed to parents this week:**

**Year 3:** Trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery

**Please contact office if you have not received a copy**



### Football Match

Last Friday, Holy Cross played Hill West in the 1st round of the Sutton Schools Knockout Cup. Sadly we lost 7-1 with Kyle scoring the consolation goal. The team gave 100% and battled throughout the game but unfortunately we were knocked out of the cup.

On Monday, we played the first of our derby matches against the other schools in our Academy. This match saw a return to winning ways as the team beat St. Nicholas 3-0. The first goal was scored by William who beautifully curled his corner kick into the bottom corner. Further domination in midfield allowed Jack to score the next two goals giving us an unassailable 3-0 lead. The team continued to create a host of chances but were unable to capitalise and extend the lead. However this maintained our 100% record in the league so far and their next league match will be after Christmas.



### Grandparents' Lunch

We enjoyed the final Grandparents' lunch this week. These events are always very well attended and we received so many compliments about how much this means to our grandparents. It was also lovely to receive so many compliments and positive comments about the food itself.

A big thank you to Mrs Watts, the kitchen staff and to all our lunchtime staff for working so hard to ensure it all ran smoothly!

### HSBC Bank



A member of the HSBC Bank will be in school on **Monday 16 October**.



### Year 1 and 2 Inspire Workshop

Thank you to the large number of parents who attended this workshop on Tuesday; we hope you found it both enjoyable and useful.

**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.



### 'Get Your Grown-ups Growing'

This will take place on **Tuesday 17 October at 2.00pm-3.00pm**. You are all invited to our annual gardening event! This year we will be setting up our own class mini vegetable allotments with the aim to plant root vegetables ready to start growing over the winter period. We will also be planting bulbs that we kept from last year and planting some winter plants in our prayer garden.

We ask all children to come into school wearing their school uniform and bring their gardening clothes in bag to change into in the afternoon. **We are asking children to bring in a winter plant, bulbs to plant or a £1 donation towards our gardening event.** Please ensure your child is wearing clothes that they *don't mind getting dirty* and appropriate footwear and coat as it will still go ahead if it rains! We hope you can attend.

# ZUMBA

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

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

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Make an  
Appointment

### Parent/Teacher Consultations - Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 October

Please contact the school office if you have not got an appointment for the above.

*Questionnaires about your views about RE and Catholic Life in our school will be distributed at Parents' Evening. Please complete them during your visit and put them in the box in reception before you leave. Thank you.*



### Inset Day

*Friday 20 October* is an Inset Day - school will be closed for children. Thank you.



### 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**.



### Data Checking Sheets

Data Checking sheets were sent home with your child on Tuesday. It shows the current details we have on our system. As you will appreciate, for safeguarding reasons it is important that we have the most up to date information for your child. This must include current details for all emergency contacts and as we email letters to parents, your email address. We ask you to check that the details are correct and if they have changed please amend the form before it is signed and dated. This form needs to be returned to your child's class teacher in an envelope marked 'For the attention of Mrs Knibbs', no later than **Thursday 2 November**. Thank you.



Birmingham  
Museum &  
Art Gallery

### Year 3 Trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery

On **Tuesday 12 December**, Year 3 are going on a trip to the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. This is in relation to their topic of 'Ancient Egyptians'. Deadline for payment is **Friday 24 November** this is made payable via Parent pay. A letter was emailed to parents on 9 October; please contact the school office if you have not received a copy.

# Open Day

## 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.



## School Attendance Matters

**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 with 99.26% Well done!



The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 3!



## Recommendations

**Recommendations: EYFS: Zachary L, Andrew H Year 1: Michael B, Caitlin McG Year 2: Niall O'D, Maria J Year 3: Aaron H, Caitlin K Year 4: Darren A, Isla H Year 5: Whole class, Maria L Year 6: Whole class.**



**Class of the Week:** Year 4.

**Lunchtime Award:** Thomas S (Y5).

**Sports Award:** Frank W (Y5) and Cillian K (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:** Isabella M-S **Miss Stevens:** Daniel K **Mr Hunt:** Iris A **Mr Mayor:** Joseph M **Miss Lovelock/Mrs Howes:** Thomas B **Mr Rowlands:** Elyssa P.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:  
Sophia H (Y1), Gracie D (Y2), Liam B, Logan MCPc (Y3), Ben B (Y5), Marcus P-W (Y6).

Dates for your diary - October 2017		
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
Dates for Your Diary - November 2017		
Wednesday 1 November	7.30pm-8.30pm	PTA Meeting
Monday 6 November	All day	Bags2School
Tuesday 7 November	9.15am-10.15am	Open Day for prospective parents of children starting in September 2018
Tuesday 7 November	2.00pm-3.00pm	Open Day for prospective parents of children starting in September 2018
Wednesday 8 November	3.20pm-5.20pm	PTA Film Night
Monday 13 November		HSBC in school
Monday 13 November to Friday 17 November	All week	Kindness week



Monday 13 November	All day	Children in Need non-school uniform day; children to wear something spotty
Tuesday 14 November	Morning	Academy Photographers - individuals, families & siblings
Friday 17 November	All day	Takeover Day Year 6
Tuesday 21 November	9.15am-9.45am	Class 5 Assembly
Friday 24 November	All day	Inset day-school closed to children
Sunday 26 November	10.30am-11.30am	Mass of Commitment for Year 3 and Year 6
Monday 27 November		HSBC in school
<b>Dates for Diary - December 2017</b>		
Friday 1 December	3.20pm-5.20pm	Christmas Fayre
Monday 11 December		HSBC in school
Tuesday 12 December	9.00am refreshments Starts 9.15am	EYFS/KS1 Christmas performance
Tuesday 12 December	All day	Year 3 Trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery
Wednesday 13 December	2.00pm refreshments Starts 2.15pm	EYFS/KS1 Christmas performance
Thursday 14 December	3.20pm-4.30pm	PTA Christmas disco
Saturday 16 December	9.45am-10.15am	School choir singing at House of Fraser
Tuesday 19 December	12.00pm-1.00pm	Children and staff Christmas dinner-non school uniform day children to wear Christmas jumpers
Friday 22 December	All day	Toy - Day children must wear full school uniform

**\*Other dates available on website**

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

**T Cotter**

Miss T Cotter  
Principal

As it is Black History month, a quote from an inspirational writer: Maya Angelou



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