



Newsletter No 7

Dear Parents and Friends

Thursday 19 October 2017



Half Term

We have come to the end of a very busy first half term. I think that both the children and staff are ready for a well-deserved break! The children return to school on **Monday 30 October 2017**. Thank you.



Harvest Mass

Today we celebrated our Harvest Mass. A big thank you for your generosity in donating harvest goods. We were able to provide many hampers for the SVP and our Mini Vinnies to distribute in the parish as well as provide some food for the Food Bank. I would like to also thank the staff who prepared such beautiful hampers and the children for their lovely prayers.



Get your grown ups growing

Thank you for turning up in such numbers to support this event. We were really pleased to welcome our local Councillor, Terry Wood, who thoroughly enjoyed his visit. The afternoon was a real success and weren't we lucky with the weather? Thank you to Mrs Howes for organising the afternoon and the PTA for providing well deserved refreshments. We managed to raise £57.00!



Winter School Uniform

When we return to school on **Monday 30 October**, all children must be in their **full school winter uniform**.

Girls: Bottle green skirt/pinafore dress or grey trousers, white blouse and red tie, bottle green cardigan or jumper with school logo, plain white socks or plain red or green tights, sensible dark, low heeled school shoes no trainers/no fashion boots.

Boys: Grey trousers, white shirt and red tie, bottle green jumper with school logo, grey socks, sensible dark school shoes - no trainers. Thank you for your support.



Inset Day

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



Mass: Year 3 will lead our Mass in School on **Wednesday 1 November**. Everyone is welcome.



Term Dates 2018-2019

The Board of Directors has finalised the term dates for 2018-2019 (please see attached). These dates apply to all Academy schools.



Letters emailed to parents this week:

Year 3: Holy Communion letter and list of names

Please contact office if you have not received a copy



Safeguarding Children

The gates open in the morning at 8.40am and close at 8.50am; this allows ten minutes for children to come into school. Parents must not drop children at school once the gates are closed, they must accompany them to the office to sign them in and also to provide a reason for their lateness. I ask for your cooperation in this matter. Thank you.



Inspire Workshop for Year 3 and Year 4

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



Parent/Teacher Consultations

I hope that you were all able to attend one of the Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings.

Parents who were unable to attend, should contact the school to make an alternative appointment to see their child's teacher to discuss their progress and how they are settling in to their new year group. Thank you for your cooperation.



Head Lice

There have been quite a few outbreaks of head lice in school. We should be grateful if you would be vigilant and check your child's hair carefully. If you discover that your child does have evidence of head lice, we suggest that you shampoo and comb conditioner through your child's hair every other day for at least two weeks. If you require any further information regarding the appropriate form of treatment, contact a pharmacist for advice. Children with long hair must have it tied back and plaited for school.



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 have been sent home with all children. 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 any changes needed the form is amended 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.



Dinner Money

The deadline for dinner money is **Friday 3 November**. The amount due is **£83.85**, 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.



Bag 2 School - Bags have been sent home with children.

Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in good quality second hand clothing that can be re-used and we have arranged to make a collection from this school. All bags are weighed and we will be paid by the total weight collected. Remember the more you collect the bigger benefit to our school! They will collect the following items for RE-USE: adults and children's clothing, bedding, soft toys, paired shoes, hats, belts and handbags. **NO BRIC-A-BRAC PLEASE. Extra bags welcome - there is no limit.** If you need spare bags please come to the school office. Bags will be collected on **Monday 6 November by 9.00am**. Please only drop off bags on that morning as the school cannot store overnight. Thank you for your support!



PTA Film Night - With a Choice of 3 Films!

The PTA is holding a film night after school on **Wednesday 8 November**. This will start at **3.20pm** and finish at **5.20pm**. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to enjoy some Christmas shopping, knowing their children are being entertained. Pizza, popcorn and drinks are included in the price of **£3.50** per child. Forms were sent home with children today; if you have not received a copy please contact the school office. Forms need to be returned no later than **Monday 6 November**. Thank you.

Year 3 Trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery

On **Tuesday 12 December**, Year 3 is 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.

Birmingham
Museum &
Art Gallery

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**.



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 Year 1 and Year 5 with 100% Well done!

Please see below attendance for each class and school overall this half term:

EYFS	99.28 %
Year 1	98.99%
Year 2	98.08%
Year 3	96.23%
Year 4	99.44%
Year 5	98.69%
Year 6	97.93%
Overall	98.36%

The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 1, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6!



Recommendations

Recommendations: EYFS: Ellie G, Jack M Year 1: Klaudia R, James W Year 2: Gracie D, Ella B Year 3: Maggie R, Lucy L Year 4: Darcie W Year 5: Leilagh K, Enya B Year 6: Rosena J, Jack R.

Class of the Week: Year 4.

Lunchtime Award: Ella P (Y3).

Sports Award: Nevin R (Y4).





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:** Jessica S **Miss Stevens:** Tresa B **Mr Hunt:** Henry H
Mr Mayor: Daniel S **Mr Rowlands:** Thomas S **Miss Cross:** Alan J, Luke S.

Happy Birthday!

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

Ruby H (EYFS), Addison H-G (Y1), Daniel W (Y2), Harry K (Y3), Lily H (Y3), Lola F (Y3), Aaron H (Y3), Dylan G (Y4), Oliver B (Y5), Isobel W (Y5), Samuel K (Y6).

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
Dates for Diary - December 2017		
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**

The staff team wish you all a lovely half term break.

Yours sincerely

T Cotter

Miss T Cotter
Principal



As we start our half term break - a prayer for the grateful!

Dear God,
I am grateful for.....
Early wakeups = Children to love
House to clean = Safe place to live
Laundry = Clothes to wear
Dirty dishes = Food to eat
Crumbs under the table = Family meals
Shopping to do = Money to use
Toilets to clean = Indoor plumbing
Lots of noise = Kids having fun
Endless questions = Kids learning
Getting into bed sore and tired = I'm still alive



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