



**Newsletter No 8**

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 3 November 2017



Welcome back! I hope that you all enjoyed the half term break and are ready for what is always a very busy half term. Please ensure you always read the newsletter as it contains all the information about upcoming events and dates.

Thank you for ensuring that all children were correctly dressed; looking really smart in their winter uniforms.



**Mass:** Year 4 will lead our Mass in School on **Thursday 9 November**. Everyone is welcome.



**Letters emailed to parents this week:**

Year 2: Trip to Thinktank Science Museum.

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



**Dinner money**

The deadline for dinner money is today. The amount due is £83.85; please pay via your Parent Pay account. If you have credit please deduct this amount from amount due. Any queries please contact the school office. Thank you.



**Poppy Appeal**

Week commencing **Monday 6 November** Year 6 will be selling poppies and merchandise: friendship bracelet £1.00, slap rulers £1.00, wristbands 50p, reflectors 50p and a donation for a poppy. Please send money with your child to support this fantastic charity. 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!

# 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**.



## 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; 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.



## Dismissing Children

At 5.20pm KS1 children will be dismissed from the KS1 door and KS2 children from the KS2 door. Thank you.



## Volunteer

If you would like to volunteer to help at the Film Night please contact the school office with your details. Thank you.

# ZUMBA

## Zumba

Please note there will be no Zumba on **Wednesday 8 November**. Thank you.



## Children in Need 2017-Monday 13 November-non-school uniform day

This year's theme is 'Spots' and therefore we are asking children to come to school on **Monday 13 November** dressed in spots, spots on their faces, spots in their hair or anything spotty that you can think of; and **pay £1** to support children and young people who are in need. Thank you for your support.



### HSBC Bank

A member of the HSBC Bank will be in school on **Monday 13 November**. We try to encourage our KS2 children to open and be responsible for their own bank account and manage their money.



### School Photographer

The photographer will be in school on the morning of **Tuesday 14 November** to take both individual and family photographs.

There will also be a before school session where there is an opportunity for family photographs with siblings who do not attend Holy Cross School. Parents wishing for these types of photograph please arrive at school for **8:15am prompt**. As these are formal school photographs, I ask that the children are in full winter uniform. Thank you.



### Class of the Term Lunch Time Award - Year 3 and Year 4

Congratulations to Year 3 and Year 4 who were awarded last half term's 'Class of the Term Lunch Time Award'. Their prize is to choose the menu of the day on **Thursday 16 November**. A letter has been sent home with the children giving more details; please contact the school office if you require a copy. The deadline to order a meal is **Friday 10 November** (please note due to ordering of food late orders cannot be accepted). Thank you.



### Takeover day Friday 17 November

On **Friday 17 November** we are being taken over by Year 6! Takeover Day is a national initiative to help young people deepen their understanding of roles and responsibilities. Year 6 will be taking over all the adult jobs in the school; yes, including mine!!

It should be a very interesting day so we thank you all in advance for your cooperation and patience in making this day a success.



**Christmas Fayre on Friday 1 December from 3.20pm to 5.20pm**

*Please put this important date in your diary.*



### Bottle of Fizz

The PTA is asking for a donation bottle of champagne for our Christmas Fayre. It might be possible that parents may have a connection with a business or a company who would be prepared to donate a bottle as a charitable gift? If you can help, please send into school on **Friday 10 November**. Thank you for your support.



### Unwanted New Toys

The PTA is planning to make a toy hamper to use at this year's Christmas Fayre. We are asking for donations of any unwanted new toys to be sent into school by **Friday 10 November**. Thank you.



### 9-a-Side Football Match

We have a football match booked for 9-a-side team for **Friday 10 November** against St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Kings Norton. This is part of the Catholic Sports Tournament. A letter has been sent home with children involved. The match will be held at Kings Norton Boys School. Good luck team!



### Inset Day

We have an Inset day on **Friday 24 November**; school will be closed to children. Thank you.



### School Choir

Our school choir will be singing at the following events:

Friday 1 December 4.00pm to 4.30pm at Christmas School Fayre

Tuesday 19 December at 10.30am - Parish Pensioner's Christmas Lunch at the Church Hall.

Thursday 21 December, 1.30pm - The Oaks (residential home).

Saturday 16 December at 9.45am - House of Fraser in Sutton Coldfield - parents are welcome to watch.

These are lovely opportunities for the children to perform to a variety of audiences and show the rewards of their hard work. I look forward to a high participation at all these events.

A letter has been sent home with children in the choir. This is to gain parent's permission for their child to sing at the Christmas School Fayre and House of Fraser. Please sign and return no later than **Friday 24 November**. Thank you.



### Phonics Workshop Year 1

On **Wednesday 22 November 2017** there will be a 'Phonics Workshop' for all parents who have children in Year One. The phonics workshop will begin at **9.00am**; the workshop should last approximately 45 minutes. A letter has been sent home with Year 1 children please complete and return proforma no later than **Friday 17 November**. If you require a copy of the letter please contact the school office. Thank you.



### Year 2 Trip to Thinktank Science Museum

On **Tuesday 5 December**, Year 2 is going on a trip to Thinktank Science Museum. This is in relation to their Science topic of 'Animals including Humans'. Deadline for payment is **Friday 24 November** this is made payable via Parent Pay. A letter was emailed to parents on 2 November; please contact the school office if you have not received a copy.

Birmingham  
Museum &  
Art Gallery

### 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.



### 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 98.52% Well done!



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



### Recommendations

**Recommendations:** EYFS: Rachel J, Freddie F **Year 1:** Addison H-G, Tabitha S **Year 2:** Ruth H, Oskar C  
**Year 3:** Aine K **Year 4:** Scarlett T, Nevin R **Year 5:** Anna J, Harrison S **Year 6:** Frances C, Marcus P-W.



**Class of the Week:** Year 3.

**Lunchtime Award:** Thomas B (Y4).



### Virtues and Values

This half term we are concentrating on being **'Learned and Wise'**. 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

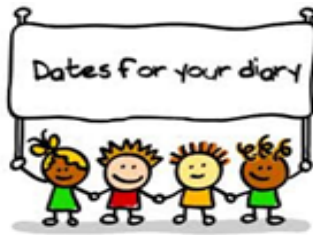
Each week we will be recognising those children who we feel have made that extra special effort and show the virtues in their daily life.

This week's winners are: **Miss Stewart:** Ben M **Miss Stevens:** Eliza H **Mr Hunt:** Alice F **Mr Mayor:** Liam O'T **Miss Lovelock & Mrs Howes:** Mollie-Mae H **Mr Rowlands:** Johnny G **Miss Cross:** Charlie B-H, Abigail E.

## Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:

Nylah B (EYFS), Isabella M-S (EYFS), Tresa B (Y1), Harry W (Y2), Phoebe F (Y3), Darcie W (Y4).



### Dates for Your Diary - November 2017

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
<b>Friday 10 November</b>	<b>3.45pm-4.45pm</b>	<b>9-a-side Football Match vs St Joseph's Kings Norton</b>
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		Takeover Day Year 6
Tuesday 21 November	9.15am-9.45am	Class 5 Assembly
<b>Wednesday 22 November</b>	<b>9.00am - 9.45am</b>	<b>Year 1 Phonic Workshop</b>
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
<b>Tuesday 5 December</b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>Year 2 Trip to Thinktank Science Museum</b>
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
<b>Tuesday 19 December</b>	<b>10.30am-11.30am</b>	<b>School choir to sing at The Parish Hall for OAPs</b>
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



**Hold my Hand in Weakness**

Lord God, you are my strength.

Hold my hand in my weakness and teach my heart to fly.

With you, there's nothing to fear, nothing to worry about.

Hold me tight in your embrace, so that I can be stronger than the challenges in my life.

Amen.



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