



Newsletter No 10

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 17 November 2017



Today was a very, very amazing day! I, Mr Philip was so lucky to be chosen to be Principal of Holy Cross Catholic Primary School.

It was pretty weird when everyone started calling me Mr Philip when they usually call me Uday Philip! It was even better when my best friend who was called Mr John, (who's usually called by his first name,) was Vice Principal! I would like to thank all my staff as without them, I would have a lot of problems. I would also like to thank Miss Cotter for creating takeover day. Thank you everyone for all the support.

Master Philip



I would like to reinforce what my fellow Principal has written. The children have been amazing today; they have put a lot of thought and preparation into their specific roles and really embraced the theme. To all Year 6 parents - you should be very proud of your children; they were FANTASTIC!

You can see what they got up to today by looking at Twitter.

Miss Cotter



PTA Film Night

Film night was very successful, with the children having a lovely time watching a film with their pizza and popcorn! The fantastic amount of £458.13 was raised! Many thanks to the PTA members for organising this.



Inset Day

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



Mass: Year 6 will lead our Mass in School on **Thursday 23 November**. Everyone is welcome.



Letters emailed to parents this week:

Year 6: Trip to St Chad's Cathedral

Please contact office if you have not received a copy



England Lionesses

A final reminder about the fantastic opportunity to watch the England Women's' football team train at St. George's Park Football Centre on **Tuesday 21 November 2017**.

The girls will be able to watch them in a training session before their upcoming World Cup qualifier against Bosnia and Herzegovina. After the training session the girls will get the chance to meet the team, have a photo and hopefully get some autographs.



Vacancy for Cello Lessons - KS2

There is a vacancy in cello lessons; these are held in during the school day every Friday. If your child is in KS2 and is interested please contact the school office for further details. Thank you.



Girls' Football Team

On **Thursday 23 November** the Girls' football team is invited to take part in the Sutton Girls Football League. It will be held at BMET/Sutton Coldfield College from **4.00pm-5.30pm**. They will be playing four matches against Mere Green, St Josephs and Four Oaks Primary School. Good luck team!



Lunchtime Play Co-Ordinator Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Play Co-Ordinator 6.40 hours per week, Monday - Friday 12.00pm to 1.20pm. We are looking for someone who will take an active part in supporting/improving lunchtime for our children. For further information please contact the school office 675-2158. Deadline for application is **Friday 24 November**. Thank you.



Mass of Commitment for Year 3 and Year 6

The Mass of Commitment for those children who will be receiving the Sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation will be held on **Sunday 26 November at 10.30am in Church**.

*This is a very important part of Sacramental preparation and it is expected that all children shall attend.
Thank you for your support.*



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

To support the our Christmas Fayre each child is asked to bring in the following items:



Thursday 23 November - Bottle Tombola Donation, any bottles from ketchup to bubbly!



Thursday 30 November - Chocolate [Boxes, bars or whatever you have, all in date, thank you] Tombola donation. Thank you once again for your support it is appreciated.



Volunteers

A letter has been sent home with children in Year 5 and Year 6 asking for volunteers. Please complete and return no later than **Thursday 23 November**. If you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Pocket Money Stall

The PTA needs a volunteer to run the 'Pocket Money Stall.' Can you please help? Please speak to the PTA; or give your details to the school office. Thank you.



Traditional Christmas Wreaths

An order form was sent home with children this week for traditional Christmas wreaths, costing £6.00 each. If you would like to place an order please return the slip to the school office no later than **Friday 24 November**. These will be available to collect at the Christmas Fayre. 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.



Year 5 Assembly - Kindness

On **Tuesday 21 November** at 9.15am (refreshments at 9.00am) our Year 5 class will be performing their assembly. Everyone welcome! I hope that you will be able to attend. 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.



Mothers, Daughters and Mathematical Mindset Workshop- Monday 4 December

In response to parental feedback from both Inspire workshops and at Parents' evening, Mrs Howes has been exploring research into girls' mathematical mindsets and how to improve girls' views about Maths. There is a significant amount of research about the impact a mother's view can have on their daughter's perception of and confidence in Maths. Therefore, we would like to invite you to attend an afternoon tea style workshop to explore this further and share these findings with you. The session will be split into two parts. First, all mothers (of daughters) are invited to explore research and advice on mathematical language and perception. Following this, daughters will be invited to join us to share a cake and to discuss Mathematics in a positive light. **The workshop will take place on Monday 4 December 2017 at 2.00p.m until 3.15p.m.**

A letter has been sent home with all the girls. Please complete and return to school no later than **Wednesday 29 November**. If you require a copy 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 has been emailed to parents; please contact the school office if you have not received a copy.



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 has been emailed to parents; please contact the school office if you have not received a copy.



Year 6 Trip to St Chad's Cathedral

On **Tuesday 9 January**, Year 6 is going on a trip to St Chad's Cathedral. Deadline for payment is **Tuesday 12 December** this is made payable via Parentpay. A letter has been emailed to parents; please contact the school office if you have not received a copy.



Christmas Trip to watch Paddington 2

EYFS and KS1 = Monday 18 December (Meeting at Empire Cinema)

KS2 = Wednesday 20 December (Travelling from school)

We are all going on a trip to Empire Cinema, Sutton Coldfield. Deadline for payment is **Thursday 7 December** this is made payable via Parent Pay. A letter was emailed to parents giving further details; please contact the school office if you have not received a copy.



Christmas Dinner for Children and Staff

On **Tuesday 19 December**, we will be having our Christmas lunch in school. Every child is invited to take part, so if your child does not usually have a school meal, they are more than welcome to have one on that day. A letter has been sent home with children; if you require a copy please contact the school office. If your child has sandwiches the deadline for ordering a dinner is **Monday 11 December**. **Please note that due to the ordering of food, late payments will not be accepted.** If your child is in KS1 and normally has sandwiches you will need to order a child's meal but no payment is required due to the universal free school meal entitlement. **This will be a non-school uniform day. Children can wear their Christmas jumpers on that day to get into the Christmas spirit.** A letter has been sent home with children who bring in packed lunch from home. Please contact the school office if you have not received a copy. Thank you.



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**. **Please note, paperwork received after this date will not be accepted.** 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 5 with 100% Well done!



The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6!



Recommendations

Recommendations: EYFS: George B, Eden T **Year 1:** Patrick M, Jessie F **Year 2:** Whole class
Year 3: Frankie J, Flynn B, Calum McC **Year 4:** Darren A, Eloise H **Year 5:** Alfie J, James M, Bonnie T-M
Year 6: Pablo B, Alan J.



Class of the Week: Year 2.

Lunchtime Award: Jack B (Y2).

Sports Award: Harry K (Y3).



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:** Ciara P **Miss Stevens:** Florence H **Mr Hunt:** Maria J

Mr Mayor: Aaron H, Connor McC **Mrs Howes:** Ollie L (Y1) **Mr Rowlands:** Year 2 **Miss Cross:** Eva D, Rosena J



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

Jack B (Y2).



Dates for Your Diary - November 2017		
Tuesday 21 November	9.15am-9.45am	Class 5 Assembly
Wednesday 22 November	9.00am - 9.45am	Year 1 Phonic Workshop
Thursday 23 November	4.00pm - 5.30pm	Girls' Football Match at BMET/Sutton Coldfield College
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 4 December	2.00pm-3.15pm	Mothers, Daughters and Mathematical Mindset Workshop
Tuesday 5 December	All day	Year 2 Trip to Thinktank Science Museum
Friday 8 December	9.00am-12.00pm	EYFS children having eye test
Monday 11 December		HSBC in school
Tuesday 12 December	2.15pm refreshments Starts 2.30pm	EYFS/KS1 Christmas performance
Tuesday 12 December	All day	Year 3 Trip to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery
Wednesday 13 December	9.00am refreshments Starts 9.15am	EYFS/KS1 Christmas performance
Thursday 14 December	3.20pm-4.30pm	PTA Christmas disco
Friday 15 December	9.15am-10.15am	KS2 Carol Service in school hall
Saturday 16 December	9.45am-10.15am	School choir singing at House of Fraser
Monday 18 December	6.00pm-7.00pm	KS2 Carol Service in school hall
Monday 18 December	9.00am-11.30am	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Trip to Empire Cinema to see 'Paddington 2'
Tuesday 19 December	10.30am-11.30am	School choir to sing at The Parish Hall for OAPs
Tuesday 19 December	12.00pm-1.00pm	Children and staff Christmas dinner - non-school uniform day children to wear Christmas jumpers
Wednesday 20 December	9.00am-11.30am	KS2 Christmas Trip to Empire Cinema to see 'Paddington 2'
Friday 22 December	All day	Toy - Day children must wear full school uniform
Tuesday 9 January	All day	Year 6 Trip to St Chad's Cathedral

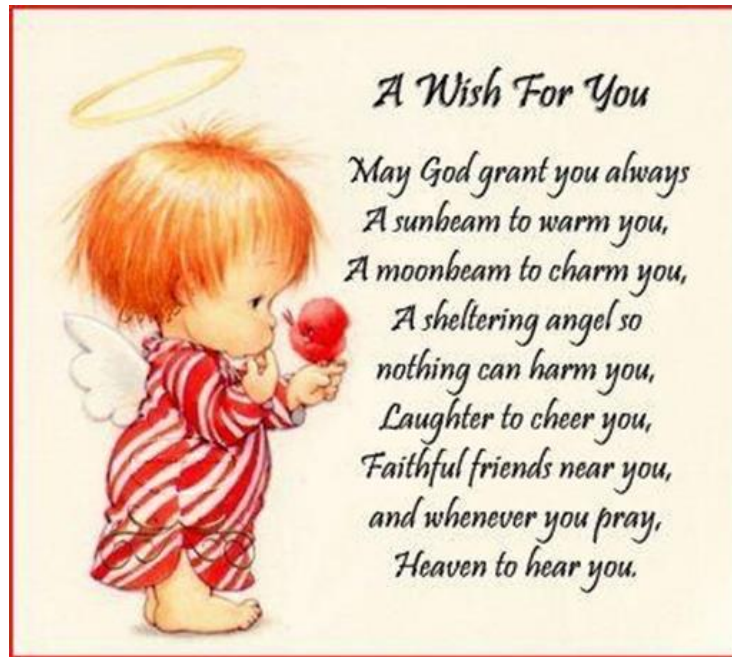
**Other dates available on website*

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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