



Newsletter No 16

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 12 January 2018

2018

Welcome back! The Academy Committee and staff hope that you enjoyed the Christmas break and wish you all a very happy New Year.

The children returned to school looking very smart. As a whole school New Year's resolution (again!), please ensure that **all** items of school uniform are clearly named. It must be very frustrating when new items of clothing are lost and as you can imagine, very difficult for staff to identify any misplaced items.



We share information about school life on Twitter. To safeguard children, we do not accept followers on Twitter who we do not know. Sometimes parents request to follow us but we do not accept anyone who we cannot identify from their username! If you have requested to follow us on Twitter but have not been accepted please contact the school office, informing us of your Twitter username; we do not want any of you to miss out! Thank you.



Mass: Year 4 will lead our Mass in School on **Thursday 18 January**, all welcome.

Letters emailed to parents this week:

Year6: Year 6 trip to Birmingham Back to Back Houses

EYFS: Homework letter

Please contact office if you have not received a copy



Attendance Reports

Your child's attendance report has been sent home today; please contact the school office if you have not received one. Please note that there is an administration error on the report which states that 11 and 12 September were non-school days; this error has now been rectified, but to be environmentally friendly we have not reprinted all 210 reports! I can assure you that this does not affect your child's overall attendance figures. Please accept my apologies for any inconvenience caused. I will be arranging to meet parents whose attendance and/or punctuality is causing concern to discuss how we can work together support children attending school every day.



Year 6 Trip to St Chad's Cathedral

On Tuesday, Year 6 had the privilege of visiting St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham city centre. The day was action packed- they explored the crypt, learnt about the history of the Cathedral and participated in midday Mass. They all learnt lots of new and exciting facts about the Cathedral, and were fortunate to have two wonderful guides to show us around.

A big well done to all of the children for their excellent behaviour during the day, they were a shining example of our school. A very informative day for all!



Poppy Appeal

Thank you very much for helping with this appeal, we raised an amazing £295.20! Thank you.

Reception Intake - September 2017



In October 2017, the local authority wrote 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 2017. The Local Authority will accept applications until the national closing date of **15 January 2018**. Thank you.



Supplementary Forms

Supplementary Forms available now from school office for children who wish to start our Early Years Class in September 2017. 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 **this Monday (15 January 2018)**. Please note forms received after this date will not be accepted.*

HSBC Bank



A member of the HSBC Bank will visit our school on **Monday 15 January**. We try to encourage our KS2 children to open and be responsible for their own bank account and manage their money.



Academy Photographer

On **Tuesday 16 January** Academy Photographers will be in school taking photos of groups. If your child is in the school football team please ensure that they bring their full football kit into school on this day. Thank you.



Swimming

Year 3 will resume their swimming sessions on **Thursday 18 January 2018**. Thank you.



Dinner Money

If your child is in KS2 and has a school dinner the deadline for the payment of **£64.50 is Friday 19 January 2018**. Please make payment through ParentPay. If you have credit showing on your ParentPay account please deduct this from the £64.50 and pay the remaining balance. Thank you.



Music Lessons

Music lessons commence on **Friday 19 January 2018**. Thank you.



Parents' Consultation Meeting re Homework - Monday 29 January (2.30 - 3.15pm)

In response to parental feedback, we have been exploring research into effective homework. I am sure you appreciate that there are different views and opinions regarding homework and therefore I am inviting you to attend a meeting to share these findings and hopefully to clarify and discuss the school's procedures. If you are able to attend, please complete the slip at the end of the letter being sent home on Monday. We greatly value your opinion so I hope that you will attend if possible. Thank you for your support.



Year 2 Assembly - 'Super Heroes'

The Year 2 assembly is on **Tuesday 23 January**. Refreshments will be available at 9.00am and the assembly will start at 9.15am. All welcome. Thank you.



Life Education

Central England

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On Thursday 25 January Life Education will be in school visiting all our KS2 children. They will be carry out varied sessions including 'You Choose', 'Decisions', 'Choices' and ' Our Talented Brain'. Parents are invited to come into school at 3.25pm for approximately 10 minutes for a feedback sessions. Thank you.



Music Invoices

Music Invoices have been sent home with children who have lessons. The deadline for payment is **Friday 26 January** via Parent pay. Thank you.



Class of the Half Term Award

Congratulations to Year 2 who were awarded last half term's 'Lunch Time Award'. Their prize is to choose the menu of the day on **Thursday 1 February**. A letter has been sent home with children who bring in packed lunch from home. This needs to be returned no later than **Wednesday 24 January**. The children who have a school meal will automatically have the 'Lunch Time Award'.

We do not want anyone to miss out but as food needs to be ordered in advance, no late orders can be accepted after this date.

Birmingham
Back to Backs

Year 6 Trip to Birmingham Back to Back Houses

On **Tuesday 27 February** Year 6 is going on a trip to the Birmingham Back to Back Houses. This is in relation to their topic of 'World War Two'. A voluntary donation of **£8.00** is now required to cover the cost of transport, workshops at venue, tour and insurance. Please login to your Parent Pay account and select this trip; deadline for payment is **Monday 12 February**. If you require a copy of the letter that was emailed home please contact the school office. 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: Years 3 and 6 with 99.26% Well done!



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

Recommendations

Recommendations: EYFS: Charlie C, Isabella M-S Year 1: Sophia H, Tabitha S Year 2: Annie E, Anaha P Year 3: Flynn B, Jack C Year 4: Isla H, Scarlett T Year 5: Orlaith G, Johnny G Year 6: Abigail E, Niamh S.



Class of the Week: Year 4.

Lunchtime Award: Thomas S (Y5).

Sports Award: Swimming Gala Team.



Virtues and Values

This half term we are concentrating on being '**Curious and Active**'. 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:** Jack M **Miss Stevens:** Jimmy W **Mr Hunt:** Maria J
Mr Mayor: Eden H **Miss Lovelock/Mrs Howes:** Thomas B **Mr Rowlands:** Cillian C **Miss Cross:** Keane S.



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

Martha W (EYFS), Nathaniel C (Y2), Angel M (Y3), Ava A, Imogen A (Y5), Regine W (Y6).

Dates for Diary - January 2018		
Monday 15 January	12.00pm	HSBC in school
Monday 15 January	All day	Year 4 Trip to West Bromwich Football Ground
Tuesday 16 January	All day	Academy Photographers in sports and other groups
Thursday 18 January	1.30pm	Year 3 commence swimming lessons
Friday 19 January	All day	Music lessons start
Tuesday 23 January	Refreshments at 9.00am starts at 9.15am	Year 2 class assembly
Thursday 25 January	3.25pm-3.35pm	Life Education - parents invited for feedback
Monday 29 January	2.30pm - 3.15pm	Parents' Consultation Meeting re Homework
Monday 31 January	9.00am-12.00pm	School nurse to carry out height and weight checks for EYFS
Dates for Diary - February 2018		
Friday 2 February	All day	School nurse to carry our eye test for EYFS class
Friday 2 February	3.20pm-4.20pm	Football training starts
Saturday 3 February	2.00pm-5.00pm	Sutton Schools swimming gala
Tuesday 6 February	2.00pm-3.00pm	Confirmation rehearsal in Church
Thursday 8 February		No school Mass
Thursday 8 February	7.00pm	Year 6 Confirmation at Church
Tuesday 13 February	Refreshments at 9.00am starts at 9.15am	Year 1 class assembly
Wednesday 14 February	9.15am	Ash Wednesday - Mass at Church
Thursday 15 February		No school Mass

Friday 16 February	3.20pm	Break up for half-term
Monday 26 February	All day	Inset day-school closed to children
Tuesday 27 February	8.50am	Return to school
Tuesday 27 February	All day	Year 6 Trip to Birmingham Back to Back Houses
Dates for Diary - March 2018		
Thursday 1 March	All day	World Book Day
Thursday 1 March	9.15am	Thanksgiving Mass at Church
Thursday 1 March	5.45pm-7.00pm	PTA Bedtime story
Tuesday 6 March	Tbc	First Confessions in Church
Thursday 8 March	Tbc	First Confessions in Church
Friday 23 March	6.45pm-9.00pm	PTA Family Bingo
Monday 26 March	Refreshments at 9.00am starts at 9.15am	Stations of the Cross Service-parents invited
Wednesday 28 March	9.15am	KS2 Passion Play-parents invited
Thursday 29 March	9.15am	Maundy Prayer Service-parents invited
Thursday 29 March	3.20pm	Break up for Easter
Monday 16 April	8.50am	Return to school

***Other dates available on website**

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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