



Newsletter No 17

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 19 January 2018

THREE FAITHS FORUM



Year 4 Trip to West Bromwich Football Ground

Well done to Year 4 who represented our school so well in the first 'Link Day' of the 'School Linking Project'. Our children worked with the children of Niksham Primary School as part of a project which aims to prepare our children to be able to interact positively with anyone they meet with the skills and attitudes to be able to cultivate meaningful relationships. It seemed very poignant that the children visited West Bromwich Albion Football Ground on the day it was announced that ex footballer Cyrille Regis, who was universally credited as a pioneer for black players in the fight against racism, had died. This is a very important project and we are delighted that Year 4 has the opportunity to participate.



Polite reminder

We are always committed to letting the children enjoy playtimes outside whenever possible, so as the weather is very changeable at the moment, parents are reminded to ensure that children come to school with an appropriate warm coat. Thank you.



Mass: Year 6 will lead our Mass in School on *Thursday 25 January*, all welcome.

Letters emailed to parents this week:

Year 2: Year 2 Class Assembly

Please contact office if you have not received a copy



Football Match

Last week, the school football team travelled to Kings Norton Boys School to play in their first round match of the BCSSA 9 a side tournament. The boys gave 100% and worked extremely hard on a very muddy pitch. Unfortunately we succumbed to a one nil defeat; we have therefore gone out of the tournament. However we are very proud of the team for the effort they put in and our preparations for the rest of the season will begin shortly.



Dinner Money

If your child is in KS2 and has a school dinner the deadline for the payment of **£64.50 is today**. 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.



Vacancies in Violin Lessons

If your child is in KS1 and would like to start violin lessons; please contact the school office for further details. Thank you.



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.

Confirmation

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A letter has been sent home with Year 6 children requesting information for sponsor cards and Confirmation certificates. Please complete and returned to class teacher no later than **Friday 26 January**. Thank you.



Confirmation - Serving Refreshments Thursday 8 February

Volunteers are needed to help serve refreshments to parents and families after the Confirmation Mass. If you can spare some time please give your details to the school office or talk to a PTA member. Your help will be much appreciated - thank you.



School Choir

Letters were sent home this week with the school choir; to sing at our Year 6 Confirmation Mass on Thursday 8 February. This is a very special and important occasion for the school and the parish so I hope that many children will be able to attend to support the Year 6 children.

Please complete and return no later than **Friday 2 February**. If you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Homework Consultation - Monday 29 January (2.30pm - 3.15pm)

Thank you to those who have responded already to confirm attendance or to express their views as they cannot attend. The updated guidance document being discussed will be sent out to all parents so that everyone is involved in the consultation. If you do wish to attend, please return the slip by Thursday 25 January.

Thank you for your support.



Life Education

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On **Thursday 25 January** Life Education will be in school visiting all our KS2 children. They will 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 session. 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.

Be Saints!

Saint Speed Sharing - Year 6

A letter has been sent home with Year 6 children inviting parents' to a fun-filled evening of Saint Speed Sharing on **Wednesday 31 January** from **3.30pm - 4.15pm** in the school hall. This will link to their Saints projects that they have been creating for their recent homework and for their upcoming confirmation. During this evening, Year 6 will be sharing their Saints with you; explaining why they have chosen them, giving you lots of interesting information and explaining how their life has influenced theirs. *Get ready with your questions for them!* They would love to share their Saints with you. Please return reply slip no later than **Thursday 25 January**. If you require a copy of the letter please contact the school office. 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.



Mathematics Workshop Year one to Year 6

In response to parental feedback from both Inspire workshops and at Parents' evening, we will be holding a Mathematics workshop to discuss how we teach Maths at Holy Cross Catholic Primary School. We would like to invite you to attend the afternoon workshop to explore the teaching of mathematics and understand the strategies and approaches we use. The workshop will take place on **Monday 5 February 2018 at 2.15pm until 3.15pm. One member from each family can attend.** A letter has been sent home yesterday. If you would like to attend please complete and return the slip to the school office; no later than **Wednesday 24 January**. Thank you. I hope that you will be able to join us for this event.



Year 6 Trip to Ghamkol Sharif Mosque

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 6 on a visit to the Ghamkol Sharif Mosque in Small Heath and Islamic Exhibition Centre on **Monday 5 February**. This is to support the RE Curriculum and to promote good citizenship and community cohesion. The visit includes a tour of the mosque and provides the children with the opportunity to learn more about the Muslim faith.

As we believe that the understanding of other faiths is so important and the experiences that the children will be involved in are so beneficial the Parish have agreed to subsidise the cost of this trip this year. We are very grateful for their generosity. Therefore, a small voluntary contribution of **£3.00** is now required to cover the cost of the donations to both the Mosque and the Exhibition Centre. **Due to the small amount please send payment in cash or cheque made payable to 'John Paul II Multi Academy' by Tuesday 30 January. In an envelope marked 'Mosque Visit'.** A letter has been sent home if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Bishop Walsh production of 'Addams Family'

A letter has been sent home with Year 5 children regarding a visit on **Tuesday 6 February** to Bishop Walsh; to watch their production of 'Back to the 80's'. Please return consent slips no later than **Wednesday 31 January**. Please contact the school office if you have not received a copy, thank you.



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.



Mothers' Day Lunches - Wednesday 7 March and Tuesday 13 March

These lunch days will be held on Wednesday 7 March (children with surname A-K) and Tuesday 13 March (children with surname L-Z). Mothers, grandmothers, aunts or a female family friend need to arrive at **11.45am** and will enter through Key Stage 1 gate. We are really excited and looking forward to visitors coming to our school and enjoying a meal with the children and we know the children are just as excited. A letter has been sent home with children. Please contact the school office if you need another copy.

A letter with order form was sent home with children this week; (please contact the school office if you have not received a copy). To make a payment please log into your Parent Pay account and select 'Mothers' Day Lunch'. In addition to payment we require a complete order form. The deadline for the order form and payment is **Thursday 15 February**. **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.** Thank you for your support; we hope to see many of you on these days.





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 2 with 98.89% Well done!



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

Recommendations

Recommendations: EYFS: Jessica S, Martha W **Year 1:** Eliza H, Daniel K **Year 2:** Ellie M-B, Niall O'D
Year 3: Tyrese L, Caitlin K **Year 4:** Emma McK, Darren A **Year 5:** Oliver B, Daisy C **Year 6:** Matthew N-C,
Pablo B.



Class of the Week: Year 2.

Lunchtime Award: Cassie G (Y5).



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:** Andrew H **Miss Stevens:** Elijah C-G **Mr Hunt:** Daniel B
Mr Mayor: Lucy L **Miss Lovelock/Mrs Howes:** Orlaith G **Mr Rowlands:** Leilagh K
Miss Cross: Jack R, Marcus P-W.



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

Eden T (EYFS), Eloise H (Y4), Luke S (Y6).

Dates for Diary - January 2018		
Tuesday 23 January	Refreshments at 9.00am starts at 9.15am	Year 2 class assembly
Wednesday 24 January	4.00pm-5.30pm	Year 3 and Year 4 Indoor athletics at Bishop Vesey
Thursday 25 January	3.25pm-3.35pm	Life Education - parents invited for feedback
Monday 29 January	12.00pm-1.00pm	HSBC in school
Monday 29 January	2.30pm - 3.15pm	Parents' Consultation Meeting re Homework
Monday 31 January	3.30pm-4.15pm	Year 6 Saint Speed Sharing
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
Monday 5 February	All day	Year 6 trip to Ghamkol Sharif Mosque
Monday 5 February	2.15pm-3.15pm	Mathematics Workshop
Tuesday 6 February	12.30pm-3.20pm	Year 5 at Bishop Walsh watching production 'Addams Family
Tuesday 6 February	2.00pm-3.00pm	Confirmation rehearsal in Church
Wednesday 7 February	7.30pm	PTA meeting
Thursday 8 February		No school Mass
Thursday 8 February	7.00pm	Year 6 Confirmation at Church
Monday 12 February	12.00pm-1.00pm	HSBC in school
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
Monday 5 March	12.00pm-1.00pm	HSBC in school
Tuesday 6 March	Tbc	First Confessions in Church
Wednesday 7 March	11.45am-1.00pm	Mothers' Day lunch children with surname (A-K)
Thursday 8 March	Tbc	First Confessions in Church
Tuesday 13 March	11.45am-1.00pm	Mothers' Day lunch children with surname (L-Z)
Monday 19 March	12.00pm-1.00pm	HSBC in school
Friday 23 March	6.45pm-9.00pm	PTA Family Bingo
Saturday 24 March	6.00pm-9.00pm	Catholic Swimming Gala

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

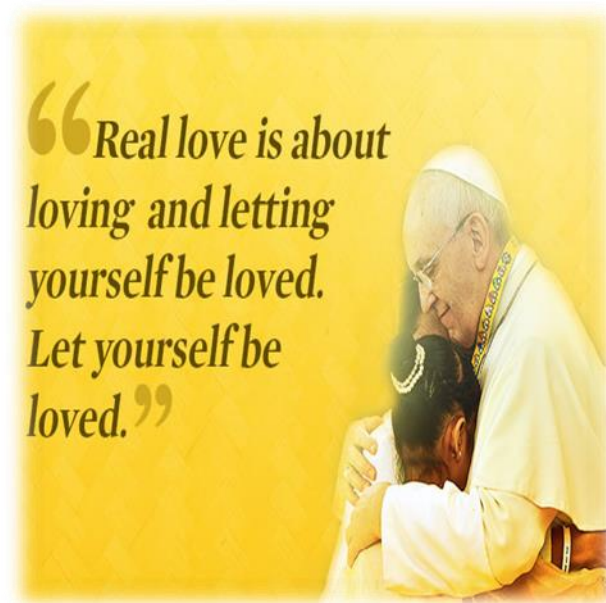
****Other dates available on website***

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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