



Newsletter No 21

Dear Parents and Friends

Monday 5 March 2018



Welcome back! I hope that you all enjoyed the half term break. This is not really the weather we hoped for during the Spring term so please ensure you are reading the newsletter, checking your text messages and following us on Twitter for any changes to the school diary. Please also ensure that children are sent to school in warm clothes (gloves etc.) Thank you.

We were sorry to postpone Thursday's bedtime stories and Friday's World Book day but it seemed the most sensible decision due to the adverse weather conditions.



WORLD BOOK DAY

We are now celebrating World Book Day today so those outfits will not be wasted!

Homework Consultation

Thank you again for your comments and contributions to our consultation. The final version will be published on the website this week.



Mass: Year 6 will lead our Confirmation Mass in school on *Thursday 8 March*, all welcome.

HSBC Bank

A member of the HSBC Bank will visit our school on *Monday 5 March*. We try to encourage our KS2 children to open and be responsible for their own bank account and manage their money.



Lenten Fundraising Morning/Afternoon Tea

On Tuesday 6 March we are holding two Lenten fundraising events where your child can invite one person to join them for morning or afternoon tea. **EYFS/Key Stage 1 Children** you are invited to join us for Morning Tea, *9.00am - 9.45am*. **Key Stage 2 Children** you are invited to join us for Afternoon Tea, *2.30pm-3.15pm*.



Year 3 - Sacrament of First Confession

Year 3 will be making their first Confessions on **Tuesday 6 and Thursday 8 March 2018** at Holy Cross and Saint Francis Church at **3.00pm**. You are warmly invited to join your child for this important occasion. If you wish to attend please meet Mr Mayor and the children at Holy Cross Church at 2.55pm. First Confessions will be preceded by a brief Liturgy of the Word. Once your child has made their First Confession and penance, you are more than welcome to leave the Church. A letter was sent home with children yesterday; please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you.



Dinner Money

The deadline for the payment of **£49.45 is Wednesday 7 March**. Please make payment using Parent Pay. If you have credit showing on your dinner account please deduct this from £49.45 and pay remaining balance. Any queries please contact the school office. Thank you.



Mothers' Day Lunches - Wednesday 7 March (Due to high numbers attending, please arrive at 11.30am)

We will be holding our first Mothers' Day Lunch on Wednesday 7 March. Mothers, grandmothers, aunties or a female family friend need to arrive at **11.30am** 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. Thank you for your support; we look forward to welcoming many of you on these days.



Year 5 Forest School

Next half term Year 5 will be taking part in weekly 'forest school' activities every Friday afternoon; starting **Friday 9 March**, Children must be appropriately dressed for all weather conditions. Please send your child to school in normal school uniform. They are required to bring in a pair of wellington boots, old outdoor clothing, a warm waterproof coat, scarf and gloves in a separate bag. A letter has been emailed home giving more details; if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Football Matches

Friday 9 March (Away) vs Little Aston Primary School, 36 Forge Lane, Shenstone B74 3BE. Please see attached directions. The football team are required to confirm with Miss Crowley if they are able to play. Training for the girl's team will be on as normal.

Friday 16 March (Home) vs Penns Primary School. There will be no training for the girls on this night. Please try to come along and support our Holy Cross football team!



Grammar Workshop Year One - Year Six

In response to parental feedback from both Inspire workshops and at Parents' evening, we will be holding a Grammar workshop to discuss how we teach Grammar at Holy Cross Catholic Primary School.

We would like to invite you to attend an afternoon workshop to explore the teaching of Grammar and understand the strategies and approaches we use at Holy Cross Catholic Primary School. The workshop will take place on **Monday 12 March 2018 at 2.30p.m until 3.15p.m. One member from each family can attend.** A letter has been sent home with children today. If you would like to attend please complete and return the slip to the school office; no later than **Thursday 8 March**. Thank you. I hope that you will be able to join us for this event.



Year Two SATs Workshop

On **Wednesday 14 March** we will be holding a 'Year Two SATs Workshop' for all parents who have children in Year Two. We would like to invite parents to a workshop to learn with their child about how to prepare for the SATs. The workshop will be held by Mr Hunt (Class Teacher) and Miss Crowley (Vice Principal). You will be given information regarding the format of the SATs, how they are administered, ideas and advice about how to support and prepare your child at home. Letters have been sent home with Year 2 children complete the reply slip and return by **Thursday 8 March 2018**. If you have not received a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Confirmation Photographs

Confirmation photographs have been sent home with Year 6 children. Please return to the school office or post direct to Academy no later than **Monday 19 March**.



Lenten Fundraising - Whole School Sponsored Walk

As part of our fundraising programme during Lent the whole school will be completing a 5k sponsored walk around New Hall Valley (EYFS children will complete a shorter walk). This will take place on **Tuesday 20 March at 1.30pm**. Our aim is to raise as much money as possible for our worthwhile charities and we would be very grateful if you could please encourage your child/children to ask for as many sponsors as possible. Please send all collected money into school no later than **Wednesday 28 March**. Many thanks for your generosity and support during our Lenten fundraising. A letter and sponsor form has been sent home with children, if you require a copy please contact the school office. **If you would like to volunteer to walk with us please give your details to the school office. Thank you.**



Good Shepherd Appeal

Good Shepherd Appeal boxes have been sent home with children today. Since the early years of the twentieth century, children in the Archdiocese have helped raise funds for Father Hudson's Care during Lent. Children use the boxes to save money they would normally spend on sweets and treats, thereby practising abstinence and almsgiving. Please help to make a difference by raising funds for children, families and adults in need. Please contact the school office if you require another box. Thank you for your support. Please return boxes no later than **Tuesday 17 April**. Thank you.



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

Nancy W (EYFS), Lucy L (Y3), Christie W (Y4).

| Dates for Diary - March 2018 | | |
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| Monday 5 March | 12.00pm-1.00pm | HSBC in school |
| Monday 5 March | All day | World Book Day |
| Tuesday 6 March | 3.00pm | First Confessions in Church |
| Tuesday 6 March | 9.00am-9.45am | Lenten Fundraising Tea EYFS/KS1 |
| Tuesday 6 March | 2.30pm-3.15pm | Lenten Fundraising Tea KS2 |
| Wednesday 7 March | 11.30am-1.00pm | Mothers' Day lunch children with surname (A-K) |
| Thursday 8 March | 3.00pm | First Confessions in Church |
| Friday 9 March | 3.30pm-4.30pm | Football match (Away) Little Aston |
| Friday 9 March | 1.30pm | Year 5 Forest School |
| Monday 12 March | 2.30pm-3.15pm | Grammar Workshop Year One to Year Six |
| Tuesday 13 March | 11.45am-1.00pm | Mothers' Day lunch children with surname (L-Z) |
| Wednesday 14 March | 3.20pm-4.00pm | Year Two SATs Workshop |
| Friday 16 March | 3.20pm-4.20pm | Football match (Home) vs Penns School |
| Monday 19 March | 12.00pm-1.00pm | HSBC in school |
| Tuesday 20 March | 1.30pm-3.00pm | Lenten fundraising whole school sponsored walk |
| Wednesday 21 March | 3.30pm-7.00pm | Parents' Consultation Evening |
| Thursday 22 March | 3.30pm-6.00pm | Parents' Consultation Evening |
| Friday 23 March | 6.45pm-9.00pm | PTA Family Bingo |
| Saturday 24 March | 6.00pm-9.00pm | Catholic Schools 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 Thursday Prayer Service-parents invited |
| Thursday 29 March | 3.20pm | Break up for Easter |

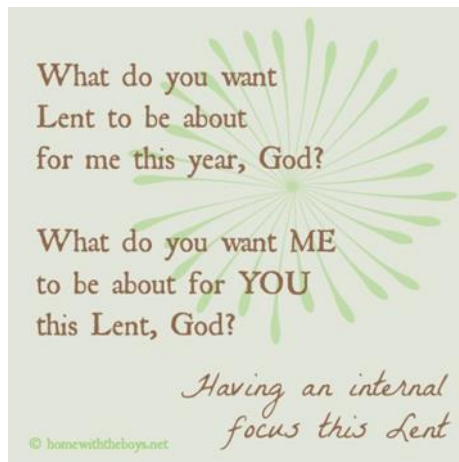
| Dates for Diary - April 2018 | | |
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| Monday 16 April | 8.50am | Return to school |
| Wednesday 18 April | All day | NSPCC workshops |

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

Have a lovely week.

Yours sincerely

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