



**Newsletter No 24**

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 16 March 2018



**Mothers' Day Lunch**

It was lovely to see so many of you here this week enjoying lunch with your children. We welcomed over 120 special visitors which was amazing! Thank you to all the staff for ensuring everything ran smoothly! Do not worry dads - you are going to be invited very soon!



We are a sea of green today to celebrate the feast of St Patrick; thank you to everyone for getting involved. Thank you to our own Niamh and Gracie, Erin, Harry, Patrick, Ciara, Katie and Roisin from Bishop Walsh, who entertained us this morning with their amazing Irish dancing. Enjoy it on Twitter!



**Mass:** Year 3 will lead our Mass in school on Thursday 22 March, all welcome.



**Letters emailed to parents this week:**

**Whole school:** Sponsored Walk - kit required.

**Year Two:** Year 2 Design and Technology Project

*Please contact office if you have not received copy*

**Borcherds  
Shield**

**Maths Challenge**

Massive congratulations to our Year 5 Maths team: Thomas, Isabel, Ava and Imogen attended a Maths competition last Friday at King Edwards School where they had to compete in two Maths challenges. We are extremely proud of their excellent performance As we were very close runners up; we are waiting to hear whether our overall score is high enough to qualify for the finals.



**Netball Match**

Last night, our girls' netball team played the first match in their Sutton league against a very good Shrubbery team. This was their first match as a squad of ten players. Although the girls lost the match, both Miss Cross and Mr Hunt were bursting with pride at the girls who represented the school, who despite a heavy defeat, kept on smiling, laughing and having a go. They were true resilient rhinos as they never gave up and were a credit to themselves.



### Football Matches

Last Friday, the football played against Little Aston school. The boys lost 4-0; a score line that truly did not reflect the match itself. It was as a very closely fought encounter with all the players giving 100%. Our next match is against Penns school and this Friday 16th March.

Due to tonight's home match 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!

The last match of the term is on **Monday 26 March** (away) vs. Minworth J&I School. Football team are required to let Miss Crowley know if they are available to play. Thank you.



### Grammar Workshop Year One - Year Six

Thank you to all parents who attended our Grammar Workshop - I hope that you found it helpful. The handouts were all emailed to parents yesterday. Please see below a list of books and resources that were discussed: Books- all available on Amazon: CGP Grammar 10 minute Quiz, Rising Stars Grammar Revision and Short Test, Oxford Primary Punctuation and Grammar dictionary, KS2 SAT buster and Collins KS2 English.



### SATs Workshops Year two and Year six

Thank you to all parents who attended our SATs Workshops. I hope that you found it helpful and interesting and showed you what high expectations we have of all our children.



### 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**.



### Parents' Evening

We will be holding parents' evenings on **Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 March**. If you have not got an appointment please contact the school office.

You will be given our annual questionnaire to complete when you arrive for your appointment. Please complete and return in the box provided on the evening; or return to the school office no later than **Monday 26 March**. Thank you.



### **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 contributions from 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.

*The children will come to school wearing full school uniform, but are required to bring with them a pair of trainers or walking boots. Also, please send in a pair of tracksuit bottoms or leggings to ensure all children will be warm and well prepared for any puddles and muddy patches we may have to walk through.*

*If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, please contact the class teacher or the school office. Thank you for your support.*



### **Alton Castle**

A letter has been sent home with Year 5 children giving details of the October trip to Alton Castle. Please complete, sign and return reply slip no later than **Thursday 22 March**. If you require a copy of the letter please contact the school office. Thank you.



### **Family Bingo Night**

This very enjoyable and popular event will be held on **Friday 23 March** in the school Hall. Doors open at 6.45pm, bingo starts at 7.00pm. Easter Eggs for all winners! Flyers have been sent home today giving you more information and the opportunity to order your food. If you require a copy please contact the school office. As we are limited on numbers, forms need to be returned by **Tuesday 20 March**. Thank you for your support.



### **Tennis Club - Year 1 and Year 2**

Letters have been sent home with children in Year 1 and Year 2. If your child would like to join the Tennis Club please complete and return forms no later than **Monday 26 March**. There are limited places so it is a first come first served basis. Please note **NO late orders** after this date will be accepted. Thank you for your cooperation.



### Bedtime Stories

This lovely event has been rescheduled for **Thursday 26 April**. If you have already paid but cannot make this date, please contact the school office. If you have not booked but would like your child/children to come along, please contact the school office no later than **Friday 23 March**.



### Palm Sunday Mass

Fr Neil is inviting you all to attend Palm Sunday Mass at **10:30am** on **Sunday 25 March** when there will be a re-enactment of Christ's entry into Jerusalem. The Mass will start in the church hall. Fr Neil is proposing that all First Holy Communion children take a key role by forming an 'avenue of waving palm branches' for the parish to walk through. I ask that Year 3 families will make every effort to attend.



### Easter Activities - Tuesday 27 March

#### Key Stage 2

On **Tuesday 27 March** KS2 children will need to bring in a decorated egg for Easter. Parents are welcome to view the eggs when they are displayed (by the bike sheds), the following morning - **Wednesday 28 March**.



#### EYFS and KS1

On **Tuesday 27 March** children in Key Stage 1 will need to bring in their Easter Bonnets. They will parade around the key stage 1 playground at **8.50am**; parents are invited to stay in the playground and watch the parade.



### Community Tree Care Day

On Tuesday 13 March our Eco Warriors and School Council children went round to the Berryfields Orchard (next to the park, behind the school) which the Eco Warriors planted last academic year. We learnt how to do mulching to help provide nutrients to the trees and provide them with the best care.

Following the success of this event, Rob Tiling from Let's Grow Together would like to hold a tree care session for our Holy Cross families! It will be held on **Tuesday 3rd April** from 11.00am until 2.00pm, where you will learn how to prune young fruit trees. It will be a great event and a lovely way to give back to the local community. A letter was sent home with children yesterday; if you would to attend please complete the reply slip and return to school no later than **Monday 26 March**. Please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you.

## Harvington Hall

### Year Three visit to Harvington Hall

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year Three on a visit to Harvington Hall on **Wednesday 23 May**. A voluntary donation of £17.00 is now required to cover the cost of transport, admission and insurance. Payment for this trip is via Parent Pay; deadline for payment is **Wednesday 16 May**. A letter has been emailed to all Year 3 parents; if you require a copy 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: Year 3 with 98.52% Well done!**



**The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 1, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6!**

### Recommendations



**Recommendations: EYFS:** Madison M, Antoni C **Year 1:** Aidan J, Georgia H, Jay M **Year 2:** Gracie D, Annie E, all of Year 4 **Year 3:** Niamh C, Lily H **Year 4:** Finbarr McG, Eliza S **Year 5:** Anna J, Samuel W **Year 6:** Regine W, Luke S.



**Class of the Week:** Year 4.

**Lunchtime Award:** Emileen W (EYFS).

**Sports Award:** Ava A, Imogen A, Orlaith G, Charlotte L, Erin L-F, Erin P (Y5), Regine W, Amy M, Madline L, Niamh S (Y6).



### Virtues and Values

This half term we are concentrating on being 'Intentional and Prophetic'. 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:** Ethan P **Miss Stevens:** Ollie L **Mr Hunt:** Alex E  
**Mr Mayor:** Maggie R **Miss Lovelock/Miss Crowley:** Jack McK **Mr Rowlands:** Cilian K, Leilagh K  
**Miss Cross:** James R



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:  
 George B (EYFS), Sienna M (Y2), Frankie J (Y3), Samuel W, Bonnie T-M (Y5), Keane S (Y6).

Dates for Diary - March 2018		
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	12.00pm	Year 2 and Year 3 Award Dinner
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
<b>Sunday 25 March</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Palm Sunday Mass</b>
Monday 26 March	9.15am	Stations of the Cross Service-parents invited
<b>Monday 26 March</b>	<b>3.30pm</b>	<b>Football match (away) vs. Minworth J &amp; I School</b>
<b>Tuesday 27 March</b>	<b>8.50am</b>	<b>EYFS/KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade</b>
<b>Tuesday 27 March</b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>KS2 Bring in decorated egg</b>
<b>Wednesday 28 March</b>	<b>8.50am</b>	<b>KS2 Egg display</b>
Wednesday 28 March	Refreshments at 9.00am starts at 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		
<b>Tuesday 3 April</b>	<b>11.00am-2.00pm</b>	<b>Community Tree Care Day</b>
Monday 16 April	8.50am	Return to school
Wednesday 18 April	All day	NSPCC workshops

Thursday 19 April	3.20pm	Netball Match vs Moor Hall (Sutton College)
Thursday 26 April	3.20pm	Netball Matches vs Mere Green and Maney Hill (Sutton College)
Thursday 26 April	5.45pm-7.00pm	PTA Bedtime Stories
<b>Dates for Diary - May 2018</b>		
Wednesday 23 May	All Day	Year 3 Trip to Harvington Hall

*\*Other dates available on website*

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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