



**Holy Cross**  
Catholic Primary School

*We share in Christ's life so He can guide our thoughts, words and actions.*

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## Newsletter No 25

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 23 March 2018



### Parents Evening/ Questionnaire Reminder

Thank you to all parents who attended our Parents' Evening on Wednesday and Thursday and to those of you who have already completed questionnaires. We do value your feedback so if you took your questionnaire home to complete, please return to school no later than **Monday 26 March**. Thank you



### Palm Sunday Mass

A final reminder that 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. 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 especially make every effort to attend.



### Family Bingo Night

Eyes down look in! We are looking forward to tonight. Let us hope it is a great success and that you win lots of Easter eggs! Thank you to the PTA for their hard work in organising the event.



### Catholic Swimming Gala

Tomorrow we are taking a group of children to compete in the Catholic Sports Swimming Gala at Wyndley Pool. The children will be competing across a range of strokes against Catholic schools from across the whole of Birmingham. We wish Regine, Alex, Maria, Erin, Luke, Thomas and Ben all the best in the competition.



### Abooku

Abooku is a UK based educational charity which has developed, with Gambian co-operation and support. The Baobab Reading Scheme. The Rights Respecting Steering Group has chosen to raise awareness about Article 28 - 'all children have the right to an education.' As part of the campaign, the Rights Respecting Steering Group will be selling a book called Fatou's First Day, a storybook about The Gambia for just £1.00. The books have been donated to the 'Spread reading around for just a pound' campaign. The Purchase of a book for just £1.00 will help a Gambian child access their own reading materials. These books will be on sale in Holy Week (next week) at break time. **Children please bring your £1.00 in next week. Thank you.**



### School Closed

Polite reminder school is closed on the following days: **Thursday 3 May**, due to Local Government Elections, **Monday 7 May**, Bank Holiday and **Monday 4 June** - Inset Day. Thank you.



### Letters emailed to parents this week:

**Year 1:** Local outdoor walk on **Wednesday 28 March**

**KS2:** Easter Production

*Please contact office if you have not received copy*



### Football Information

Last week, the football team played Penns Primary School in our small schools league. Unfortunately the team lost the fixture 6-0. The team performed well and were unlucky for most of the goals. Their next league match is away to Minworth School on **Monday 26 March** and we wish them the best of luck. Please try to come along and support our Holy Cross football team! Thank you.



### KS2 Passion Play - 'Roll Back the Stone'

On **Monday 26 March** all children in KS2 are required to bring a pair of black leggings/black jeans and a plain black top. Please send the outfit into school in a carrier bag. This is for our KS2 Passion Play. Thank you.



### Lenten Fundraising - Whole School Sponsored Walk

Well done to all the children for completing the Sponsored walk, and thank you to the volunteers. Please send all collected money into school no later than **Wednesday 28 March**.



### KS2 Passion Play and Stations of the Cross

On **Monday 26 March**, we will be participating in Stations of the Cross at **9.15am** in the hall.

The KS2 Passion Play - 'Roll Back the Stone' will take place on; **Wednesday 28 March refreshments at 9.00am** and the play will start at **9.15am**.

On **Thursday 29 March**, we will be holding Maundy Thursday Prayer Service at **9.15am** in the hall.

*All parents are very welcome at all occasions.*



### Easter Activities - Tuesday 27 March

#### Key Stage 2

On **Tuesday 27 March** KS2 children will need to bring in a decorated egg for Easter. The decorated eggs will be displayed in the KS2 corridor On **Wednesday 28 March** for you to view if you are attending the Passion Play. Thank you.



#### 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.



### 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.



### 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.



### Year 4 - Design and Technology Day

On **Thursday 29 March** Year 4 will be celebrating the end of their topic on Vikings and Anglo-Saxons by creating Viking shields and going into battle! The children have been working hard researching shield designs, evaluating and designing their own and now it is time to make them! To make their shields they will need cardboard so if you have any cardboard at home that you would like to recycle (e.g. shoe box, packaging etc) then please bring it into school by **Thursday 29 March**. Thank you for your support and look at twitter to see what they create!



### Summer School Uniform

All children are required to wear their summer uniforms as soon as we return after the Easter holidays (hopefully we will be basking in tropical sunshine by then!) Thank you for your support.

**Girls:** Green check dress, suitable shoes, with white socks or grey trousers with jade green polo shirt with logo.

**Boys:** Jade green polo shirt with logo Grey shorts or grey trousers, grey socks, and sensible dark school shoes - no trainers.

Please note the round neck; green sweatshirt is not part of everyday uniform. This sweatshirt is to be worn only for PE. Thank you.



### Father Hudson's Society Good Shepherd Appeal

Please return the boxes for the above no later than **Tuesday 17 April**. Thank you for your generosity.



### Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust

A letter has been sent home with children giving information about Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust and what it has to offer. Please contact the school office if you require a copy. The application form for 'School Clothing Grant' must be returned to school no later than **Monday 23 April**.



### Bag 2 School – Bags have been sent home with children.

Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in good quality second hand clothing that can be re-used and we have arranged to make a collection from this school. All bags are weighed and we will be paid by the total weight collected. Remember the more you collect the bigger benefit to our School! They will collect the following items for RE-USE: adults and children's clothing, bedding, soft toys, paired shoes, hats, belts and handbags. NO BRIC-A-BRAC PLEASE. **Extra bags welcome – there is no limit.** If you need spare bags please come to the school office. Bags will be collected on **Tuesday 24 April by 9.00am**. Please only drop off bags on that morning as the school cannot store overnight. Thank you for your support!



### 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.



### **Fun Time Friday 50th Anniversary Celebration.**

This year at Fun time Friday, we are celebrating The 50th Anniversary of Holy Cross Catholic Primary School. This popular event will take place at Moxhull Hall Hotel on **Friday 18 May 2018 at 7pm**. To mark this special occasion, we ask everyone to join together for a memorable and successful evening, to raise as much money as possible for the school, which will benefit our children. The tickets will be £30 per person, spread over four weekly payments of £7.50 on the 20th and 27th of April, 4th and 11th of May. Alternatively, you can pay the full amount. Please pay by cash or cheque (made payable to Holy Cross PTA), in an envelope marked Fun Time Friday. Please note tickets are non-refundable. Any queries please contact a member of the PTA. 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 One with 100% Well done!**



**The Punctuality Award for the week: EYFS and Year 5!**

### **Recommendations**



**Recommendations: EYFS:** Sofia H, Drew B-H **Year 1:** Michael B, Addison M **Year 2:** Henry H, Sienna M **Year 3:** Aine K, Harry K, Calum McC, Connor McC, Kieron Mc C **Year 4:** Ella W, Thomas B **Year 5:** Samuel S, Orlaith G **Year 6:** Kyle W, Jack R.



**Class of the Week:** Year 2.

**Lunchtime Award:** Antoni C.



### 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:** Nylah B **Miss Stevens:** Sophie H **Mr Hunt:** Alex S, Daniel S (Y3) **Mr Mayor:** Megan P **Miss Lovelock/Miss Crowley:** James W (Y1), Henry H (Y2) **Mr Rowlands:** James D **Miss Cross:** Marcus P-W.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:  
Annie E (Y2).

### Dates for Diary - March 2018

Saturday 24 March	6.00pm-9.00pm	Catholic Schools Swimming Gala
Sunday 25 March	10.30am	Palm Sunday Mass
Monday 26 March	9.15am	Stations of the Cross Service-parents invited
Monday 26 March	3.30pm	Football match (away) vs. Minworth J & I School
Tuesday 27 March	8.50am	EYFS/KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade
Tuesday 27 March	All day	KS2 Bring in decorated egg
Wednesday 28 March	8.50am	KS2 Egg display
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

Tuesday 3 April	11.00am-2.00pm	Community Tree Care Day
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)
<b>Tuesday 24 April</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Bags2School</b>
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



Dates for Diary - May 2018		
Wednesday 23 May	All Day	Year 3 Trip to Harvington Hall

*\*Other dates available on website*

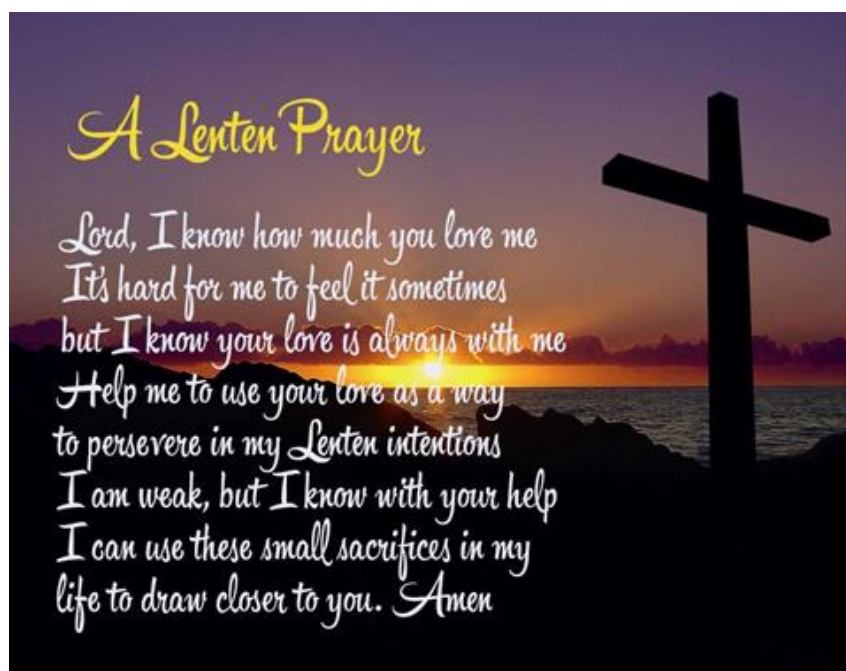
Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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