



Newsletter No 26

Dear Parents and Friends

Thursday 29 March 2018



We come to the end of another busy term. On Tuesday and Wednesday Key Stage Two retold the story of Holy week in a very powerful and moving way; they were both very emotionally charged performances. Well done to all the children and staff for working so hard to produce this beautiful dramatization.

Our Stations of the Cross on Monday and this morning's Maunday Thursday Prayer Service helped us to prepare for the season of Easter. Thank you to all the staff and children for their participation in these services and to Fr Neil for leading our worship and reflection during the term.

Please make every effort to attend the services at Holy Cross during Holy Week and for the greatest festival of all - Easter Sunday. (Times of services have been distributed).



We thank you all for the support the school has received this term and I thank all the staff for always working so hard and going that extra mile. May you all enjoy a well-deserved and restful Easter break. Back to school on Monday 16 April!



Mass: Year 3 will lead our Mass on **Thursday 19 April**, in School. All welcome.



Family Bingo Night

The Bingo Night was a great success; with £451.91 raised! Many thanks to all who helped organise the evening and to all who attended.



Catholic Swimming Gala

Last week we took a team to participate in the Catholic Sports Swimming Gala. The team did fantastically well performing to the best of their ability. Luke progressed to the final of the boy's freestyle race and was crowned the champion. Regine also made it to the girl's freestyle final and finished a very credible 3rd place. The rest of the team did not make it to the finals but they swam excellently. We are very proud of everyone of them.



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 5: Alton Castle payment letter.

EYFS: Forest Schools.

Please contact office if you have not received copy



On Friday, the school football team played in their final league match of the season. After a nervy first half the match was poised at 1-1 with a goal from Oliver. However, it was a game of 2 halves as the team were roared on from parents on the side-lines we raced to a 5-1 victory. Kyle scored 4 magnificent goals in the 2nd half and it was a real team effort as everyone played excellently. We finished the season in a very credible 2nd place with 3 victories out of our 5 league matches. Well done to the whole team.

Massive congratulations to the football team coming runners up the Sutton Coldfield Small Schools League. They will be invited to attend the awards evening at Sutton Coldfield Town Hall, more details to follow.



Lost Dog

While we were at the football match we found a lost dog. If anyone recognises him please contact Birmingham Dogs Home. Thank you.



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.



Dinner Money Due

Deadline for payment of dinner money is **Friday 20 April**; the amount is **£60.20** please pay using ParentPay, please deduct any credit you have from this amount and pay the balance. Any queries please contact the school office. Thank you for your support.



EYFS Forest School

Next half term EYFS will be taking part in weekly 'forest school' activities every Friday afternoon; starting **Friday 20 April**, 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.



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.

Bags 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!



Music Lessons

Music invoices were sent home with children this week; the deadline for payment is **Tuesday 1 May**. Please log into your Parentpay account to make payment. If you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



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 20 and 27 of April, 4 and 11 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 2 with 100% Well done!



The Punctuality Award for the week: EYFS, Year 1, Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6!

Recommendations



Recommendations: EYFS: Eve-Rose H, Hughie O'D **Year 1:** Marian A, Klaudia R **Year 2:** Harry W, Maria J **Year 3:** Megan P, Daniel S **Year 4:** Alicia I, Christie W **Year 5:** Cassie G, Alex H **Year 6:** Keane S, Madeline L, Luke S.

Class of the Week: Aine K (Y3).

Lunchtime Award: EYFS.





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:** Martha W **Miss Stevens:** Ronan L **Mr Hunt:** Whole class **Mr Mayor:** Whole class **Miss Cross:** Whole class.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week and during the Easter holiday:

Eliza H (Y1), Ellie M-B (Y2), Maggie R, Calum Mc C, Kieron McC, Connor McC (Y3), Caitlin L, Darren A (Y4), Cillian K (Y5).

Dates for Diary - April 2018		
Monday 16 April	8.50am	Return to school
Wednesday 18 April	All day	NSPCC workshops
Thursday 19 April	1.20pm-3.20pm	Chess Competition at The Abbey Catholic School
Thursday 19 April	3.20pm	Netball Match vs Moor Hall (Sutton College)
Friday 20 April	1.00pm-3.00pm	EYFS start Forest Schools
Tuesday 24 April	9.00am	Bags2School
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		
Thursday 3 May	All day	School closed Local General Elections
Monday 7 May	All day	School closed Bank Holiday
Wednesday 9 May	9.00am Refreshments 9.15am start	Year 3 Assembly
Monday 14 May	All week	Year 6 SATs
Friday 18 May	7.00pm	PTA Fun Time Friday
Tuesday 22 May	All day	Empty classroom day
Wednesday 23 May	All day	Year 3 Trip to Harvington Hall
Thursday 24 May	3.20pm-4.30pm	PTA Spring Disco
Friday 25 May	3.20pm	Break up for half term holiday
Dates for Diary - June 2018		
Monday 4 June	All day	Inset day
Tuesday 5 June	8.50am	Return to school

Thursday 7 June	1.45pm-3.00pm	First Holy Communion rehearsal
Saturday 9 June	12.00pm	First Holy Communion
Tuesday 12 June	All day	Nishkam Primary School visiting Y4
Tuesday 12 June	All day	Year 5 Trip to Hatton Adventure World
Thursday 14 June	1.45pm-3.00pm	First Holy Communion rehearsal
Saturday 16 June	12.00pm	First Holy Communion
Tuesday 19 June	9.00am-12.00pm	Academy Photographers-class groups, leavers
Thursday 21 June	9.15am-10.15	Thanks Giving Mass of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 26 June	9.00am Refreshments 9.15am start	EYFS Assembly

Dates for Diary - July 2018

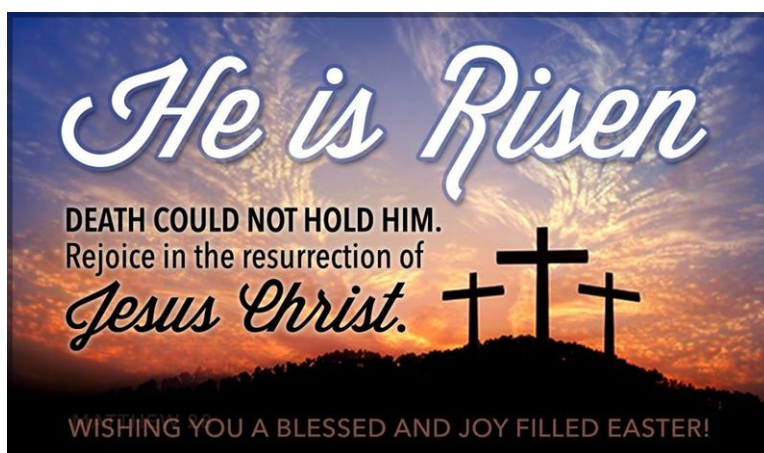
Friday 6 July	1.30pm-3.20pm	Sports Day
Friday 6 July	3.30pm-5.20pm	Summer Fayre and BBQ
Tuesday 10 July	All day	Year 3 Trip to Chedworth Roman Villa
Tuesday 10 July	6.00pm-8.00pm	Rotary Awards Evening Year 6
Wednesday 11 July	6.00pm-7.00pm	Year 6 Leavers' production
Thursday 12 July	3.20pm-4.30pm	PTA Summer disco
Friday 13 July	7.00pm	Year 6 Leavers' party at Walmley Social Club
Tuesday 17 July	All day	Year 6 Trip to West Midlands Safari Park
Friday 20 July	3.20pm	Break up for summer holidays!!!!

**Other dates available on website*

Have a lovely Easter break!

Yours sincerely

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Miss T Cotter
Principal



The children, staff, Academy Committee and Board of Directors wish you a joyful Easter.



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