



Newsletter No 27

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 20 April 2018



Welcome back! I hope that you all enjoyed your Easter break. It is hard to believe that we are beginning our final term. This is always a very busy time with First Holy Communion, Creative Arts, a variety of different trips and sporting events and of course SATs coming up shortly.

The children returned to school, all looking very smart! Please remember that all children should now be wearing Summer uniform; see below for clarification.

Water

As the weather is warmer, parents are reminded that children are required to bring in a bottle of water every day; please ensure that your child/children have a bottle of water in their bag when they come to school.

Thank you.



Summer School Uniform

Girls: Green check dress (*not stripes*), suitable shoes or sandals with white socks (not tights) or grey trousers with jade green polo shirt with logo. **Boys:** Jade green polo shirt with logo, grey shorts/trousers, grey socks, sensible dark school shoes - no trainers.

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



St George's Day

To celebrate the feast of St George **Monday 23 April will be a non-uniform day** with children being asked to wear red for the day! Please send a donation of £1.00 with your child for school fund. Thank you.



Chess Competition

Well done to our fantastic Chess Team- Alan, Uday, Luke, Cillian, Ava and Imogen who took part in the Chess competition at the Abbey primary school on Thursday. They played brilliantly well and came an overall 4th out of 8 schools that took part! They showed sportsmanship, determination, concentration and kindness; we are very proud of you!



Football Match

Last night the netball took part in their league match against Moor Hall. It was a cagey start to the match with Amy scoring twice to level the match at 2-2 after the first two quarters. The girls continued to give 100% and showed a great improvement from their last match. Unfortunately we lost the match 7-3; however we are very proud of their improvements and never giving up attitude. Hopefully this will continue with our next 2 fixtures next week.



Mass: Year 4 will lead our Mass on **Thursday 26 April**, in School. All welcome.



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:

EYFS: Twycross Zoo

Year 1: Warwick Castle

Year 5: Hatton Adventure World

Year 6: West Midlands Safari Park

Please contact the office if you have not received copy



Dinner Money Due

Deadline for payment of dinner money is today **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.



Spring Egg Hunt Fundraiser

You are invited to our Egg Hunt Fundraiser at Holy Cross & St Francis Church following Mass on **Sunday 22 April**. There will be lots of games and activities for the children to enjoy including an egg hunt, colouring competition, arts and crafts and a raffle. There is a small fee for games and competitions; but also lots of prizes! We hope to see both children and parents there for this wonderful afternoon. 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.

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!



Bedtime Stories

A reminder that this takes place on **Thursday 26 April, 5.45pm to 7.00pm**. Children to come along in their pyjamas, onesie and slippers. They can bring along their teddies to enjoy stories, hot chocolate and cookies. Thank you to the PTA for organising this lovely event. Thank you.



Election of Parent Academy Committee Representative

A letter has been sent home regarding the above. Nomination forms need to be returned no later than **Friday 27 April, 3.30pm**. If you require a copy of the letter please contact the school office. Thank you.



Music Lessons

Music invoices have been sent home with children; 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 3 visit to Harvington Hall

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 3 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.



Funtime Friday 50th Anniversary Celebration

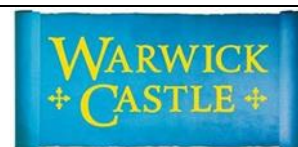
This year at Funtime Friday, we are celebrating The 50th Anniversary of Holy Cross Catholic Primary School. This popular event will take place at Moxhull Hall Hotel on **Friday 18 May 2018 at 7pm**.

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, bank transfer or cheque (made payable to Holy Cross PTA), in an envelope marked Funtime Friday. There will be a 3 Course Dinner, Raffle, Auction and DJ. Please note tickets are non-refundable. Any queries please speak to a member of the PTA. Thank you.



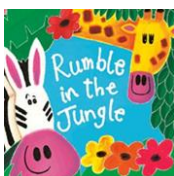
Year 5 visit to Hatton Adventure World

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 5 on a visit to Hatton Adventure World on **Tuesday 12 June 2018**. A voluntary donation of £20.00 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 5 parents; if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Year 1 visit to Warwick Castle

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 1 on a visit to Warwick Castle on **Monday 25 June 2018**. A voluntary donation of £20.00 is now required to cover the cost of transport, admission and insurance. Payment for this trip is via Parent Pay; deadline for payment is **Thursday 7 June**. A letter has been emailed to all Year 1 parents; if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



EYFS visit to Twycross Zoo

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in EYFS on a visit to Twycross Zoo on **Tuesday 3 July 2018**. A voluntary donation of £20.00 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 13 June**. A letter has been emailed to all EYFS parents; if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Year 6 visit to West Midlands Safari Park

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 6 on a visit to West Midlands Safari Park on **Tuesday 17 July 2018**. A voluntary donation of £26.00 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 27 June**. A letter has been emailed to all Year 6 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 2 with 99.60% Well done!



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

Recommendations



Recommendations: EYFS: Ciara P, Erin H, Ruby H, Andrew H **Year 1:** Molly F, Patrick M **Year 2:** Gracie D, Ellen T, Maria J **Year 3:** Jack C, Eden H **Year 4:** Mia B, Jake M-B **Year 5:** Johnny G, Anna J **Year 6:** William H, Ben O'T.

Class of the Week: Year 5.

Lunchtime Award: Antoni C (EYFS)

Sports Award: Chess Team: Ava A, Imogen A, Cillian K, Luke S, Alan J, Uday P.



Virtues and Values

This half term we are concentrating on being '**Grateful and Generous**'. 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:** Nancy W **Miss Stevens:** Aidan J **Mr Hunt:** Ella B

Mr Mayor: Tyrese L **Miss Lovelock and Miss Crowley:** Fraser C **Mr Rowlands:** Imogen A **Miss Cross:** Rosena J, Niamh S.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
Caitlin McG (Y1), Henry H (Y2).

Dates for Diary - April 2018		
Monday 23 April	All day	Non school uniform day-wear red for St George
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
Thursday 3 May	3.40pm	Netball match @ Sutton College
Friday 4 May	9.15am	Crowning of Blessed Virgin Mary parents welcome
Monday 7 May	All day	School closed Bank Holiday
Wednesday 9 May	9.00am Refreshments 9.15am start	Year 3 Assembly
Sunday 13 May	5.00pm	May Procession at Church
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
Monday 25 June	All day	Year 1 Trip to Warwick Castle
Thursday 26 June	9.00am Refreshments 9.15am start	EYFS Assembly
Dates for Diary - July 2018		
Tuesday 3 July	All day	EYFS Trip to Twycross Zoo
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

Thursday 19 July	9.15am	Year 6 Leaver's Mass
Friday 20 July	3.20pm	Break up for summer holidays!!!!

**Other dates available on website*

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely

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