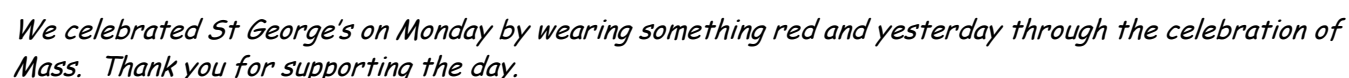
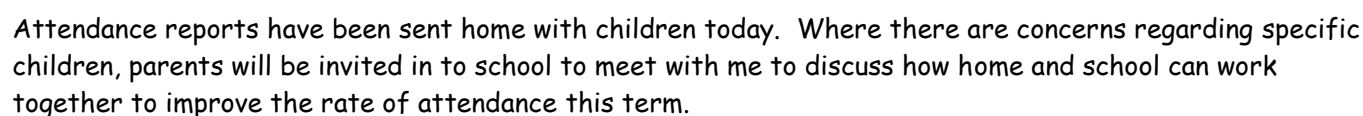


Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 27 April 2018



Last night was a very successful event, with the children having a lovely time listening to stories and enjoying their hot chocolate! Thank you to the PTA members for organising this and the staff who gave their time to read the stories. We will inform you how much money was raised at a later date.



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.



Last night the girls' netball team played in two more matches against Mere Green and Maney Hill primary schools. Unfortunately the girls lost both matches but continued to show improvements in their play. The final match saw a very close 3 quarters with only a goal to separate the two teams. We are extremely proud of the girls for their resilience and attitude in every match. They always want to play and keep on fighting to the final minute. Well done girls!



Crowning the Blessed Virgin Mary

On **Friday 4 May** at 9.15am we will be crowning the Blessed Virgin Mary; everyone is welcome!

Letters emailed to parents this week:

Year 2: Weston Super Mare

Year 3: Details regarding First Holy Communion

Please contact the office if you have not received copy



Bag 2 School

We raised an amazing £70.40! Thank you to the PTA for organising this event and thank you to all families and friends for being so generous.



PTA

We are so grateful for support we receive from the PTA and to you as parents for supporting their events. Below is a message from the PTA along with a list of items that the PTA has generously paid for with all the money donated by parents, families and friends :

The PTA would like to thank all parents who completed our questionnaire. Holy Cross PTA fundraises to provide all the extras that benefit our children. In the last 18 months we have purchased:

Guided reading books

£100 to each class for teachers to purchase resources these included art and craft materials, wet play games and furniture for class rooms.

New library books and furniture in the library including bean bags.

Prayer garden - willow fence and cross, statues, raised beds and plants.

Outdoor covered tables and benches.

Paid for a teacher to be trained in forest school.

The PTA is run by volunteers whose time commitment varies from washing up to organising an event; every little bit helps.

Thank you to the parents who kindly left their contact details.

The next PTA event that will need volunteers for is the school disco on Thursday 24 May 2018.

PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting will be held in school on **Wednesday 2 May** at 7.30pm. Please come along and join us, all new members welcome. The more the merrier! 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.



Girl's Football Match

There will be a girl's football match on Friday 4 May (away) vs Mere Green Primary School. Please go along and support our team!



Year 3 Assembly Wednesday 9 May - 9.15am (refreshments at 9.00am)

Our Year 3 class will be performing their assembly about the 'Romans'; I am sure we will all learn something!! Everyone welcome! I hope that many of you will be able to attend. Thank you.



Class of the Half Term Award

Congratulations to EYFS who were awarded last half term's 'Lunchtime Award'. Their prize is to choose the menu of the day on **Thursday 10 May**. The children who have a school meal will automatically have the 'Lunch Time Award'.



Plastic Pick Up

Our Eco Warriors and Rights Respecting Steering Group will be going on a Plastic Pick up around our local area on **Friday 11 May** from 2.00pm to 3.00pm. If you would like to join us and your child isn't in the Eco Warriors or Rights Respecting Steering Group, then let the school office know and we can arrange for your child to attend. 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.

Fun Time Friday

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.



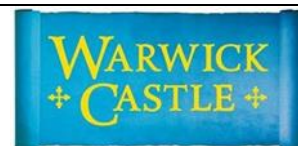
Year 5 visit to Hatton Adventure World

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.



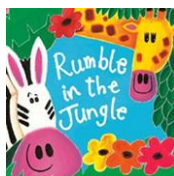
First Holy Communion Mass-Saturday 9 and 16 June 2018

A letter was sent home with all Year 3 children this week; providing all the arrangements and important information for Holy Communion. Please contact the school office if you require a copy. 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 2 visit to Weston Super Mare

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 2 on a visit to Weston Super Mare on **Monday 9 July 2018**. A voluntary donation of £22.00 is now required to cover the cost of transport and insurance. Payment for this trip is via Parent Pay; deadline for payment is **Wednesday 6 June**. A letter has been emailed to all Year 2 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.



School Attendance Matters

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 100% Well done!

Please see below whole school attendance from September 2017 to April 2018. There are several classes who have nearly achieved 98%; we can do it!

EYFS	97.8%
Year 1	97.4%
Year 2	97.8%
Year 3	96.6%
Year 4	97.8%
Year 5	97.8%
Year 6	96.7%
Total	97.4%

The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 1, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6!

Recommendations

Recommendations: **EYFS:** George B, Cian P, Isabella M-S **Year 1:** Jimmy W, Chase B **Year 2:** Nathaniel C, Alice F **Year 3:** Harry K, Logan McC **Year 4:** Orlaith F, Eloise H **Year 5:** Ethan L, Erin P **Year 6:** Matthew N-C, Madeline L.

Class of the Week: EYFS.

Lunchtime Award: Alfie J (Y2).



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:** Drew B-H **Miss Stevens:** Sophia H **Mr Mayor:** Angel M **Miss Lovelock and Miss Crowley:** Finbarr McG **Mr Rowlands:** Daisy C **Miss Cross:** Jack McK.

Dates for Diary - May 2018		
Wednesday 2 May	7.30pm	PTA Meeting
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
Friday 4 May	3.30pm	Girls Football Match (away) Mere Green Primary School
Monday 7 May	All day	School closed Bank Holiday
Wednesday 9 May	9.00am Refreshments 9.15am start	Year 3 Assembly
Wednesday 10 May	12.00pm	EYFS Lunch Time Award Dinner
Friday 11 May	2.00pm-3.00pm	Great Plastic Pick-Up
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
Friday 8 June	All day	CAFOD in school delivering workshops
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
Wednesday 4 July	All day	Handover Day
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 Leavers' Mass
Friday 20 July	3.20pm	Break up for summer holidays!!!!

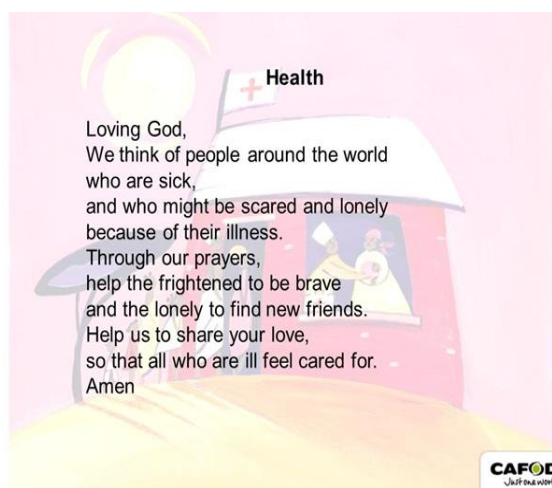
**Other dates available on website*

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely

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