



**Newsletter No 29**

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 4 May 2018



It is hard to believe that we are in May already, so before we are overtaken by SATs etc, let us all enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend - fingers crossed for sunshine (and not snow!)



**Crowning our Our Lady**

Today we celebrated the beginning of the month of May, the month we honour Our Lady, with a service to crown the Blessed Virgin Mary. During this month, the children are invited to share a decade of the rosary at lunchtimes and we ask families to encourage children to say the Hail Mary every day.



**Parent questionnaire**

Thank you for completing the questionnaire that was distributed at the recent Parent Consultation Evenings. 88% of families' views were represented which is fantastic. The school does value your opinions and we will reflect on these when planning for the future. Please see attached.



**Mass:** Year 6 will lead our Mass on Thursday 10 May, Holy Day of Obligation in church. All welcome.



**School Closed**

Polite reminder school is closed on the following days: **Monday 7 May**, Bank Holiday and **Monday 4 June** - Inset Day. Thank you.

**Letters emailed to parents this week:**

**Whole school:** Fathers' Day Lunch

**Year 2:** SATs Information

**Year 4:** Trip to New Hall Mill

**Please contact the office if you have not received copy**





### Year 4 Football Competition

On Tuesday, Year 4 took part in a football competition at Boldmere, St. Michaels. The team played really well and gave 100% effort in every match. They are the first Year 4 team we have sent to that competition for many years and we are very proud of them. As a team they supported each other and kept working hard in all their games. Well done boys.



### Netball Match

On Thursday, the girl's netball team played in their final league fixture against St. Nicholas Catholic Primary School. Despite a close opening few minutes, the girls unfortunately lost the match. However their resilience shone through once more as they simply refused to give up and kept on trying. We have been very proud of all their efforts throughout all their league matches and they are a great credit to themselves. Well done girls.



### 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 all next week at break time. *Children please bring your £1.00 in next week. Thank you.*



### Girls' Football Match

There will be a girl's football match on Friday 11 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.



### 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.



### May Procession

The May Procession will be held at Holy Cross and Saint Frances Catholic Church on Sunday 13 May at 5.00pm. Father Neil would like all First Holy Communion children to attend; everyone is welcome!



### 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.



### Royal Afternoon Tea Party

On **Friday 18 May** we will celebrate the royal wedding by holding a royal afternoon tea with a 50th theme twist! On this day all children are required to wear red, white and blue. They will also be taking in part in a whole school 'golden crown' competition where children will be designing and creating in school- prizes will be given to the best one from each class! Each class will also prepare a piece of music to perform during the afternoon tea. We ask that each child bring in a plate of treats to enjoy and any picnic blankets you may have as we hope to hold the event outside, weather permitting (fingers crossed!) Thank you for your support.

## 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 are £30 per person.

Please pay by cash, bank transfer or cheque (made payable to Holy Cross PTA), in an envelope marked Funtime Friday. (**Deadline to buy tickets is Friday 11 May**). 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 4 visit to New Hall Mill

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 4 on a visit to New Hall Mill on **Thursday 24 May**. A letter has been emailed to all Year 4 parents; if you require a copy please contact the school office. 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.



### Fathers' Day Lunches-Wednesday 13 June, Thursday 14 June and Wednesday 20 June

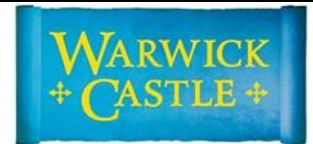
These lunch days will be held on Wednesday 13 June (children with surname A-I), Thursday 14 June (children with surname J-R) and Wednesday 20 June (children with surname S-Z).

Dads, grandfathers, uncles or a male family friend need to arrive at **11.45am** and will enter through Key Stage 1 gate. We are really excited and looking forward to welcoming our special visitors to this popular event to enjoy a meal with the children.

A letter has been emailed home. Please contact the school office if you require a paper copy.

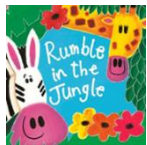
If you wish to join us please log into your Parent Pay account and **to make a payment (£3.80 for adult meal and £2.15 if your child is in KS2 and usually has sandwiches)**. Please ensure you complete notes section; stating how many meals you have ordered. If your child has school meals every day, please pay for their meal in the normal way and just order the appropriate additional adult meal. If you are unable to attend on your allocated date; please contact the school office for an alternative day.

The deadline for ordering and paying for meals is **Tuesday 22 May**; **We do not want anyone to miss out but as food needs to be ordered in advance, no late orders can be accepted after this date.**



### 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 6 with 99.6% Well done!



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

### Recommendations

**Recommendations: EYFS:** Ciara P, Charlie C **Year 1:** Bethany McK, Gabriella L **Year 2:** Dan B, Niall O'D **Year 3:** Liam O'T, Ella P **Year 4:** Fraser C, Sian J **Year 5:** Elyssa P, James M **Year 6:** Kyle W, Uday P.

**Class of the Week:** Year 1.

**Lunchtime Award:** Orla F (Y4).



### 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:** Freddie F **Miss Stevens:** Year 4 **Mr Hunt:** Eva H (Y4), Salvio J **Mr Mayor:** Daniel S **Miss Lovelock and Miss Crowley:** Caitlin L **Mr Rowlands:** Oliver B **Miss Cross:** Amy M.





Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:  
Jacob H (Y1), Malaika W (Y5), Madeline L (Y6).

Dates for Diary - May 2018		
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
Friday 11 May	3.30pm-4.30pm	Girls football match (away) vs Mere Green Jnr School
Sunday 13 May	5.00pm	May Procession at Church
Monday 14 May	12.00pm-1.00pm	HSBC in school
Monday 14 May	All week	Year 6 SATs
Friday 18 May	1.30pm	Royal Afternoon Tea
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	All day	Year 4 Trip to New Hall Mill
Thursday 24 May	3.20pm-4.30pm	PTA Spring Disco
Friday 25 May	1.30pm	Year 6 end of SATs party
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
Wednesday 13 June	11.45pm-1.00pm	Fathers' Day Lunch children with surnames A-I
Thursday 14 June	11.45pm-1.00pm	Fathers' Day Lunch children with surnames J-R
Thursday 14 June	1.45pm-3.00pm	First Holy Communion rehearsal
Saturday 16 June	12.00pm	First Holy Communion
Monday 18 June	12.00pm-1.00pm	HSBC in school
Tuesday 19 June	9.00am-12.00pm	Academy Photographers-class groups, leavers
Wednesday 20 June	11.45pm-1.00pm	Fathers' Day Lunch children with surnames S-Z
Thursday 21 June	9.15am-10.15am	Thanks Giving Mass of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 21 June	5.30pm-6.30pm	Creative Arts Evening
Monday 25 June	All day	Year 1 Trip to Warwick Castle
Tuesday 26 June	9.00am Refreshments 9.15am start	EYFS Assembly
Dates for Diary - July 2018		
Monday 2 July	12.00pm-1.00pm	HSBC in school
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
<b>Monday 16 July</b>	<b>12.00pm-1.00pm</b>	<b>HSBC in school</b>
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 long weekend!

Yours sincerely

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