



## Newsletter No 30

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 11 May 2018

# Y6 SATs

### SATs Week

I'm sure Y6 do not need to be reminded that next week is SATs week. Please remember them in your prayers. All year 6 children are welcome to arrive at school at 8.00am: for a special Year 6 Breakfast Club. Children not attending the Breakfast Club should be in school for 8.50am in order to be registered. **Please ensure your child is on time. Thank you for your co-operation.**

### Parent Academy Representative

Mrs Claire Holloway has been appointed as the new Parent Academy Committee Representative. I thank her for volunteering to take on this important role for the school.



**Mass:** Year 5 will lead our Mass on Thursday 17 May, in school. All welcome.



### School Closed

Polite reminder school is closed on **Monday 4 June** - Inset Day. Thank you.



### Year 3 Assembly Wednesday 9 May

This week Year 3 amazed us with their knowledge and understanding of the story of the Romans in Britain. We listened to their retelling of the invasion of Britain and how the Romans were greeted by the Celts. Everyone loved the song Hey Romans! It was great to see a familiar story retold so creatively. Year 3 really made their parents and teachers proud. Well done children!

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### Sponsored Keep Fit

On **Wednesday 9 May**, we held a sponsored keep fit session to raise money for our chosen charity- Diabetes UK. The children ran around the playing field as part of their PE lessons (approximately 1 mile in KS2 and  $\frac{1}{2}$  a mile in KS1/EYFS.) We are extremely grateful for any support that you may be able to offer as this is a purely voluntary contribution. A letter and sponsor forms were sent home with children last week; if you require a copy please contact the school office. Any money raised will go straight to the charity and will help to make a difference. The sponsor money, in an envelope with the child's name and the amount clearly stated on the front, needs to be returned to school no later than **Friday 25 May**. Thank you for any support you may be able to provide.



### Girls' Football Match

There will be a girls' football match tonight (away) vs Mere Green Primary School. Please go along and support our team!



### May Procession

The parish 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!



### School Dinners in KS2

A letter has been sent home with children in Year 2; asking if children will be having school dinners or will bring in a packed lunch from home, when they move into Year 3 in September. School meals cost £2.15 per day; paid half termly in advance. Please complete the proforma and return no later than **Monday 21 May**. If you have not received this letter please contact the school office for a copy.



### 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 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 tonight**). 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.



### Outdoor Classroom Day-Tuesday 22 May

Anyone who has seen the impact that learning and playing outdoors has on children knows how powerful such experiences can be. Learning outdoors creates lasting memories, helps build a greater awareness of the environment, provides more opportunities to think independently, and gets children feeling challenged and excited by learning. Children are more active when they play outdoors; it is essential for their healthy development and enjoyment of childhood. On Tuesday 22 May we will be celebrating Outdoor Classroom Day, throughout the school! Please check out twitter profile to see what we get up to!



### 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.



### Holy Communion Practice sessions

If your child is making their Holy Communion on Saturday 9 June there will be a practice session on **Thursday 7 June**. If your child is making their Holy Communion on Saturday 16 June there will be a practice session on **Thursday 14 June**.

The children will walk from school to attend their practice session at Holy Cross Church. The children will then need to be collected from the Church at **3.00pm** on both of these days. Any children who are in Kids' Club on those days will be walked back to school to attend Kids' Club.



### Flowers and Ties

Parents are asked for a donation of £3.00 per family towards the cost of flowers for the church. The deadline for payment is **Wednesday 16 May**. Please send this money into school in a clearly labelled envelope with 'Holy Communion' and your child's name.

Parents of boys are asked for a donation of £4.00 for the red tie, which you will then receive in the week prior to the Mass. Boys, will be given red sashes by staff in the church hall on the day. Please log onto your Parent Pay account to make payment, deadline for payment is **Wednesday 16 May**. Thank you.



### Volunteers to Clean Church

As this is such a special occasion the church needs to be pristine on the day. We do appreciate that everybody is very busy, but we ask that as many parents as possible give some of their time to clean the church in preparation for First Holy Communion. The church will be open at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 8 June and Friday 15 June 2018. Father Neil would be very grateful of your support in this important matter.



### Choir

A reminder that members of the choir from Years 4-6 are asked to sing at the First Holy Communion Masses (9 and 16 June). We want this to be a special day for all our Y3 children so please support them by ensuring that if your child is in the choir they sing at both or at least one of the Masses (they can wear their own clothes!) It would be very sad if we did not have a strong choir on such an important occasion. I sincerely hope that you will show your support in this important matter.



### 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.

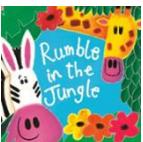
If you wish to join us please log into your Parent Pay account and **to make a payment (£3.80 for adult meal and £2.15 if your child is in KS2 and usually has sandwiches)**. Please ensure you complete notes section; stating how many meals you have ordered. If your child has school meals every day, please 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.



**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 and Year 6!

## Recommendations

**Recommendations:** EYFS: Isabella M-S, Isabella S **Year 1:** James Wh, Jacob H

**Year 2:** Jak McS, whole class **Year 3:** whole class, Lucy L, Frankie J **Year 4:** Joshua W, Francesca L

**Year 5:** Orlaith G, Samuel S, Harrison S **Year 6:** William H.



**Lunchtime Award:** Elyssa P (Y5).

**Sports Award:** Orlaith G, Erin Le-Fort (Y5).



## 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.



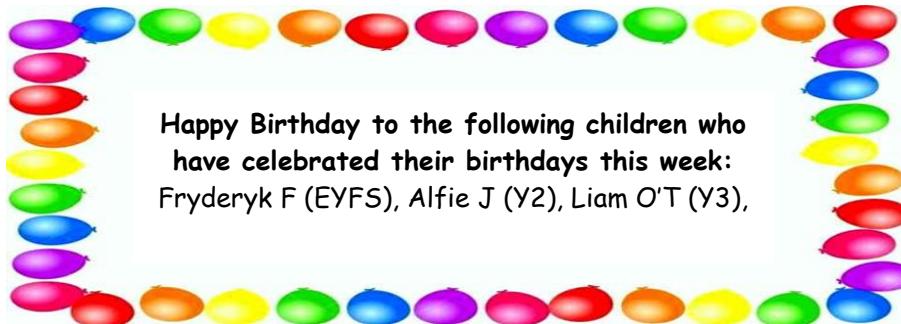
## Angel of the Week

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**: Cora L **Miss Stevens**: Elijah C-G **Mr Hunt**: Jack B

**Mr Mayor**: Thomas B (Y4) **Miss Lovelock and Miss Crowley**: Maddison M (EYFS) **Mr Rowlands**: Malaika W

**Miss Cross**: Ben O'T.



## Dates for Diary - May 2018

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 rehearsals
Friday 8 June	All day	CAFOD in school delivering workshops for KS2
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 rehearsals

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
Wednesday 20 June	6.00pm-7.00pm	Induction Evening for new EYFS September 2018
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
Friday 29 June	11.00am	Academy Mass (pupils and staff only)
<b>Dates for Diary - July 2018</b>		
Monday 2 July	12.00pm-1.00pm	HSBC in school
Monday 2 July to Thursday 5 July		Year 5 Bikeability
Tuesday 3 July	All day	EYFS Trip to Twycross Zoo
Wednesday 4 July	All day	Handover Day
Wednesday 4 July	9.30am	Teddy bear's picnic for new EYFS September 2018
Friday 6 July	All day	There will be no music lessons today
Friday 6 July	1.30pm-3.20pm	Sports Day
Friday 6 July	3.30pm-5.20pm	Summer Fayre and BBQ
Monday 9 July	All day	Year 2 Trip to Weston Super Mare
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
Monday 16 July	12.00pm-1.00pm	HSBC in school
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!!!!

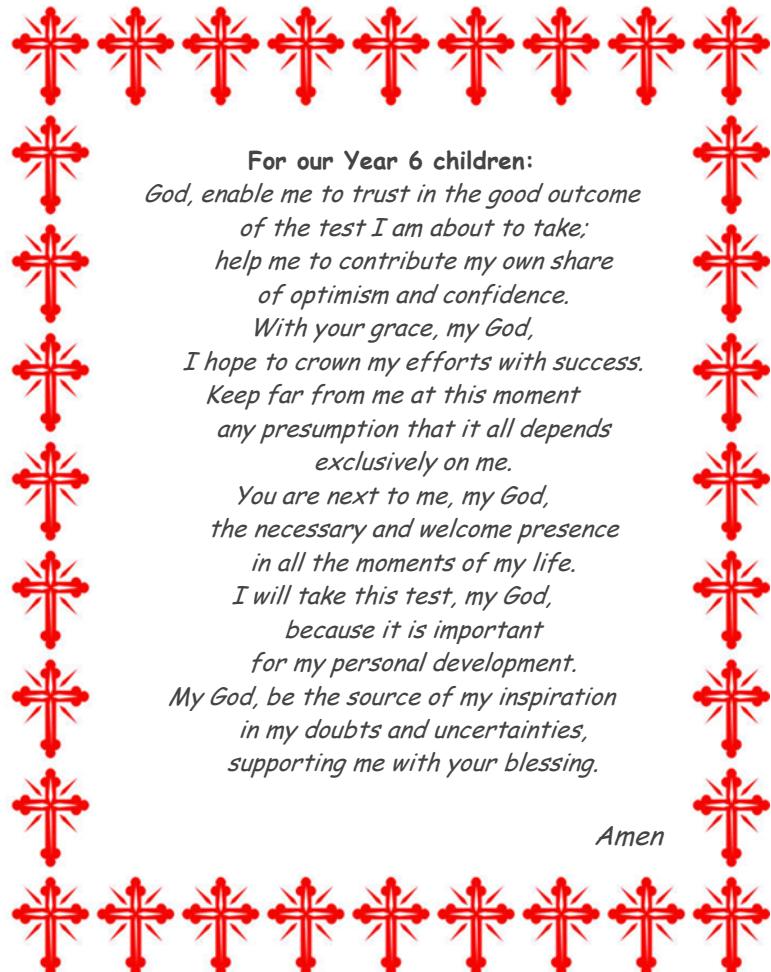
**\*Other dates available on website**

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely

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