



Newsletter No 31

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 18 May 2018



It has been a very long and hard week with SATs coming to end yesterday; you could almost hear the sigh of relief - and that was just Miss Cross! Well done to all in Year 6 who tried their best all week and to all the staff for running breakfast clubs, supporting intervention work and ensuring that all the SATs tests ran as smoothly and calmly as possible.



Royal Afternoon Tea Party

The sunshine came out for us today for our Royal Wedding/50th Anniversary Garden Party. The children looked very royal in their golden crowns and they all enjoyed the visit of the ice cream van; thank you to the PTA for funding that little treat! Each class entertained the rest of the school before our catwalk of crowns! Miss Stevens, our Design and Technology lead, judged the crowns on their design and creativity whereas obviously, I judged them on sparkle and bling!!



Letter from Fr Neil Bayliss

A letter from Fr Neil was emailed to all Academy schools this afternoon to update parents on developments within the Academy from September 2018. Please contact the office if you did not receive a copy.

Funtime Friday

Fun Time Friday

Tonight is Funtime Friday PTA event at Moxhull Hall. I am sure that this will be a great success; as it has been in past years. I hope that everyone an enjoyable evening! Again, a BIG thank you to the PTA for organising this event, not only to raise money for the school but also to give parents and opportunity to meet and socialise together.



The Great Plastic Pick Up

Last Friday afternoon the Rights Respecting Steering Group and Eco Warriors went on the Great Plastic Pick Up (part of the Daily Mail campaign) around our local area- Stephens Pond and the park. A reporter and photographer from the Daily Mail came to see the amazing job we did and the event was featured in a national paper, please read - <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-5719895/Thousands-join-Theresa-Daily-Mails-Great-Plastic-Pick-Up.html> - consider how you can reduce plastic waste at home too!



Girls' Football Match

Last week the girls' football team played against Mere Green school. Despite missing a player the team gave 100%. Unfortunately the team lost but they showed plenty of endeavour. Well done girls!



Mass: Year 3 will lead our Mass on Thursday 24 May, in school. All welcome.



School Closed

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



Our PTA

The PTA met last week and discussed the success of recent events and plans for upcoming events including Fun Time Friday, First Holy Communion and the summer fayre. A parent, new to the PTA, joined the discussion on sourcing new sports kit for outside events. If anyone has any contacts on sourcing sports kits please contact the school office with the details. You don't have to commit to be a PTA member to come along to the meetings or volunteer at events - ideas and support is always welcomed. If you are able to support one of the following upcoming events please contact the school office with your contact details.

Disco - 24 May

Volunteers needed to set up pocket money stall and run stall during the disco, paint children's nails, put on tattoos, wash up and pack away.

Holy Communion Breakfast - 21 June - Lay table for Year 3 class to enjoy celebration breakfast, wash up and pack away.

Summer Fayre - 6 July (Sub Committee First) - Would you like to be on the PTA subcommittee to help plan this fundraiser event? Please contact the school office with your contact details.



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 form 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.



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.



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.



PTA Spring Disco

This will be held on **Thursday 24 May from 3.20pm to 4.30pm**. If you are available to help please contact the school office. Thank you for your support. **This day will be a non-uniform day.**
£2.00 entrance to the disco per child and a maximum £3.00 spending money in a separate purse please.



Year 6 SATs Party

On **Friday 25 May**, after much hard work and SATs commitment, Year 6 will be celebrating with a fun-filled SATs party. During the party, they are hoping to enjoy a variety of tasty treats so we would be grateful if Year 6 parents could contribute towards this special day. This can include crisps, biscuits, chocolate, fruit and cakes. If you can contribute please send items with your child on **Friday 25 May**.



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 go to Kids' Club on those days will be walked back to school.



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.



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.



Whole Academy Mass at Bishop Walsh

On **Friday 29 June** all staff and children from the four Academy schools will be attending Bishop Walsh school for a very special Mass. Parents are asked to ensure that children have sun cream applied before they come into school. Also, children will need to have a sun hat/cap to wear and are required to bring in a packed lunch clearly marked with the child's name and class in a disposable bag.



Early Years Year 1 Year 2

Early Departure

Early Years and Year 1 are the first being transported by coach to Bishop Walsh and so we need these two classes to arrive in school at 8:30am. Siblings of Early Years and Year 1 children may also arrive at 8:30 if needed. All other years please arrive normal time.

Packed Lunch

If your child is in Early Years, Year 1 or Year 2 and you would like the school kitchen to provide a packed lunch; please contact the school office. Deadline is **Thursday 21 June** 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 3 visit to Chedworth Roman Villa

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 3 on a visit to Chedworth Roman Villa on **Tuesday 10 July 2018**. A voluntary donation of £23.00 is now required to cover the cost of transport and insurance. Payment for this trip is via Parent Pay; deadline for payment is **Monday 2 July**. A letter has been emailed to all Year 3 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 5 with 100% Well done!

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

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 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 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
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)
Friday 29 June	All day	There will be no music lessons
Dates for Diary - July 2018		
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

T Cotter

Miss T Cotter
Principal

God of love,
send your blessing upon Harry and Meghan,
and all who are joined in marriage,
that, rejoicing in your will
and continuing under your protection,
they may both live and grow in your love
all their days,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen



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