



Newsletter No 34

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 15 June 2018



Last Saturday, our first group of children celebrated the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. It was a beautiful Mass; a very reverent occasion for our children and their families. Tomorrow, our second group of children: Maggie R, Daniel S, Liam O'T, Joseph M, Megan P, Angel M, Myles O'D, Calum McC, Connor McC and Kieron McC, will be receiving this Sacrament at 12.00 Mass at Holy Cross Church. The children have been working very hard with Mr Mayor to prepare for this occasion. This will be a very special day for them and we hope that you will be able to come and share in this celebration. Please remember these children in your prayers. (Please pray for sunshine too!)



Choir

A reminder that members of the choir from Years 4-6 are asked to sing at the First Holy Communion Mass. 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.



Parking

On Saturday there will be a lot of extra cars. Please park carefully and do not block any of the residents' driveways. Thank you for your support.



Letters emailed to parents this week:

EYFS: Forest School Day

Please contact office if you have not received copy



Mass: Year 3 will lead our Mass in **Church on Thursday 21 June**. This is also (weather permitting) our Corpus Christi procession when we process with the Blessed Sacrament from Church to school where we celebrate Benediction in front of the prayer garden. These Catholic traditions are not seen as often these days, so please make every effort to attend Mass on Thursday. Everyone is very welcome.

Parents are reminded that children are expected to take their school bags to Mass with them and not have left them in the school office. There has been a growing number of bags being brought to school for the office staff to distribute. There are enough adults walking back to school from church with the children if any bags are too heavy to carry. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Staffing from September 2018

EYFS: Mr Hunt
Year 1: Mr Rowlands
Year 2: Miss Stewart
Year 3: Miss Stevens
Year 4: Miss Lovelock
Year 5: Mr Mayor
Year 6: Miss Cross



Children will meet their new teachers on Handover Day on *Wednesday 4 July*.



PE Kits

PE is a part of the National Curriculum and our expectation is that children have their full PE kits in school every day of the week.

In recent weeks, there have been a growing number of children without their PE kits and therefore not participating in PE lessons. Office staff do not have the time to ring parents asking for PE kit to be brought into school; this is not our policy. I ask for your cooperation in this matter. Thank you.



Sutton Fun Run

Well done to Miss Lovelock and Mr Hunt who completed the Sutton Fun Run. Miss Lovelock's time was 1 hour 39mins and Mr Hunt 1 hour 7 mins, fantastic results! Thank you to all the parents and families who sponsored this event. An amazing £213.20 was raised for this worthy charity!



Fathers' Day Lunch

It was lovely to see so many dads and granddads at our special lunches this week. The children love to share lunch with you at school and I appreciate you making the time to attend. A big thank you to Mrs Watts and the kitchen staff, the lunchtime team and the office staff for ensuring that this event ran smoothly. The last lunch will be on Wednesday 20 June.



Nishkam Visit

On Tuesday we celebrated our last link day with Nishkam Primary school! They came to our school for the day to learn about our faith and beliefs. The children of Nishkam kindly sang one of their prayers to the whole school during assembly and the children of Holy Cross showed them how we say the Lord's prayer. We then visited Holy Cross and St Francis Church where Fr Neil gave us a tour. In the afternoon, we discussed the similarities and differences between our communities and how we can build a better future together where people from all different faiths, beliefs and backgrounds can be friends.

School Dinners

Dinner Money

If your child is in KS2 and has a school dinner the deadline for the payment of **£68.80 is today**. Please make payment through ParentPay. If you have credit showing on your ParentPay account please deduct this from the £68.80 and pay the remaining balance. Thank you.

HSBC Bank

A member of the HSBC Bank will visit our school on **Monday 18 June**. We try to encourage our KS2 children to open and be responsible for their own bank account and manage their money.



Academy Photographers

On **Tuesday 19 June** the photographers will be in school to take photographs of classes, leavers and graduation. Please ensure that all children are in full summer uniform and the have a school cardigan/jumper with them. Thank you.



Early Years Induction Evening

A reminder for parents with a child starting school in September 2018 that the Induction Evening is on **Wednesday 20 June at 6.00pm** (refreshments served from 5:45pm). This is a very important evening for parents so please make every effort to attend.



Creative Arts Evening

On **Thursday 21 June at 5.30pm** there will be a Creative Arts Evening. Children who are performing can arrive at **5.00pm**. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our children's talents with our whole school community! Please come along to support our children.



Forest School Day - EYFS

On **Friday 22 June**, Early Years from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Nechells will be visiting EYFS class for the day. We will hold a 'Forest School' day with St Joseph's to show them how we learn in our forest area and share our experiences with them. A letter has been sent home with details please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you.



EYFS Assembly Tuesday 26 June - 9.15am (doors open for refreshments at 9.00am)

Our EYFS class will be performing their assembly about Mini Beasts and Insects. Everyone welcome! I hope that you will be able to attend. 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

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.

All children are to arrive at school normal time. Thank you.



Summer Fayre

The PTA have requested the following:



On **Friday 22 June** raffle tickets will be sent home with children for you to win some fantastic prizes!



Bottle Stall Donation

On **Friday 29 June** please send in bottles for the bottle stall. This can be anything from a bottle of ketchup to a bottle of Fizz! Children are required to wear **full school uniform**. Thank you.



£1 Donation

On **Friday 6 July** we request that the children bring in £1 donation for the PTA to purchase items for our Summer Fayre. Children are required to wear **full school uniform**. Thank you.



White Elephant Stall

There will be a White Elephant Stall at the summer fayre, we are asking for donations for this stall (unwanted gifts or items). These can be sent into school at any time and they will be greatly appreciated!



Thank you for all your support towards making our Summer Fayre and BBQ a great success! Let's hope for good weather. 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 3 with 100% Well done!

The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 2, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 well done everyone!

Recommendations

Recommendations: EYFS: Zac L, Joseph F **Year 1:** Jimmy W, Tresa B **Year 2:** Alex E, Salvio J **Year 3:** Daniel W, Jack C **Year 4:** Scarlett T **Year 5:** Charlotte L, Samuel W **Year 6:** Ben O'T, Jack H.

Lunchtime Award: Drew B-H (EYFS).

Class of the Week: Year 5.





Virtues and Values

This half term we are concentrating on being '**Attentive and Discerning**'. 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:** Madison M **Miss Stevens:** Eliza H **Mr Hunt:** Sienna M

Mr Mayor: Keela K, Caitlin K **Miss Lovelock and Miss Crowley:** Whole class

Mr Rowlands: Whole class **Miss Cross:** Rosena J, Megan P (Y3).



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays

this week:

Erin H (EYFS), Scarlett T (Y4), Lilliemae G (Y6).

Dates for Diary - June 2018

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	Thanksgiving Mass of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 21 June	5.30pm-7.00pm	Creative Arts Evening
Friday 22 June	All Day	Fire Survival Day for Year 2
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	12.30pm-2.30pm	Year 5 Science Day at Bishop Walsh
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 (Non school uniform)
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	All Day	Year 4 Creative Arts Day at Bishop Walsh
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

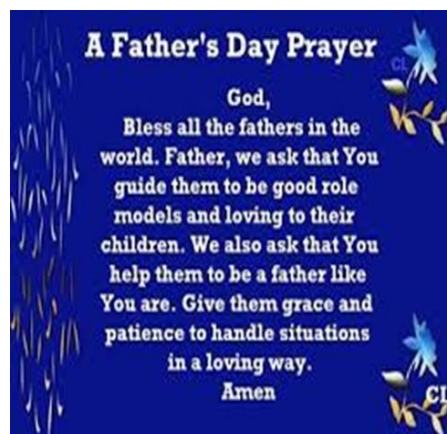
Miss T Cotter
Principal

Happy Fathers' Day to all our lovely dads and granddads. We hope you all have a lovely relaxing day!

For all our dads here and in heaven.

... Dad ...

*If I could write a story
It would be the greatest ever told
Of a kind and loving Dad
Who had a heart of gold
I could write a million pages
But still be unable to say, just how
Much I love and miss him
Every single day
I will remember all he taught me
I'm hurt but won't be sad
Because he'll send me down the answers
And he'll always be MY DAD*



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