



## Newsletter No 35

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 22 June 2018



On Saturday the second group of children received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Both weeks have been very special and reverent occasions; the children were a credit to their families and the school. I would like to thank Mr Mayor and Mrs Gregory for preparing the Communicants so well. Thanks also to the children (and staff!) who sang in the choir, our altar servers, the parish choir, school staff and of course Fr Neil. These were very special days for everyone in our Holy Cross Family.



Yesterday morning we participated in a beautiful Thanksgiving Mass, Corpus Christi procession and outdoor Benediction. These traditions are not seen frequently these days so it was lovely for the children to have the opportunity to take part. They behaved so reverently so well done children! It was lovely to see so many parents at the Mass and taking part in the procession. The children who had recently received their First Holy Communion enjoyed their Celebration breakfast prepared by the Year 2 parents- thank you to all of you for helping to make this a special day.



### Creative Arts Evening

We had a very successful Creative Arts Evening last night; Holy Cross has very talented children! It was lovely to see children having the opportunity of showing their talents to an audience. Thank you to all our music teachers; Mr James, Mr Smith, Miss Lauer, Mr Fekete, and to Mr Mayor and all the school staff for organising last night's extravaganza!

### Letters emailed to parents this week:

**Whole school:** Sutton Coldfield Community Games

**Whole school:** Multi Sports Camp at Bishop Walsh

**Year 4:** Creative Arts Day at Bishop Walsh

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



**Mass:** There is no Mass on Thursday 28 June.



### Fathers' Day Lunch

It was lovely to see so many dads and granddads at the last of 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.



### Athletics Competition

On Wednesday, we took a team of 30 children to compete in the Sutton Coldfield Primary Schools Athletics competition. The team did really well and gave 100% in every event. We had a great time in the sun and we are very proud of the children. We are just waiting for the final results to come through to see where we finished overall.



### Year 5 Maths Final

Good luck to Ava A, Imogen A, Isabel W and Thomas S who are taking part in 'The Borchers Shield' - Maths Challenge Final today at King Edward's School, Edgbaston. We will let you know the result next week.



### Forest School Day - EYFS

Today we invited the Early Years children from St Josephs Catholic Primary School, Nechells. They enjoyed a variety of activities: visiting Stephen's Pond, becoming nature detectives, creating their own version of the 'Three Little Pigs' houses using straw and mud, and enjoying toasting marshmallows around the fire. They all had a lovely day 'learning whilst having fun'!



### 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.



### Summer Fayre Volunteers Friday 6 July

The PTA would like to offer the pupils in Years 4, 5 and Year 6 the opportunity to help the PTA by running some of the game stalls at the summer fayre on Friday 6 July. A letter has been sent home with children; please complete and return no later than **Thursday 28 June**. Please contact the school office if you require a copy. 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 28 June**. The children who have a school meal will automatically have the 'Lunch Time Award'.

## Living Eggs



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We have had 'Living Eggs' delivered to school; so far we have had eight chicks hatch!! They will be ready to leave us on **Thursday 28 June**. If are interested in giving one of our chicks a good home please contact Miss Crowley. 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.**

### Forest School-Year 4

Please note there will be no forest school for year 4 on **Friday 29 June**.



### Alton Castle

Reminder to all Year 5 parents the last instalment for trip to Alton Castle is **Friday 29 June**. The total cost of the trip is £135.00; please check your parent pay account to ensure that this is the total you have paid. Thank you.



### Year 5 visit to Bishop Walsh

Year 5 will be going to Bishop Walsh on **Monday 2 July** to participate in a Science lesson. It is a great opportunity to experience a different learning opportunity. The children will be walking to and from Bishop Walsh and will be back at school before the end of the school day. Due to the unpredictability of the British weather, the children will also need to have protection from the sun and a raincoat depending on the weather.



### Bishop Walsh Information Evening

Parents of pupils in Year 5 are invited to an 'Information Evening' at Bishop Walsh on **Monday 2 July**. Start time is 7.00pm (refreshments from 6.30pm). A flyer has been sent home with all Year 5 children. Thank you.



### Sports Day Friday 6 July

Sports Day will be on **Friday 6 July** starting at **1.30pm** this is a lovely afternoon. Please come along to support our children, all welcome!

At the end of the school day:

**EYFS and KS1 children will be dismissed from the KS1 gate.**

**KS2 children will be dismissed in the KS2 playground.**

All children must be collected at the end of the day in line with our safeguarding procedures.



### Summer Fayre and Family BBQ Friday 6 July 3.20pm to 5.20pm

The PTA have requested the following:



Today, raffle tickets will be sent home with children for you to win some fantastic prizes! Please return to the school office no later than **Thursday 5 July**. Thank you.



### 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!



### **Summer Fayre and Family BBQ Friday 6 July 3.20pm to 5.20pm**

This will be a fantastic family event to celebrate the end of term and start of Summer.

There will be a licensed bar available - with all proceeds raised going to the PTA!

So please leave your car at home, bring your picnic rug, relax and have some fun!

#### ***Polite reminder***

*Parents are reminded that this is an after school event and therefore, children are the responsibility of their parents. Staff who are attending the BBQ are there to support and help at the event and not to supervise children. The car park is for Holy Cross staff only, we are a non-smoking site if you wish to smoke you are required to go onto Laburnum Drive, Thank you.*

*In order to keep this a happy and safe family occasion, no alcohol may be brought onto the school site/grounds and any alcohol won in a raffle or wine/water stall must remain unopened. There will be a licensed bar at this event and only alcohol purchased at the bar may be consumed. Thank you for your cooperation in both these matters.*



***Thank you for all your support towards making our Summer Fayre and BBQ a great success!  
Let's hope for good weather. Thank you.***



### **Sutton Coldfield Community Games**

These will be held on ***Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 July*** at Wyndley Leisure Centre. A poster has been emailed to all parents; please contact the school office if you require a copy. 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 2 with 100% Well done!

**The Punctuality Award for the week:** Year 1, Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6!

## Recommendations

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**EYFS:** Emileen W, Nylah B **Year 1:** Ollie L, Ronan L **Year 2:** Harry W, Oskar C **Year 3:** Liam B, Niamh C  
**Year 4:** Dylan G, Nevin R **Year 5:** Erin P, John J G **Year 6:** Luke S, Eva D.

**Lunchtime Award:** James M (Y5).

**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:** Eve-Rose H **Miss Stevens:** Addison H-G  
**Mr Hunt:** Annie E **Mr Mayor:** Kieron McC **Miss Lovelock and Miss Crowley:** Alicia I  
**Mr Rowlands:** Whole class **Miss Cross:** Lilliemae G, Rotary children.



**Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:**  
Klaudia R (Y1), Ellen T (Y2), Emma McK (Y4),

### Dates for Diary - June 2018

Monday 25 June	All day	Year 1 Trip to Warwick Castle
Tuesday 26 June	9.00am Refreshments	EYFS Assembly

	9.15am start	
Thursday 28 June	12.00pm	EYFS Award dinner
Friday 29 June	11.00am	Academy Mass (pupils and staff only)
Friday 29 June	All day	There will be no music lessons
<b>Dates for Diary - July 2018</b>		
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)
Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 July	12.00pm-5.00pm	Sutton Coldfield Community Games
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-'Good-Bye My Friend'
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!!!!
<b>Dates for Diary - September 2018</b>		
Tuesday 4 September	8.50am	Return to school wearing summer uniform

**\*Other dates available on website**

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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