



Newsletter No 39

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 20 July 2018



Congratulations Mr Rowlands!

We offer our congratulations and best wishes to Mr Rowlands and his fiancée for their forthcoming wedding during the holidays. We wish the future Mr and Mrs Rowlands every happiness as they start this new chapter of their lives together.



Goodbye and Thank You

Today we say good bye and good luck to Mrs Stokes, Mrs Cutler and Mr Martin. All three have worked here for twenty two years and will be greatly missed by all at Holy Cross. I thank each of them for the contribution they have made to the school and for touching the lives of so many children by ensuring Holy Cross is always a safe and exciting environment. May they look back with many happy memories and look forward to the next chapter.

Term Dates

As a reminder, the term dates for 2018-19 are attached with the revised INSET Days. The 2019-20 dates, once agreed will be published early in the Autumn term.



Thank you for your generous cards, gifts and kind words to all the staff. It is very touching that you appreciate that everyone works so hard to do the best for all our children. We truly are a Holy Cross family!

I would like to thank all the staff from all areas of the school for their hard work, in this busy year. Everyone works so effectively as part of a very hard working team to ensure that your children are safe, happy and enjoy exciting learning experiences, both inside and outside the classroom. These are times of great challenge and change in schools and we are blessed to have such a fantastic team. I hope that they all enjoy a well-deserved break.

We look forward to seeing everyone (in their Summer uniform!) on Tuesday 4 September.



My Annual Reminder!

If you are considering having your child's ears pierced over the holidays, the beginning of the holidays is ideal as they will have the 6 weeks of wearing them and for skin to heal so that they are ready to be removed for PE and swimming in the Autumn term.



Hairstyles

The Summer break is the time when children enjoy different hairstyles e.g. braiding, patterns cut into hair or especially for boys, stark contrast between shaven sides and longer hair on top. These styles are not acceptable for school so please ensure that by the 4 September children's hairstyles are in line with our School Uniform Policy - thank you.



Letters emailed to parents this week:

Year 2: Transition to Year 3

Year 5: Apply online for your child's secondary school place

Please contact office if you have not received copy



Mass: There will be no Mass on Thursday 6 September.



Ordering School Uniform

Parents are reminded that school uniform should be ordered as early as possible to avoid disappointment. As you can appreciate this will be an extremely busy time for our suppliers Clive Mark and Mapac.



Summer Uniform

Reminder to parents when we return to school in September children are required to wear full summer uniform. They will change to winter uniform after October half term, thank you for your support.



50th Scavenger Hunt!

Wow, what a fantastic event celebrated by the whole school! The children had to work in teams to solve the riddles to find the different locations of the golden stars. On the golden stars were different questions and statements about the history of Holy Cross and the correct answer gave a letter for the children to then unscramble and create the winning phrase. Congratulations to the following teams who won for each class - EY- Golden Tigers , Y1- Golden Star Finders, Y2- Epic 50, Y3- HC 50 Gangsta Crew, Y4- The Nifty Fifties, Y5 - The Golden 50 and Y6 #Magic50. The winning team name was '50 years of pride' Thank you to all who took part!



Maths Challenge

St John Paul II Multi-Academy Primary Maths Challenge- On Wednesday morning two teams from Year 5 and one team from Year 6 attended the first ever MAC Maths Challenge! The children behaved brilliantly and worked well together as a team to complete the various challenges. A special congratulation goes to one of our Year 5 teams; Imogen, Ava, Isabel and Charlotte who were overall Y5 winners. We can't wait to take part again next year!



Community Tree Care Day

Community Tree Care Afternoon - Thank you to our lovely families who helped us look after our local Berryfield's Orchard. Rob Tiling from 'Lets Grow Together' shared with us how to prune and care for the trees so that they can produce fruit for us next year! Please do make an effort over the summer holidays to pop down to the Berryfield Orchard and water our lovely fruit trees! Thank you.



Graduation for our Early Years Children

This was a wonderful celebration, enjoyed by our children, parents, family and staff. The children proudly graduated from their first year in school wearing a cap and gown, each being presented with a scroll. Thank you to Miss Stewart for organising this lovely occasion and ensuring the children are so ready to join Key Stage One in September.



Year 6 Trip to West Midlands Safari Park

Year 6 enjoyed a wonderful final trip to the West Midlands Safari Park. The children first explored the animals on safari then had a great time round the fun fair! Their behaviour was excellent and was commented on by both staff and members of the public. It was a lovely final trip and we wish them all the best in the future. Thank you to all the volunteers!



Tennis for Year 1 and Year 2 (September)

Letters were sent home with children in EYFS and Year 1 for after school tennis. If your child would like to join this club please follow instructions on letter to register and make online payment no later than **Wednesday 5 September**. Please note that for organisational purposes, **NO late orders after this date** will be accepted. Thank you for your cooperation.



Dinner Money

The deadline for dinner money is **Wednesday 12 September**. The amount due is **£70.95**, please log onto your ParentPay account to make payment. If you have credit please deduct this amount from amount due. Any queries please contact the school office. Thank you.



Goodbye and Good Luck

We wish Year 6 all the best as they move on to their Secondary Schools.

This year we also say goodbye to many families who have been involved with the school for many years. They have supported all aspects of school life. We thank them for their loyalty and partnership throughout the years and hope that they will look back on many happy memories of their time at the Holy Cross.

Goodbye and thank you to the following families:

The Baxter-Haycox family
The Jude family
The Connor family
The Gilligan family
The Hammond family
The Hendry family
The Jojoy family
The McKenna family
The Mumford family
The Newbold-Comyns family
The Perry family
The Reynolds family
The Sargent family
The Sherry family
The Steggles family

HSBC Bank

A member of the HSBC Bank will visit our school on **Monday 10 September**. We try to encourage our KS2 children to open and be responsible for their own bank account and manage their money.





100% Attendance

Congratulations to the following children for achieving an amazing 100% attendance this year:

EYFS: Zachary L, Ben M, Nancy W **Year 1:** Sophie H, Georgia H, Jimmy W **Year 2:** Iris A, Alexandra E, Alexander S, Daniel W **Year 3:** Lily H, Eden H, Keela K, Lucy L, Joseph M **Year 4:** Darren A, Fraser C, Olivia F, Mollie-Mae H, Ryan K, Olivia W **Year 5:** Ava A, Imogen A, Enya B, Oliver B, Alexandra H, Erin L-F, Maria L, Owen P, Thomas S, Isabel W **Year 6:** Stephene A, Jack H, Matthew N-C, Benjamin O'T, Jack R, Regine W.
Please see below whole school attendance for academic year 2017-2018.

- EYFS** 97.5%
- Year 1** 97.2%
- Year 2** 97.8%
- Year 3** 97.2%
- Year 4** 97.7%
- Year 5** 97.6%
- Year 6** 97.2%

Overall School Total 97.4% *This is an improvement from last year and a fifth consecutive rise - thank you!*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week and during the summer holiday:

EYFS: Hughie O'D, Ellie G, Joseph F, Isabella S, Emileen W, Charlie C.

Year 1: Michael B, Tabitha S, Jessie F, Kaya G, Marian A.

Year 2: Christopher K, Oskar C, Daniel B, Rueben R, Alexander S, Jak McS.

Year 3: Keela K, Jack C, Myles O'D.

Year 4: Jake M-B, Mollie-Mae H, Harry M, Ryan K, Francesca L, Erin P, Olivia W.

Year 5: Daisy C, Orlaith G, Harrison S, Samuel S, James D, Maria L.

Year 6: Isobel H, James R, Abigail E, Rosena J.

Dates for Diary - September 2018

Tuesday 4 September	8.50am	Return to school wearing summer uniform
Monday 10 September	1.00pm-3.00pm	HSBC in school
Thursday 13 September	1.30pm	Year 3 start swimming lessons
Wednesday 19 September	7.30pm	PTA Meeting
Friday 21 September	3.30pm	Football Match (away) St Josephs

Dates for Diary - October 2018

Friday 26 October	All day	Inset Day school closed to children
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**Other dates available on website*



Goodbye, Good Luck and Thank You to the Leavers of 2018

Stephene, Charlie B-H, Pablo, Frances, Eva D, Abigail, Lilliemae, Jack H, William, Isobel, Alan, Rosena, Christien, Sam, Madeline, Jack McK, Amy, Matthew, Ben, Eva P, Uday, Marcus, Jack R, James, Luke, Keane, Charlie S, Niamh, Regine and Kyle.

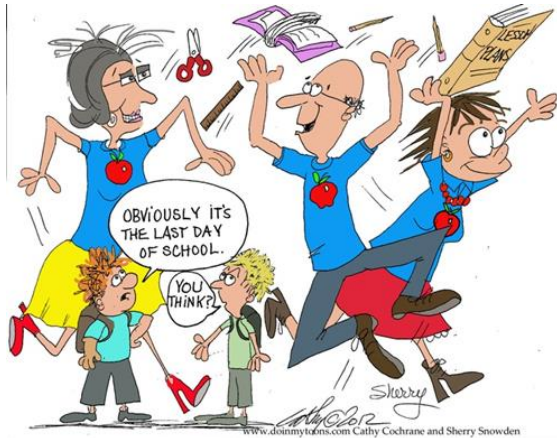
On behalf of the Academy Committee and Staff of Holy Cross Catholic Primary School, we thank you all for your support this year. We hope you all have an enjoyable and restful summer break.

Have a lovely summer.

Yours sincerely

Miss T Cotter
Principal

I'm glad I was your teacher
I've come to **LOVE** you so.
I can't believe the end is here,
I hate to see you go.
You're such a **STAR**
And I love you so dearly.
You light up my life
I mean that sincerely.
Remember all the **FUN** we had
In all things we did
But most of all remember....
You're a very **SPECIAL** kid!



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