



Newsletter No 1

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 7 September 2018



Welcome Back!

Welcome back to a new academic year, and a particularly warm welcome to our new families.

We have welcomed new families to both the Nursery and to School and we have visited our new Early Years children in their homes. We hope that all our new families will be very happy at Holy Cross Catholic Primary School.

Thank you to all our parents for sending their children back in full school uniform; the children looked incredibly smart! I do remind parents to adhere to all elements of our school uniform policy especially in regard to hairstyles.

I would like to remind you that as stated before the summer break, children should be wearing Summer uniform until October half term.

Summer Uniform



After half term, it is expected that all children will be wearing the winter uniform.

Please ensure that all school uniform, lunch boxes, water bottles and any other items are clearly labelled with your child's full name. Thank you.



Holy Cross is fully committed to the safeguarding and welfare of children. Latest guidance in the government's 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' document, states that schools should have at least two contacts listed for every child. Please ensure that we do have the correct names and details on our contact list.

In addition there are occasions when children are collected by an adult who is not on the contact list. If your child is being collected from school by an adult who is not one of the known contacts, a letter must be sent to the Class Teacher. Please note that for safeguarding reasons, children *will not* be dismissed to any adult who is unknown to the school. Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.



As you know, we like to capture the essence of school life and share on Twitter. If you are not already following us, please sign up! Requests to follow us have been received but we do not know who you are! Please ring the school to tell us your username as we only accept people we know! Thank you.



Year 6 SATs

End of KS2 Assessment

The children and staff worked incredibly hard and again achieved results of which to be incredibly proud - well done everyone!

Subject area	School % Expected standard	National % Expected standard	School Average Scaled score	National Average Scaled score
Reading	87	75	107	105
Writing	87	78	N/A	N/A
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling	87	78	110	106
Maths	83	76	107	104
Combined Reading, Writing & Maths	77	64	N/A	N/A



Mass: Year 3 will lead our Mass in school on Thursday 13 September. All welcome.



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.



Open Evening at Bishop Walsh

There is an Open Evening at Bishop Walsh School for prospective Year 7 parents on **Wednesday 12 September** 6.30pm to 8.30pm. For further information please contact Bishop Walsh on 0121 351 3215.



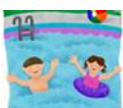
Year 6 Parents Rotary Meeting

If your child would like to take part in the Rotary Community Award there will be a meeting on **Wednesday 12 September** 3.20pm-4.20pm for Parents to attend. Thank you.

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.



Swimming Lessons-Year 3

Year 3 will start swimming sessions on **Thursday 13 September**. Girls must wear a full costume and for health and safety reasons, boys must wear trunks (not loose fitted shorts). Please ensure that appropriate swimming kit is sent with your child every Thursday. Please ensure that children do not wear earrings into school on Thursdays, as they are not permitted to wear them in the pool. Thank you for your support.



Alton Castle- Meeting for Year 6 Parents

There will be a meeting regarding the Alton Castle trip for all Year 6 parents, on **Thursday 13 September at 3.20pm**. Thank you.



60th Anniversary Mass for Holy Cross and St Francis Parish

The 60th Anniversary Mass celebrated by the Archbishop Longley will be held in church on **Friday 14 September at 7.00pm**. The choir will be singing during the Mass. Everyone is welcome; it would be lovely if our school was well represented at this special celebration.



Music Lessons

Music lessons start on **Friday 14 September**. All music lessons will take place on **Fridays**. Music invoices will be sent out shortly. Any queries please contact the school office. Thank you for your cooperation.



PTA Meeting

Our first PTA meeting of the new year is on **Wednesday 19 September** at 7.30pm in school. We would love to welcome new members; please come along and find out more details. The more the merrier!



Nasal Flu Vaccination

Letters have been sent home with **EYFS, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5** from Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Trust. Parents are required to read and sign the relevant forms. Please return the completed forms to the school office no later than **Wednesday 19 September**. Thank you.



Macmillan Coffee Morning-Friday 28 September 9.00am to 10.15am

Year 6 invite you to come along to the Macmillan Coffee morning that they are organising on **Friday 28 September 9.00am to 10.15am**. Please try to support them so we can raise lots of money for this very worthwhile charity. We will also be inviting our neighbours, residents from The Oaks Residential Home and members from St Vincent de Paul Society.

Holy Cross Showstopper Cakes

The children will have the opportunity to take part in a '**Holy Cross Bake off!**' There will be a class star baker and an overall Holy Cross star baker awarded! The cakes will be tasted during the coffee morning. If your child would like to enter please send in their cake on **Thursday 27 September** labelled with their name and title of their bake. Thank you.

Remaining cakes will be sold outside at the end of the school day.





Year 4 and Year 5 Trip to Cadbury World

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 4 and Year 5 on a visit to Cadbury World on **Wednesday 3 October 2018**. 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 **Friday 28 September**. A letter has been sent home to all Year 4 and Year 5 parents please complete and return to the class teacher no later than **Friday 28 September**. 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 and Year 5! Well done!

The Punctuality Award for the week: All classes! There were no lates this week - please keep it up!

Recommendations

Recommendations:

Year 1: Ellie G, Rachel J **Year 2:** Daniel K, Klaudia R **Year 3:** Harry W, Maria J **Year 4:** Tyrese L, Ella P
Year 5: Orlaith F, Darren A **Year 6:** Anna J, Enya B.

Lunchtime Award: Hughie O'D (Y1).

Class of the Week: Year 3.



Virtues and Values

This half term we are concentrating on being '**Compassionate and Loving**'. 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: **Mr Rowlands:** Joseph F **Miss Stewart:** Sophia H **Miss Stevens:** Anaha P
Miss Lovelock: Lily H **Mr Mayor:** Thomas B **Miss Cross:** Orlaith F.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
Ella B (Y3), Ella P (Y4).

Dates for Diary - September 2018

Monday 10 September	1.00pm-3.00pm	HSBC in school
Wednesday 12 September	3.20pm	Rotary meeting for Year 6 parents
Thursday 13 September	1.30pm	Year 3 start swimming lessons
Friday 14 September	All day	Music lessons start
Friday 14 September	7.00pm	50 th Anniversary Mass at Church
Wednesday 19 September	7.30pm	PTA Meeting
Friday 21 September	3.30pm	Football Match (away) St Josephs

Dates for Diary - October 2018

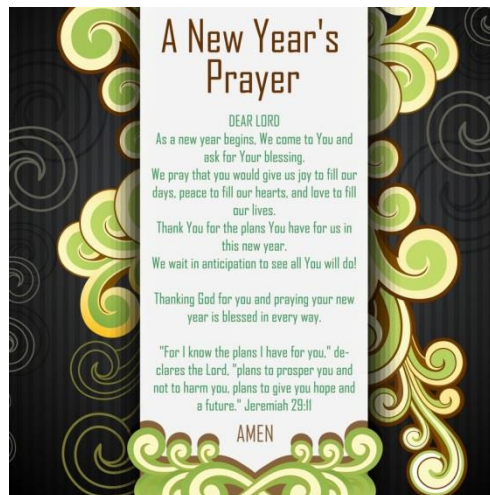
Wednesday 3 October	All day	Year 4 and Year 5 Trip to Cadbury World
Friday 12 October	All day	Nasal flu vaccination
Friday 26 October	All day	Inset Day school closed to children

*Other dates available on website

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

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