



Newsletter No 4

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 28 September 2018



October is the month of the Rosary and a month when we remember Mary, the mother of Jesus. During this month the children will be saying the Rosary in their classes and I do ask that you can try to find time to say the Rosary and to pray to Mary as a family.



Thank you to all family and friends who attending our Macmillan Coffee Morning today. Well done also to all the children who entered our 'Holy Cross Healthy Bake Off', we had some real 'Show Stoppers!' Our winners were: Amelie M-B (EYFS) and Joseph K (Y4).

The remaining cakes will be sold after school today and we will let you know the final total raised next week.



Parents are reminded that children in EYFS and KS1 are taken to and collected from the gate at the beginning and end of the school day. I do ask that parents do not block the entrance to the KS1 gate as it can be daunting for our younger children if the entrance is blocked or too crowded. Parents of children in KS2 leave and collect children at the bottom of the path and not walk to the KS2 gate. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Letters emailed to parents this week:

Whole School: 'An Easier Way to Book Parents' Evening Appointments.'

Please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you.



Mass: Year 6 will lead our Mass in church on Thursday 4 October. All welcome.

Parents are reminded that we celebrate Mass at Church on the first Thursday of every month.

*In order to safeguard children, there are very clear procedures for the mornings we go to Mass at Church. On the days we meet at Church, adults must accompany the children and **stay with them** until the staff arrives. **Under no circumstances, should children be left on their own or to be responsible for their younger siblings.** Also, children must not be dropped off on the road to join the children from Kids' Club who are walking with staff; they must be taken directly to Church accompanied by an adult. I ask for your cooperation in this important matter.*

Children in EYFS

Children in EYFS will not be attending Mass at Church on Thursday 4 October due to them settling into school life. Please arrive at school start of normal school day. Thank you.



Go Global

After celebrating the World's Largest Lesson on Monday, some of our children have been inspired to use the Enterprise Shed to raise money for charities that support the Global Goals.

Next week (01.10.18-05.10.18) the 'Go Global' team will be using the Enterprise Shed every break time and lunchtime to raise money to support the Global Goal 3- Good health and wellbeing. They will be selling cookies and doughnuts, and there will be games for your child to play. The cost of the food and activities ranges between **20p and £1**. The 'Go Global' team have decided to donate the money made to the Mind Charity because they would like to support children who suffer with mental health difficulties. Please support our 'Go Global' team!



Rights Respecting School

On **Monday 8 October** at 2.30pm parents are invited to attend our Right Respecting Steering Group Meeting. We will be discussing our journey to meeting the gold award for Holy Cross Catholic Primary School. We would love parents to come along and share new ideas. All welcome!



Parents' Evening

Wednesday 24 October 3.30pm to 7.00pm and Thursday 25 October 3.30pm to 6.00pm

This year the process for booking appointments has changed. Appointments are to be made by parents logging into their *Parent Mail* account selecting Parents' Evening then choosing date and time required. The appointments are made on a first come first served basis. Appointments will be available to book from **7.00pm Wednesday 10 October until 3.30pm Friday 17 October.**



Football

Last week, Holy Cross played in their first match of the season with a closely fought friendly game against St. Josephs. With Catholic pride at stake, the team raced into a 4-0 lead at half time with some excellent saves from our goal keeper. During the 2nd half, St Joseph's really fought back and brought the scores to a level 4-4. Thankfully we had a team of resilient rhinos who refused to give up and kept on chasing for the whole game. This effort and determination paid off as Oliver scored a last minute winner to finish with a final score of 5-4 to Holy Cross. Well done to the whole team.

Date Change

HOME vs St Nicholas Catholic Primary School-Cancelled **new date will be announced.**

Please note that all the team are expected to attend every training session please inform Mr Hunt or Miss Crowley for any apologies.



Sponsored Keep Fit Sessions

On the **Sunday 14 October**, Mr Hunt will be running the Birmingham Half Marathon in aid of an ex pupil of the school: Annie Devlin. As mentioned in the Birmingham Mail, her father, Paul Devlin and another former Birmingham City player, Paul Tait will be also be running the race to raise much needed funds for Annie.

Annie is suffering from Addison's disease which is a rare disorder of the adrenal glands. This is an incredibly rare disease with only 8,500 people in the country suffering from this disorder and it is even rarer in children. Annie needs £20,000 to fund a treatment that is not available on the NHS to help keep her alive and give her a better quality of life.

On **Monday 8 October**, we will be holding a sponsored keep fit session to help try and raise some much needed money to help Annie. The children will be engaged in running approximately 1 mile in KS2 and $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile in KS1/EYFS around the playing field as part of their PE lessons. They will be able to complete this either running, walking or a mixture of both.

As a Catholic school we feel that it is incredibly important to help everyone in our school community and this is a very worthwhile charity. It is incredibly powerful to see children helping our other children.

We are extremely grateful for any support that you may be able to offer as this is a purely voluntary contribution. Any money raised will go straight to the charity and will help to make a significant difference to Annie's life.

A letter with sponsor form has been sent home with all children. Please contact the school office if you require a copy. The sponsor money will need to be brought in a labelled envelope with the child's name and the amount in the week commencing **Monday 15 October 2018**.



INSPIRE Workshops

INSPIRE workshops were introduced to offer parents (or other family members) the opportunity to come into school and work with their own child, helping them to learn and gain ideas and support for helping them at home. These workshops always offer practical activities - things for parents and children to do together and hopefully are an enjoyable experience for children and adults alike! You (and your children) commented on how good it was to spend time working together - they liked having mom/dad all to themselves!

Inspire Workshop for Year 5 and Year 6 this will be held on Tuesday 2 October 9.15am - 10.15am

Inspire Workshop for Year 1 and Year 2 this will be held on Tuesday 16 October 9.15am - 10.15am

Inspire Workshop for Year 3 and Year 4 this will be held on Wednesday 14 November 9.15am - 10.15am

One person per family is welcome to come along to support; please make every effort to attend.



Grandparents' Lunch

Our first Grandparents' Lunch is being held on **Tuesday 2 October** (children with surname A-H)

Grandparents need to arrive at 11.45am and will enter through Key Stage 1 gate.

Our other lunch dates are **Thursday 4 October** (children with surname I-N) and **Tuesday 9 October** (children with surname O-Z).

We look forward to meeting our special visitors on these days.



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 **today**. 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 **today**. If you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Eye Tests for EYFS

Letters have been sent home with our EYFS children. The Orthoptist will be visiting our EYFS children on **Wednesday 3 October** to undertake a screening eye test. Only return the form to school if you **do not** want your child to be tested. Thank you.



Year 6 Height and Weight Checks

On **Monday 8 October** the nurse will be in school carrying out height and weight checks for the Year 6 children. Parents were sent a letter giving further information. If you want to opt out and **do not** wish your child to participate please complete and return form no later than **Wednesday 3 October**. Thank you.



Roald Dahl - Year 4

On **Tuesday 9 October** Year 4 will be taking part in 'Dahlicious Dress up Day'. Children are required to dress up in their favourite Roald Dahl character. Thank you.



Year 6 visit to Birmingham Back to Back Houses

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 6 on a visit to Birmingham Back to Back Houses on **Tuesday 23 October 2018**. A voluntary donation of £8.00 is now required to cover the cost of transport and insurance. Payment for this trip is via Parent Pay; deadline for payment is **Wednesday 17 October**. A letter has been sent home to all Year 6 parents; if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.

Harvest Mass

Our Harvest Mass this year is on **Thursday 25 October 9:15am**. This is a lovely occasion when we thank God for the gift of food. As in previous years, we want to provide offerings for our local community in need. Therefore we are asking for shoe boxes to be sent into school to be decorated ready to make our lovely food hampers. In order to make the hampers, we would ask for the following donations from each family:



Shoe Boxes - Week beg 1 October

Tinned food - Week beg Monday 8 October one tin per child.

Packets of food (rice, pasta, biscuits etc.) - Week beg Monday 15 October one per child

Fresh fruit and vegetables by Wednesday 24 October.

Thank you in anticipation!



Transfer to Secondary School

The closing date for applications to be submitted to the Local Authority for those children transferring to secondary school in September 2019 is **Wednesday 31 October 2018**.



Open Day Tuesday 7 November

We are having two open sessions for prospective parents who have children due to start in the Early Years Reception class in September 2019. These will be on **Tuesday 6 November** 9.15am - 10.15am and 2.00pm - 3.00pm. If you know of any Catholic families who are in this position please let them know. We are looking forward to meeting you all.



Supplementary Forms

Supplementary Forms available now from school office for children who wish to start our Early Years Class in September 2019. These forms need to be signed by Fr Neil; please see him about this when you go to Mass. The deadline for these to be returned to the school office is **Friday 15 January 2019**.



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: EYFS with 99.70% Well done!



The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.

Recommendations

Recommendations:

EYFS: Scarlett W **Year 1:** Ben M, Martha W **Year 2:** Sophie H, Tresa B **Year 3:** Oskar C, Ellie M-B
Year 4: Aine K, Liam B, Calum MC **Year 5:** Olivia W, Ella W **Year 6:** Enya B, Ethan L.

Lunchtime Award: Cora L (Y1).



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 Hunt:** Alannah K **Mr Rowlands:** Enya B **Miss Stewart:** Elijah C-G
Miss Stevens: Alfie J **Miss Lovelock:** Logan McC **Mr Mayor:** Scarlett T **Miss Cross:** Erin P
Mrs Hope: Elijah C-G.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:

Samuel J (EYFS), Elijah C-G, Gabriella L, Ollie L (Y2), Alicia I (Y5).

Dates for Diary - October 2018		
Tuesday 2 October	9.15am to 10.15am	Year 5 and Year 6 Inspire Workshop for parents
Tuesday 2 October	11.45am to 12.45pm	Grandparents' Lunch children with surnames (A-H)
Wednesday 3 October	All day	Year 4 and Year 5 Trip to Cadbury World
Wednesday 3 October	All day	EYFS Eye Test
Thursday 4 October	11.45am to 12.45pm	Grandparents' Lunch children with surnames (I-N)
Monday 8 October	9.00am to 10.30am	Nurse to carry out Year 6 height and weight checks
Monday 8 October	2.30pm	Right Respecting Steering Group Meeting
Monday 8 October	12.00pm	HSBC in school
Tuesday 9 October	9.00am Refreshments 9.15am Start	Year 4 Assembly
Tuesday 9 October	All day	Y4 Dahlicious Dress up Day
Tuesday 9 October	11.45am to 12.45pm	Grandparents' Lunch children with surnames (O-Z)
Thursday 11 October	3.30pm	Cross country at Bishop Walsh
Friday 12 October	All day	Nasal flu vaccination
Tuesday 16 October	9.15am to 10.15am	Year 1 and Year 2 Inspire Workshop for parents
Thursday 18 October	4.00pm to 6.00pm	Tag rugby competition at Veseyans
Monday 22 October	12.00pm	HSBC in school
Tuesday 23 October	All day	Year 6 trip to Back to Back Houses Birmingham
Wednesday 24 October	3.30pm to 7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday 25 October	9.15am to 10.00am	Harvest Mass
Thursday 25 October	3.30pm to 6.00pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 26 October	All day	Inset Day school closed to children
Wednesday 31 October		Deadline for Year 6 to apply for Secondary School
Dates for Diary - November 2018		
Monday 5 November	8.50am	Return to school
Monday 5 November	12.00pm	HSBC in school

Tuesday 6 November	9.15am to 10.15am And 2.00pm to 3.00pm	Open Day for prospective parents children starting September 2019
Monday 12 November	1.30pm to 3.00pm	Get Your Grown-Ups Growing
Tuesday 13 November	Morning	Academy Photographers - Families, siblings & individuals
Tuesday 13 November	3.20pm to 5.20pm	PTA Film Night
Wednesday 14 November	9.15am to 10.15am	Year 5 and Year 6 Inspire Workshop for parents
Wednesday 14 November	4.00pm to 6.00pm	Year 5 and Year 6 indoor athletics at Bishop Walsh
Monday 19 November	4.00pm to 6.00pm	Year 3 and Year 4 Multi skills at Bishop Walsh
Wednesday 21 November	7.30pm to 8.30pm	PTA AGM Meeting - all welcome
Friday 23 November	All day	Year 6 Takeover Day
Dates for Diary - December 2018		
Thursday 6 December	3.30pm to 5.30pm	PTA Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 11 December	4.00pm to 6.00pm	Year 1 and Year 2 Multi skills at Bishop Walsh
Tuesday 18 December	3.20pm to 4.30pm	PTA Christmas disco

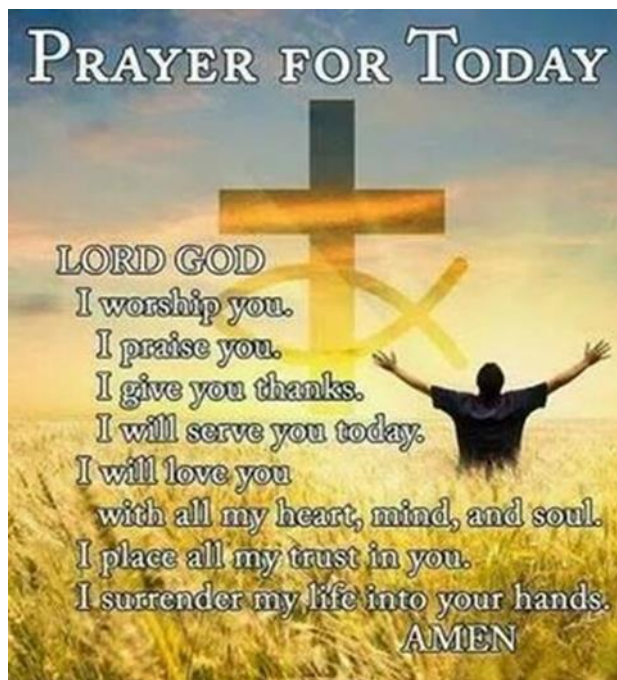
***Other dates available on website**

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



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