



**Newsletter No 5**

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 5 October 2018

*Grandparents*



*will never grow old.*

It was lovely to welcome so many grandparents to share lunch with us this week; especially those who joined us for the first time - we officially welcome you to our Holy Cross family! Thank you to the kitchen and lunchtime staff for working so hard to ensure everything ran smoothly. We received so many lovely compliments from grandparents saying how much they had enjoyed this event and the food! We look forward to welcoming the final group next week on **Tuesday 9 October** (children with surname O-Z).

**Grandparents need to arrive at 11.45am and will enter through Key Stage 1 gate.** We look forward to meeting our special visitors.



**Alton Castle**

Year Six will leave for their residential on Wednesday. We hope they have a lovely time and a safe journey. If you would like to wave goodbye to your child, the coach will be leaving at approximately 9.15am.



**Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Last week we raised the incredible grand total of **£355.83!** Many thanks to everyone who was involved. The children really enjoyed running the event and it was lovely to welcome not only parents and grandparents but also some of our neighbours.



**Communication with Parents**

Please note that the main system the school will use to communicate with parents is Parent Mail.; emails will be used as the main form of communication as there is no cost to the school unlike text messages. Texts will now be used sparingly for urgent messages. ***In order to guarantee that all communication is received, parents must ensure they have downloaded Parent Mail app for Parent Mail.*** Please contact the school office if any queries. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



**Mass:** Year 3 will lead our Mass in school on **Thursday 11 October**. All welcome.



### Go Global

All week the 'Go Global' team have been using the Enterprise Shed every break time and lunchtime to raise money to support the Global Goal 3- Good health and wellbeing. They have managed to raise an amazing £350.00! 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. Well done to the team!



### Year 4 and Year 5 Trip to Cadbury World

As part of the Roald Dahl topic in Year 4 and the Maya Civilisation topic in Year 5, the children visited Cadbury World earlier this week. The children enjoyed a tour of the site, including seeing chocolatiers at work, discovering fascinating information about the development of chocolate and how it is made, and tasting delicious chocolate made freshly in Bournville. Holy Cross children were ambassadors for Holy Cross School; not only were their manners and behaviour excellent but also the enthusiasm and knowledge shown by all. Especial thanks goes to our volunteer helpers, without which such trips would not be possible. Well done children, we are very proud of you!



### Cross Country

On Thursday we took a team to the 2nd race in the Sutton Schools Cross Country competition. The children did incredibly well pushing themselves to complete the mile course at Bishop Vesey. They showed true determination to keep on running right until the end and several of them finished strongly with a sprint finish to finish higher in the proceedings. We are very proud of each and every one of them.



### HSBC

A member of the HSBC Bank will visit our school on **Monday 8 October**. We try to encourage our KS2 children to open and be responsible for their own bank account and manage their money.



### 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!



### Year 4 - Class Assembly

On **Tuesday 9 October** refreshments at 9.00am assembly starting at 9.15am our Year 4 class will be performing their assembly about 'Roald Dahl'. Please come along and support our children. 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.



#### Fitness Assessments Year 1 to Year 6

As part of our school's increased commitment to challenge the national rise in childhood obesity and push an active lifestyle with the children, we are engaging with a sports company, called 'fit4schools' to raise the fitness levels of the children. Fitness specialists will come into school on four occasions spread across the year to engage each class in fitness assessments. A letter has been sent home with all children in Years 1 to 6. Please complete proforma and return to school no later than **Wednesday 10 October**. If you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



#### World Mental Health Day - Wednesday 10 October

Next week, Holy Cross Catholic Primary School will be participating in World Mental Health Day. This is a very important issue and a real focus for our school. We will be learning about what is meant by 'mental health', discussing our feelings and emotions and ensuring we have strategies to deal any mental health difficulties. Please see the attached leaflet produced by the Anna Freud National Centre which provides tips for parents and carers. If you have any concerns about your child's mental health then please contact the school office to request to talk to Miss Crowley or Miss Cotter. Thank you.



#### 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.

***Please ensure that you have downloaded the 'Parent Mail' app. Without the app you will not be able to book appointments.***

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.***



#### Science Investigation Workshop - Year 6

We will be holding a Science Investigation workshop for our Year 6 children and parents; to dissect the heart and lungs of a sheep and a pig. This will take place on **Friday 19 October 2018 at 9.00am to 10.15am. One member from each family can attend.** A letter has been sent home with all Year 6 children. If you would like to attend please complete and return the proforma to the class teacher; no later than **Monday 15 October**. Thank you.



### Football Match

**Monday 15 October** (HOME) vs St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

**Friday 19 October** (AWAY) vs Wylde Green School

**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

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#### Year 5 and 6 Inspire Workshop

Thank you to the large number of parents who attended this workshop on Tuesday; we hope you found it both enjoyable and useful.

**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.



### 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.



### GDPR - Data Sharing Consent Form

During the course of the academic year, and for the remainder of your child's education at Holy Cross Catholic Primary School, there will be occasions when your child could be recorded or photographed for certain events, included on our website and Twitter account. Such activities include: Visiting Stephen's Pond, Berryfields Park and The Oaks Retirement Home. In order to comply with GDPR, it is essential that the school has your *written consent to record, film or photograph your child and share that data in different media forms*. A letter has been sent home with every child. Please complete and return proforma no later than **Thursday 25 October**.

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:

**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

### 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: Year 3 with 100% Well done!

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



## Recommendations

### Recommendations:

**EYFS:** Jack M, Skyler W **Year 1:** Nancy W, Antoni C **Year 2:** Patrick M, Connor T **Year 3:** Ellen T, Sophia J  
**Year 4:** Aaron H, Daniel S, Heloise C **Year 5:** Olivia H, Sian J, Dylan G **Year 6:** Frank W, James D.

**Sports Award:** Caitlin L (Y5).



### 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:** Marco S **Mr Rowlands:** Jack M **Miss Stewart:** Caitlyn McG **Miss Stevens:** Ella B **Mr Mayor:** Jake M-B **Miss Cross:** Malaika W **Mrs Hope:** Dylan G (Y5).



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:  
 Aidan J, Georgia H (Y2), Finbarr McG (Y5).

### Dates for Diary - October 2018

Monday 8 October	9.00am to 10.30am	Nurse to carry out Year 6 height and weight checks
<b>Monday 8 October</b>	<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>Right Respecting Steering Group Meeting</b>
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 Delicious Dress up Day
Tuesday 9 October	11.45am to 12.45pm	Grandparents' Lunch children with surnames (O-Z)
<b>Wednesday 10 October</b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>World Mental Health Day</b>
Wednesday 10- Friday 12 October		Y6 Residential to Alton Castle
<b>Thursday 11 October</b>	<b>3.30pm</b>	<b>Cross Country at Bishop Vesey</b>
Friday 12 October	All day	Nasal flu vaccination
<b>Monday 15 October</b>	<b>9.00am to 10.30am</b>	<b>Year 6 Science Investigation workshop</b>
<b>Monday 15 October</b>	<b>3.20pm to 4.20pm</b>	<b>Football match (home) vs St Nicholas</b>
Tuesday 16 October	9.15am to 10.15am	Year 1 and Year 2 Inspire Workshop for parents
<b>Thursday 18 October</b>	<b>4.00pm to 6.00pm</b>	<b>Tag rugby competition at Veseyans</b>
<b>Friday 19 October</b>	<b>3.30pm to 4.30pm</b>	<b>Football Match (away) vs Wylde Green</b>
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
<b>Dates for Diary - November 2018</b>		
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 Vesey
Monday 19 November	4.00pm to 6.00pm	Year 3 and Year 4 Multi skills at Bishop Vesey
Wednesday 21 November	7.30pm to 8.30pm	PTA AGM Meeting - all welcome
Friday 23 November	All day	Year 6 Takeover Day
<b>Dates for Diary - December 2018</b>		
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 Vesey
Tuesday 11 December	2.15pm refreshments 2.30pm start	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Production
Wednesday 12 December	9.00am refreshments 9.15am start	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Production
Friday 14 December	9.00am refreshments 9.15am start	KS2 Christmas Carol Service
Monday 17 December	9.00am to 12.00pm	EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 to Sutton Empire to watch 'The Grinch'
Tuesday 18 December	9.00am to 12.00pm	Year 3 and Year 4 to Sutton Empire to watch 'Nativity'
Tuesday 18 December	3.20pm to 4.30pm	PTA Christmas disco
Wednesday 19 December	9.00am to 12.00pm	Year 5 and Year 6 to Sutton Empire to watch 'Nutcracker Four Realms'

**\*Other dates available on website**

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



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