



Holy Cross
Catholic Primary School

We share in Christ's life so He can guide our thoughts, words and actions.

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Newsletter No 6

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 12 October 2018



Year Six, Miss Cross, Miss Crowley and Miss Stevens have enjoyed a lovely and very busy few days at Alton Castle and were blessed with some sunny days! I hope you have enjoyed the tweets!

Miss Cotter, Mrs Jupp and I visited the children last night to celebrate Mass with them. They have all had a great time! Both the staff from the Castle and staff from the school sharing our retreat commented on the excellent behaviour of the children; one stating that there were too many names to mention. I felt very proud of how Year Six (and the staff) have represented our school. I know that as parents you will be glad to have them home. I think they will need to catch up on their sleep before Monday! Thank you to the staff for giving up their own family time to take the children away for this memorable experience.



Mass: Year 4 will lead our Mass in school on **Thursday 18 October**. All welcome.



Year 4 - Class Assembly

What a fantastic assembly! Thank you to all the parents and family members who attended Year 4 assembly; we hope that you enjoyed it! The children looked amazing in their costumes; we really appreciate the time and effort that parents/families put into their children's costumes. Thank you.



Vacancies at Bishop Walsh Catholic School

There are two vacancies at Bishop Walsh; General Administrator and Attendance

Administrator/Receptionist. Details have been emailed to all parents and put on our website with the newsletter. Should you require an application form or further information please go to www.johnpaulii.org.uk 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 ***now till 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

Wednesday 17 October (AWAY) vs The Shruberry 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 **Sunday 14 October**, Mr Hunt will be running the Birmingham Half Marathon in aid of an ex pupil of the school: Annie Devlin. Good luck Mrs Hunt!

On **Monday 8 October**, we held a sponsored keep fit session to help try and raise some much needed money to help Annie.

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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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:

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**.



Dinner Money

The deadline for dinner money is **Friday 9 November**. The amount due is **£75.25**, please log into 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.



Get Your Grown Ups Growing for Early Years, Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6.

This year we will be holding our autumn 'Get Your Grown Ups Growing' on **Monday 12 November** from 1.30-3.00 p.m. For this event parents of children in **Early Years, Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6** are invited to help us complete our big tidy up of the school grounds and plant bulbs ready to sprout in spring.

Your child will be required to bring in spare clothes and appropriate footwear (trainers or wellington boots) to change into after lunchtime ready to get messy in! The event will still go ahead if it is raining! Children are asked to **bring in £1.00 donation**. During the afternoon, there will be a range of activities to help out with e.g. planting bulbs in the prayer garden and at the front of the school. Improving our school eco garden, cleaning and planting the Early Years garden, taking part in a community litter pick and supporting Lets Grow Birmingham by pruning the trees in Berryfields Community Orchard. This event respects that every child has the right to a clean environment (Article 24). We look forward to seeing you!



Donation of a wheelbarrow

If you have a wheelbarrow that you can donate to our school; we will be extremely grateful. Please contact the school office if you can help. Thank you.



Bag 2 School - Bags have been sent home with children.

Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in good quality second hand clothing that can be re-used and we have arranged to make a collection from this school. All bags are weighed and we will be paid by the total weight collected. Remember the more you collect the bigger benefit to our school! They will collect the following items for RE-USE: adults and children's clothing, bedding, soft toys, paired shoes, hats, belts and handbags. **NO BRIC-A-BRAC PLEASE. Extra bags welcome - there is no limit.** If you need spare bags please come to the school office. Bags will be collected on **Thursday 22 November by 9.00am. Please only drop off bags on that morning as the school cannot store overnight.** Thank you for your support!



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 6 with 100% Well done!

Recommendations

Recommendations:

EYFS: Ferdinand A, Olga P **Year 1:** Cora L, Isabella S **Year 2:** Bethany McK, Jacob H **Year 3:** Anaha P, Nathaniel C **Year 4:** Jack C, Joseph K **Year 5:** Fraser C, Christie W.

Lunchtime Award: Molly F (Y2).

Sports Award: Ethan P (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:** Skye T **Mr Rowlands:** Hughie O'D **Miss Stewart:** Jimmy W
Mr Mayor: Eliza S **Mrs Hope:** Sienna M.



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


Dates for Diary - October 2018		
Monday 15 October	9.00am to 10.30am	Year 6 Science Investigation workshop
Monday 15 October	3.20pm to 4.20pm	Football match (home) vs St Nicholas
Tuesday 16 October	9.15am to 10.15am	Year 1 and Year 2 Inspire Workshop for parents
Wednesday 17 October	3.20pm to 4.20pm	Football match (away) vs The Shruberry
Thursday 18 October	4.00pm to 6.00pm	Tag rugby competition at Veseyans
Friday 19 October	3.30pm to 4.30pm	Football Match (away) vs Wylde Green
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 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
Thursday 22 November	9.00am	Return your Bag2School
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 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



Miss T Cotter
Principal

A Prayer for Children

God our Father, you have blessed us with the gift of children;
thank you for these precious gems with adorn our house.

Their laughter gives us joy and brightens our lives.

They are the expressions of your presence in our home.

Their growth shows the mysteries of your love.

May the experience your loving presence, advance in
wisdom and grow in your love.

Our children's future is in your hand, and yet we have
own role to play in shaping that future.

Help us to be true to our responsibility so that we may assist
them in responding to your graces and thus to
become what we want them to be. *Amen.*



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