



**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 17

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 18 January 2019



### Incident at Bishop Walsh Catholic School

I am sure that many of you are aware of a serious incident that happened outside Bishop Walsh School on Wednesday afternoon when a parent was forced out of her car which was then stolen by two men wearing balaclavas. Thankfully, although causing great distress, no one was hurt but I do urge all parents to be vigilant when dropping off at and collecting children from school.

### Diary Dates

We have a very busy few weeks coming up before the end of half term. Please ensure you look at the 'Dates for your Diary' section at the end of the newsletter.



**Mass:** Year 3 will lead our Mass in School on **Thursday 24 January**. Everyone is welcome.



### Dinner Money

A final reminder to parents of KS2 children who have school dinners, that the deadline for the payment of **£64.50 is today**; please make payment through ParentPay. If you have credit showing on your ParentPay account please deduct this from the £64.50 and pay the remaining balance. Thank you.



### HSBC

A member of the HSBC Bank will visit our school on **Monday 21 January**. We try to encourage our KS2 children to open and be responsible for their own bank account and manage their money.



### Swimming

Year 3 will resume their swimming sessions on **Thursday 24 January 2019**. Thank you.



### Tennis Club - Year 1 and Year 2

Letters have been sent home with children in Year 1 and Year 2. If your child would like to join the Tennis Club please complete and return forms no later than **Friday 25 January**. There are limited places so it is a first come first served basis. Please note **NO late orders** after this date will be accepted. Thank you for your cooperation.



### EYFS Visit to Church

On **Friday 25 January** Early Years will be walking up to Holy Cross and St Francis Church to meet Father Neil and have a tour around the Church. There will be time for the children to ask any questions they may have and learn about how we behave in Mass.

At **2.30pm** we would like to invite you to come to Holy Cross Church to join your child in a blessing for our new families by Father Neil. This is to celebrate and welcome our new families to Holy Cross Catholic Primary School. Your child will then be dismissed from church at **3.00pm**. If you cannot attend the blessing then please pick your child up from church at **3.00pm** (the time is given to allow parents time to collect siblings). Children who attend Kids' Club will walk back to school with staff. A letter has been sent home with all EYFS children; please contact the school office if you require a copy. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. Thank you.



### Rights Respecting School

On **Monday 28 January** 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!



### Number Day-NSPCC

On **Friday 1 February** we will be celebrating the NSPCC Number Day 2019! This will be a fantastic way to have fun with maths and an opportunity for us to help fight for every childhood. The money raised will make a significant difference to the NSPCC in preventing abuse ensuring we the NSPCC can be there for every child who needs them. Every child has the right be protected from violence, abuse and neglect (Article 19). It will be a **non-school uniform day** and your child can come to school dressed in the theme of 'Maths'. This can be as simple as a patterned t-shirt or socks, to as creative as their favourite number. Each child is asked to donate £2.00 for the event and there will also have the opportunity to buy mathematical sweet treats in the Enterprise Shed from our Rights Respecting Team! The most creative maths themed costume will receive a prize and be awarded during our Gifts of God assembly. We look forward to it!



### Year 6 Visit to Bishop Walsh

Each year Bishop Walsh School stage a large scale production, which this year is the musical 'Sister Act'. The children in Year Six have been invited to attend a performance on **Tuesday 5 February 2019**. A letter has been sent home today with all Year 6 children. Please complete and return the proforma no later than **Friday 1 February 2018**. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact school office.



### Mass of Commitment for Year 3 and Year 6

The Mass of Commitment for those children who will be receiving the Sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation will be held on **Sunday 3 February at 10.30am in Church.**

*This is a very important part of Sacramental preparation and it is expected that all children shall attend. Thank you for your support.*



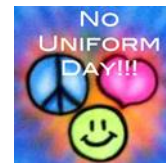
### Music Lessons

If your child has music lessons the second instalment is due no later than **Monday 11 February.** Please log into your Parent Pay account to make payment. Thank you.



### Year One Phonics Workshop

On **Wednesday 13 February 2019** we will be holding a workshop for all parents who have children in Year One. The workshop will begin at **9.00am** in the Year One classroom. A letter has been sent home with the children. Please complete the proforma and return by **Friday 25 January 2019.** If you require a copy please contact the school office.



**PTA Spring Disco.** This day will be a non-uniform day.

This will be held on **Thursday 14 February from 3.20pm to 4.30pm.** If you are available to help please contact the school office. Thank you for your support.

**Please pay £2.00 entrance fee via your Parent Pay account. The deadline for payment is Monday 11 February. Any payments after this date will not be accepted.**

***Children can bring in a maximum £3.00 spending money in a purse on Thursday 14 February.***

If you will be collecting your child/children before the end of the disco; please inform the school office before 12.00pm on **Thursday 14 February.** Thank you. Also, if your child/children will not be going to Kids' Club after the disco please let Kids' Club know as soon as possible. Thank you.



### Year 5 visit to Singers Hill Synagogue

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 5 on a visit to Singers Hill Synagogue on **Monday 25 March.** A voluntary donation of £7.00 is now required to cover the cost of transport and insurance. Payment for this trip is via Parent Pay; deadline for payment is **Monday 11 March.** A letter has been sent home to all Year 5 parents; if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



### **Mothers' Day Lunches 2019**

**Tuesday 19 March (Children with surname A-I), Wednesday 20 March (Children with surname J-R) and Tuesday 26 March 2019 (Children with surname S-Z).**

We are holding three Mothers' Day Lunch Days where your child can invite one lady to lunch! This can be mothers, grandmothers, aunts or a family friend.

If your child normally has sandwiches but would like a school meal that day the cost is £2.15; adult meals are £3.80 per person. Please note that we are only able to accommodate one lady per family. If your child is in KS1 and normally has sandwiches you will need to order a child's meal but no payment is required due to the universal free school meal entitlement. Please contact the school office to order a meal.

Lunch will be served from 12:00pm - 1:00pm and guests are requested to arrive at 11.45am; entering the school through the Key Stage 1 entrance. Please note due to lack of space in the school hall and the popularity of this event no other children are allowed.

If you wish to join us please log into your Parent Pay account and to make a payment (£3.80 for adult meal and £2.15 if your child is in KS2 and usually has sandwiches). Please ensure you complete notes section; stating how many adult and how many children's (if applicable) meals you have ordered. If your child has school meals every day, please pay for their meal in the normal way and just order the appropriate additional adult meal.

If you are unable to attend on your allocated date; please send a letter into the school office for an alternative day.

***The deadline for ordering and paying for meals is Tuesday 5 March; We do not want anyone to miss out but as food needs to be ordered in advance, no late orders can be accepted after this date.***



**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 1 and Year 3 with 100% Well done!**

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



### **Recommendations:**

**EYFS:** Evie H, Isabelle A **Year 1:** Joseph F, Zach L **Year 2:** Jacob H, Addison H-G

**Year 3:** Gracie D, Salvio J **Year 4:** Heloise C, Joseph M **Year 5:** Ryan K, Olivia W

**Year 6:** Ben B, James D **Mrs Hope:** Kieron McC, Heloise C.

**Lunchtime Award:** Isabelle A (EYFS).



## Virtues and Values

This half term we are concentrating on being '**Eloquent and Truthful**'. 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:** Noah F **Mr Rowlands:** Sofia H **Miss Stewart:** Connor T

**Miss Stevens:** Alice F **Miss Lovelock:** Kieron McC **Mr Mayor:** Mollie-Mae H **Miss Cross:** Library Monitors

**Mrs Hope:** Jack M (Y1).



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

Alannah K (EYFS), Eden T (Y1), Eloise H (Y5).



## Dates for Diary - January 2019

Monday 21 January	1.00pm	HSBC in school
Tuesday 22 January	All day	Year 6 Trip to Ghamkol Sharif Mosque
Thursday 24 January	1.30pm	Year 3 start swimming
Friday 25 January	2.00pm	EYFS Visit to Church
Monday 28 January	2.30pm	Rights Respecting Steering Group - Parents welcome
Tuesday 29 January	All day	Year 4 Trip to Aston Hall
Wednesday 30 January	All day	School nurse EYFS-height, weight and hearing checks

## Dates for Diary - February 2019

Friday 1 February	All day	Number day-NSPCC non-school uniform day
Sunday 3 February	10.30am	Mass of Commitment
Monday 4 February	1.00pm	HSBC in school
Tuesday 5 February	All day	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 5 February	12.00pm	Year 6 going to Bishop Walsh - 'Sister Act'
Friday 8 February	10.00am	Andrew Mitchell visiting school
Wednesday 13 February	9.00am-10.00am	Year 1 Phonics Workshop - parents invited
Thursday 14 February	4.00pm-6.00pm	Netball matches (Sutton College) vs Mere Green School and St Joseph's
Thursday 14 February	3.20pm to 4.30pm	PTA Spring Disco Non-school uniform day
Friday 15 February	3.20pm	School closes for half-term
Monday 25 February	All day	School closed for Inset day
Tuesday 26 February	8.50am	Return to school

## Dates for Diary - March 2019

Monday 4 March	All week	Book Week
Tuesday 5 March	10.00am	Year 3 First Confession
Thursday 7 March	All day	World Book Day
Thursday 7 March	5.45pm to 7.00pm	Bedtime Stories
Monday 11 March	1.00pm	HSBC in school
Tuesday 12 March	10.00am	Year 3 First Confession
Thursday 14 March	4.20pm-6.20pm	Netball matches (Sutton College) vs Shrubbery and Maney Hill School
Tuesday 19 March	11.45am	Mothers' Day Lunch (children with surnames A-I)



Monday 25 March	All day	Year 5 Trip to Singers Hill Synagogue
Wednesday 20 March	11.45am	Mothers' Day Lunch (children with surnames J-R)
Tuesday 26 March	11.45am	Mothers' Day Lunch (children with surnames S-Z)
<b>Dates for Diary - April 2019</b>		
Wednesday 3 April	3.30pm to 7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday 4 April	3.30pm to 6.00pm	Parents' Evening

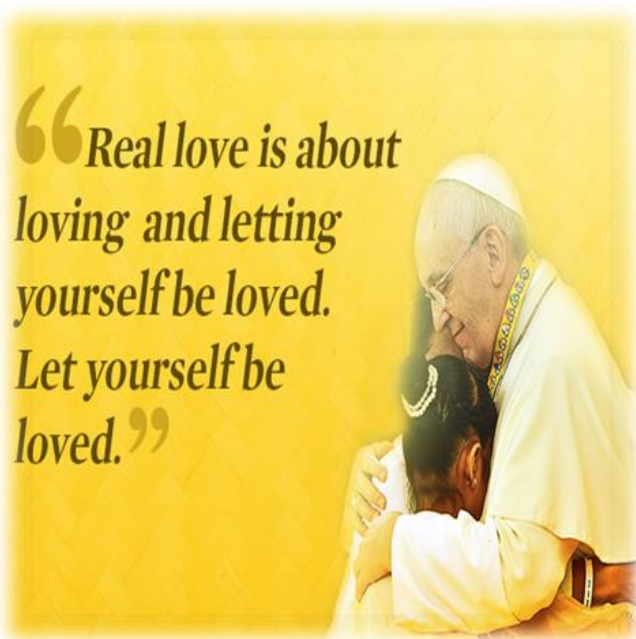
**\*Other dates available on website**

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



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