



Holy Cross

Catholic Primary School

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

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Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 1 February 2019



Polite reminder

We are always committed to letting the children enjoy playtimes outside whenever possible, so as the weather is very changeable at the moment, parents are reminded to ensure that children come to school with an appropriate warm coat. Thank you.

Number Day

Thank you for making such an effort with our number day - there were some great costumes on show today! It is also important to remember that we were raising money for the NSPCC; supporting Article 19 that every child has the right to be protected from being harmed or mistreated. Your generosity raised £316.02 - thank you!



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.



Mass: Year 5 will lead our Mass in **Church** on **Thursday 7 February**. Everyone is 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 arrive. **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.*



Thank you to our PTA

A big thank you to the PTA for providing sports kits for tag rugby, netball and staff coaches. They will make their first appearance next week - look out for them on Twitter!



HSBC

A member of the HSBC Bank will visit our school on **Monday 4 February**. We try to encourage our KS2 children to open and be responsible for their own bank account and manage their money.



School Photographs – Groups Football, Netball Buddies etc

School group photographs have been sent home with children. Please return orders to school no later than 9.00am on **Monday 4 February**. Any late orders parents will be required to send direct to 'Academy Photographers.' Thank you.



Appeal for Glasses and Mobile Phones

We are supporting a project run by 'World Development Group', based at St Nicholas Church, Boldmere, who have built a school in a village in Uganda. Maureen Hickey from the group will be visiting the school in February. They are requesting donations of any unwanted glasses and mobile phones. Please send in unwanted items no later than **Tuesday 5 February**. Thank you for your support.



Safer Internet Day

To celebrate Safer Internet Day on **Tuesday 5 February** the whole school will be taking part in activities to develop their understanding and knowledge on how to stay online. All children have been given homework today where it requires them to create a family agreement discussing what they do online, how much agreed time online and how to be safe online. An online safety audit has also been sent home for you to complete to help us improve our online safety curriculum. Please return by **Friday 8 February**. Thank you for your support.



Year 6 Visit to Bishop Walsh (Please note change of date)

Each year Bishop Walsh School stage a large scale production, which this year is the musical 'Sister Act'. The children in Year 6 have been invited to attend a performance on **Wednesday 5 February 2019**. A letter has been sent home. Please complete and return the proforma **today**. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact school office.



Year 5 Trip to Villa Park – Workshop on 'Plastic Pollution'.

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 5 on a visit to Villa Park; to attend a workshop on 'Plastic Pollution' on **Wednesday 6 February**. The children will be travelling by coach; they are required to arrive to school at the normal time and will return by the end of the school day. The children will require a packed lunch and need to wear full school uniform. There is no cost for this trip. A letter has been sent home to all Year 5 parents. Please complete and return proforma no later than **Monday 4 February**. If you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Visit from Andrew Mitchell

On **Friday 8 February**, we welcome Andrew Mitchell (MP) to our school. Over the past few weeks each class have chosen a topic linked to current affairs to learn about ready to create questions to ask Andrew Mitchell. EYFS- Litter pollution, Y1 & Y4- Homelessness, Y2- Plastic Pollution, Y3 & Y6- Palm Oil Production, Y5- Air pollution. We are excited for our children to have the opportunity for their right to be heard respected (Article 12) and campaign for what they believe in! Please discuss with your child what they have learnt.



Year Two SATs Workshop

On **Monday 11 February** we will be holding a 'Year Two SATs Workshop' for all parents who have children in Year Two. We would like to invite parents to a workshop to learn with their child about how to prepare for the SATs. The workshop will be held by Miss Stewart (Class Teacher) and Mr Hunt (Early Years/KS1 Leader). You will be given information regarding the format of the SATs, how they are administered, ideas and advice about how to support and prepare your child at home. Letters have been sent home with Year 2 children; please complete the reply slip and return by **Thursday 7 February**. If you have not received a copy; please contact the school office. Thank you.



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.



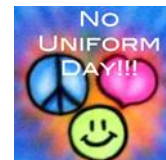
Tree Care Afternoon

On **Tuesday 12 February**, we will be holding another Tree Care Workshop after the success last time during our Get Your Grown Ups Growing Event. Dr Rob Tilling will be holding the workshop in our community Orchard. A letter will be sent home with more information. Please do attend as it respects our children's rights to a clean environment (Article 24) and also gives back to our lovely community.



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 **today**. 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; please pay no later than **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).

A letter has been emailed to all parents giving further details. If you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.

The deadline for ordering and paying for meals via Parent Pay 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 4 and Year 6 with 99.3% Well done!



The Punctuality Award for the week: EYFS, Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.



Recommendations:

EYFS: Hattie K, Mason C **Year 1:** Isabella S, Jack M **Year 2:** Jessie F, Georgia H **Year 3:** Daniel B **Year 4:** Frankie J, Flynn B **Year 5:** Dylan G, Sian J, Eva H **Year 6:** Oliver B, Isabel W **Mrs Hope:** Harry K (Y4).

Lunchtime Award: Elyssa P (Y6).



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:** Ayla G **Mr Rowlands:** Freddie F (EYFS) **Miss Stewart:** Lucy L (Y4), Eliza H **Miss Stevens:** Sophia J, Sienna M **Miss Lovelock:** Tyrese L **Mr Mayor:** Nevin R **Miss Cross:** Johnny G **Mrs Hope:** Erin P (Y6).



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

Jack M (Y1), Olivia A, Niamh C (Y4), Enya B, Thomas S (Y6).



Dates for Diary - February 2019		
Sunday 3 February	10.30am	Mass of Commitment
Monday 4 February	1.00pm	HSBC in school
Tuesday 5 February	All day	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 6 February (please note change of date)	12.00pm	Year 6 going to Bishop Walsh - 'Sister Act'
Wednesday 6 February	All Day	Year 5 trip to Villa Park - Workshop on plastic pollution
Friday 8 February	10.00am	Andrew Mitchell visiting school
Monday 11 February	3.20pm to 4.00pm	Year 2 SATs meeting for parents
Tuesday 12 February	1.30pm to 3.00pm	Tree Care Workshop
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
Saturday 16 March	4.30pm	Sutton Schools Swimming Gala
Tuesday 19 March	11.45am	Mothers' Day Lunch (children with surnames A-I)
Wednesday 20 March	11.45am	Mothers' Day Lunch (children with surnames J-R)
Thursday 21 March	1.30pm to 4.30pm	Chess tournament at The Abbey Catholic Primary School
Monday 25 March	All day	Year 5 Trip to Singers Hill Synagogue
Tuesday 26 March	11.45am	Mothers' Day Lunch (children with surnames S-Z)
Thursday 28 March	All day	School closed for children Sutton By Election
Dates for Diary - April 2019		
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



Miss T Cotter
Principal

