

## Newsletter No 20

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 8 February 2019



Today we welcomed Andrew Mitchell to the school for a question time session! All classes have been learning about a current affair topic in the lead up to this visit. Early Years: litter pollution, year one and year four: homelessness, year two: plastic pollution, year three and year six: palm oil production, year five: air pollution. The children had an opportunity to have their right to be heard (Article 19) respected by asking Andrew Mitchell questions about what they had learnt about and thoughts on how we can take further action through campaign work!

Y6 enjoyed a visit to Bishop Walsh on Wednesday to watch the school's production of 'Sister Act'. I went last night and like Year 6, I thought the production was excellent. One of the highlights is always seeing former Holy Cross pupils and how they have grown up and developed. It always amazes me how the staff manage to involve so many pupils from so many year groups. Well done to Year 6 for representing our school so well and also to Bishop Walsh for producing such an entertaining show.



### Online Safety

Thank you for engaging in our whole school homework and completing family agreements regarding online safety. We really enjoyed reading your tweets. If you have not seen these on Twitter, they are well worth a look. This was a very effective way of discussing this very important issue as a family.



### Enterprise Shed

Next week our Year 6, 'Go for Global' team will be fundraising at break times and lunch times for the charity, Mind. This is in support of the Global Goal 3: Health and Wellbeing. The theme will be 'Love and friendship' in celebration of Valentine's Day on Thursday. The team will be selling items and craft activities with prices ranging from 30p to £1.50. Please support our children in raising money for Mental Health.



**Mass:** Year 6 will lead our Mass in school on **Thursday 14 February**. Everyone is welcome.



### Letters emailed to parents this week:

Year 5: Forest Schools

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



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

As part of the SMSVC lessons in Year 5, the children visited Villa Park earlier this week. The workshop involved looking at different uses of plastic, ways to recycle and making pledges to tackle plastic pollution. The day included a brief tour of the site, including visiting the stands and seeing the pitch. The children were

ambassadors for Holy Cross School; not only were their manners and behaviour excellent but also the enthusiasm and knowledge shown by all. Well done children, we are very proud of you!



### **Year Two SATs Workshop - Monday 11 February (3.20-4.00pm)**

On **Monday**, we will be holding a 'Year Two SATs Workshop' for all parents who have children in Year Two. We would like to invite parents (or grandparents) to a workshop to learn with their child about how to prepare for the SATs. The workshop is being organised by Miss Stewart (Class Teacher) and Mr Hunt (Early Years/KS1 Leader). During the session, information will be shared regarding the format of the SATs, how they are administered, and importantly, ideas and advice about how to support and prepare your child at home. *Please make every effort to ensure that every child is represented.*

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 - Wednesday 13 February 2019**

On **Wednesday** a workshop will be held for all Year One parents (or grandparents). 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.



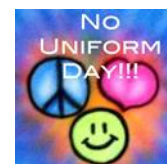
### **PTA Spring Disco. This day will be a non-uniform day.**

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, **Kids' Club needs to be notified** as soon as possible. Thank you.





### Swimming Lessons-Year 2

Year 2 will start swimming sessions on **Thursday 28 February**. Girls must wear a full costume and for health and safety reasons, boys must wear trunks (not loose fitted shorts). Please ensure that appropriate swimming kit is sent with your child every Thursday. Please ensure that children do not wear earrings into school on Thursdays, as they are not permitted to wear them in the pool. Thank you for your support.



### Year 5 Forest School

Next half term Year 5 will be taking part in weekly 'forest school' activities every Friday afternoon. In order for your child to take part in forest schools they must be appropriately dressed for all weather conditions. Forest School will take place every Friday, starting **Friday 1 March to Friday 5 April**. A letter has been emailed home to all parents; please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you.



### Pancake Day

On **Tuesday 5 March** children will be able to buy pancakes at break time. They will be 50p each; please note there will be no toast available on this day. 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.***



### Recommendations:

**EYFS:** Anuli A, Kaiden P-W **Year 1:** Antoni C, Jessica S **Year 2:** Tabitha S, Chase B **Year 3:** Cormac K, Ellie G **Year 4:** Aine K, Lola F **Year 5:** Darren A, Francesca L **Year 6:** Elyssa P, Orlaith G **Mrs Hope:** Lucy L



### 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:** Jack M **Mr Rowlands:** Ethan P **Miss Stewart:** Tresa B **Miss Stevens:** Annie E **Miss Lovelock:** Myles O'D **Mr Mayor:** Dylan G, Thomas B, Thomas S, Maria L **Miss Cross:** James M **Mrs Hope:** Ella P



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



Ronan L (Y2), Thomas B and Joshua W (Y5)

Dates for Diary - February 2019		
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
<b>Thursday 28 February</b>	<b>1.30pm to 3.20pm</b>	<b>Year 2 start swimming lessons</b>
Dates for Diary - March 2019		
<b>Friday 1 March</b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>St David's Day - wear a daffodil</b>
<b>Friday 1 March</b>	<b>1.30pm to 3.20pm</b>	<b>Year 5 doing Forest Schools</b>
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

