

Newsletter No 22

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 1 March 2019



Welcome back! I hope that you all enjoyed the half term break.

We are committed to keeping children safe and are aware of the 'Momo challenge'. Please read the information attached, and discuss it with your child if you feel it is appropriate. This information has previously been shared on our school Twitter. Thank you.



Daffodils - St David's Day

Fr Neil would have been proud of us today wearing our daffodils! Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Hapus - thank you for helping us mark the day in style.



Mass: This will be held on **Wednesday 6 March** - (Ash Wednesday) in **Church** at 9.15am - all welcome.

We would also appreciate if any adults could walk back to school with us after Mass. If you are able to accompany us on the journey back to school, please inform your child's class teacher.



Virtual Reality

On Wednesday, each class in Key Stage Two experienced an exciting and stimulating virtual reality (VR) lesson based on their current topic: Y6 - Mountains, Y5 - Stone Age, Y4 - Vikings, Y3 - Around the world.

VR is a 'virtual reality' experience in which the children wear headsets and see a 3D digital image that they can interact with. All the children thoroughly enjoyed their session and **we would all like to thank our incredible PTA** for funding these sessions. Please do talk to your child about this experience. Pictures have been tweeted on our school Twitter.



Brum Breathes Summit at Birmingham Council House

Children from our School Council and Rights Respecting team attended the Summit on Thursday with Miss Stevens and Miss Crowley. We listened and learnt from different speakers about Air Quality in Birmingham and the impact it is having on our children's health and wellbeing today! Nathaniel, Joseph and Samuel all asked questions to the panel which resulted in a round of applause from the other listeners! Our children are now empowered to make decisions about air quality in our local area and would like to create 'School Streets' which limits the amount of traffic during drop off and pick up times.



Good Shepherd Appeal

Good Shepherd Appeal boxes have been sent home with children today. Since the early years of the twentieth century, children in the Archdiocese have helped raise funds for Father Hudson's Care during Lent. Children use the boxes to save money they would normally spend on sweets and treats, thereby practising abstinence and almsgiving. Please help to make a difference by raising funds for children, families and adults in need. Please contact the school office if you require another box. Thank you for your support. Please return boxes no later than **Friday 3 May**. Thank you.



Dinner Money

Parents of KS2 children who have school dinners, the deadline for the payment of **£73.10 is Monday 4 March**; please make payment through ParentPay. If you have credit showing on your ParentPay account please deduct this from the £73.10 and pay the remaining balance. 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 3 - Sacrament of First Confession

Year 3 will be making their first Confessions on **Tuesday 5 and Tuesday 12 March 2019** at Holy Cross and Saint Francis Church at **10.00am**. You are warmly invited to join your child for this important occasion. If you wish to attend please meet Miss Stevens and the children at Holy Cross Church at 10.00am. First Confessions will be preceded by a brief Liturgy of the Word. Once your child has made their First Confession and penance, you are more than welcome to leave the Church. A letter has been sent home with children; please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you.



PTA Meeting

The next PTA meeting will be held in school on **Tuesday 5 March** at 7.30pm. Please come along and join us, all welcome. Thank you.



WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 7 March 2019**. This year we are basing 'Book Week' on books with a 'through the portal theme' e.g. Alice Through the Looking Glass and The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe. Children can dress up as their favourite character out of a book with a 'through the portal' theme.



Bedtime Stories-Thursday 7 March

On the same day, as part of our Book Day celebration, the PTA will be holding the Bedtime Stories event. Children come along in their pyjamas/onesie and slippers with their teddies to enjoy stories, hot chocolate and cookies. The cost of this event is **£3.00; please pay via your parent pay account**. The deadline for payment is **Tuesday 5 March**; Please note late payments will not be accepted. Thank you.



Year 6 Trip to European Team Squash Championship - Edgbaston Priory

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 6 on a visit to Edgbaston Priory; to attend the European Squash Championship on **Wednesday 1 May**. A letter has been sent home today with children; please complete proforma and return no later than **Monday 4 March**. If you require a copy please contact the school office. 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.



Funtime Friday

This year's 5th Funtime Friday will be held at Castle Bromwich Hall Hotel on **Friday 10 May 2019** at 19:00. Tickets are £30 per person for a Three Course Dinner, Auction, Raffle & DJ. If you wish, you can pay a £10 deposit to reserve your seat. This is a very popular event & will sell out in no time! Please be advised that tickets are non-refundable. You can pay your deposit or the full amount either by cash or cheque (made payable to Holy Cross PTA), labelling the envelope for the attention of (Geraldine Causer PTA). Please return envelopes to the school office or to Mrs Geraldine Causer. It is always a very enjoyable evening so please try to 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 1 with 100% Well done!



The Punctuality Award for the week: EYFS, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.



Recommendations:

EYFS: Olga P, Hattie K **Year 1:** Madison M, Ciara P **Year 2:** Caitlin Mc G, Florence H

Year 3: Nathaniel C **Year 4:** Liam B, Phoebe F **Year 5:** Harry M, Francesca L **Year 6:** Leilagh K, Daisy C

Mrs Hope: Tyrese L (Y4).

Lunchtime Award: Thomas B (Y5).



Virtues and Values

This half term we are concentrating on being 'Learned and Wise'. 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:** Skyler W **Mr Rowlands:** Cian P **Miss Stewart:** Aidan J

Miss Stevens: Maria L, Charlotte L, Samuel S (Y6), Caitlin L, Nevin R, Olivia F (Y5), Joseph M, Lucy L (Y4), Nathaniel C, Alex E (Y3). **Miss Lovelock:** Maria J (Y3) **Mr Mayor:** Scarlett T **Miss Cross:** Elyssa P

Mrs Hope: Liam O'T (Y4).



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

Anuli A (EYFS), Lucy L (Y4), Orlaith F, Christie W, (Y5).

Dates for Diary - March 2019

Monday 4 March	All week	Book Week
Tuesday 5 March	10.00am	Year 3 First Confession
Tuesday 5 March	7.30pm	PTA Meeting
Wednesday 6 March	9.15am	Mass at Church Ash Wednesday
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
Saturday 23 March	6.00pm to 9.00pm	Catholic Swimming Gala at Wyndley
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
Monday 8 April	1.30pm	HSBC in school
Monday 8 April	8.50am	EYFS and KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade

Monday 8 April	All day	KS2 Decorated eggs
Tuesday 9 April	8.40am to 8.50am	Decorated eggs display
Tuesday 9 April	9.15am to 10.00am	Stations of the Cross
Wednesday 10 April	9.15am to 10.00am	KS2 Passion Play
Friday 12 April	9.15am to 10.00am	Passiontide Service

***Other dates available on website**

Have a lovely weekend and half term.

Yours sincerely



Miss T Cotter
Principal



Family Prayer

God be with our family,
From the youngest to the oldest,
Lighting up our relationships,
Sowing grace into our troubles.

God be with our family,
Weaving love into our work,
Our rest, and our play.

Amen.

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