

Newsletter No 24

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 15 March 2019

The last of Year 3 children received the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week. Thank you to Miss Stevens for preparing the children so well and to Fr Neil who was so patient and kind when supporting the children through their first experience of this Sacrament. Thank you to all the parents who came to share in this special occasion and to those of you who helped us with transport in the very wet conditions!



We welcomed SVP District President, Tony McGuigan and Holy Cross Parish President, Kevin Boyle who commissioned 14 new Mini Vinnies at Mass yesterday. We are very proud that so many of our children are committed to 'Turning concern into action' and look forward to working with the Parish SVP to support the people in our local community. We are starting with 'Toiletries Tuesday' on 26 March. Details below.



Mass: Year 6 will lead our Mass in School on **Thursday 21 March**. Everyone is welcome.

Letters emailed to parents this week:

Whole School: Parent/Teacher Consultation

KS2: Painting Competition

Please contact office if you have not received copy.



Football Match

We have a football match at (HOME) vs Little Aston Primary School. Please come along to support our team. Thank you. Good luck!

Friday 22 March

Football match (AWAY) vs Penns J & I School.



St Patrick's Day - Non-School Uniform Day - Monday 18 March

We wore our daffodils with pride on St David's day last week and on **Monday 18 March** we will celebrate St Patrick's Day by the children wearing green and **donating £1 towards our Lenten charities** (Mission Together and Mini Vinnies.)



Parent/Teacher Consultations

Wednesday 3 April 3.30pm to 7.00pm and Thursday 4 April 3.30pm to 6.00pm

Appointments are to be made by parents logging into their *Parent Mail* account selecting Parents' Evening then choosing date and time required. The appointments are made on a first come first served basis. Appointments will be available to book from **6.00pm Wednesday 20 March until 15:30 Wednesday 27 March**.

A letter has been emailed home to all parents. Please contact the school office if you have any queries. Thank you.



Mini Vinnies - Toiletries Tuesday (Tuesday 26 March)

In order to support our local community and in particular Erdington Food Bank, who support local families in our area, Mini Vinnies is organising a 'Toiletries Tuesday' event. As previously, they are asking for donations of toiletries, especially toothpaste, soap, shampoo and toilet rolls. Any donations should be brought into school on **Tuesday 26 March** and we will then ensure they reach families in need. Thank you for your support.

Y6 SATs

Year Six SATs Workshop

On **Wednesday 27 March** we will be holding a '**Year Six SATs Workshop**' for all parents who have children in Year Six. We would like to invite parents into a workshop to learn with their child about how to prepare for the SATs. The workshop will be held by Miss Cross (Class Teacher). 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. The workshop will begin at 3.20pm and finish at 4.00pm. You will need to sign in at the school office; children may attend this workshop.



Lenten Fundraising - Whole School Sponsored Walk

As part of our fundraising programme during Lent the whole school will be completing a 5k sponsored walk around New Hall Valley (EYFS children will complete a shorter walk). This will take place on **Monday 1 April at 11.00am**. Our aim is to raise as much money as possible for our worthwhile charities and we would be very grateful if you could please encourage your child/children to ask for as many sponsors as possible. Please send all collected money into school no later than **Wednesday 10 April**. Many thanks for your generosity and support during our Lenten fundraising. A letter and sponsor form has been sent home with children, if you require a copy please contact the school office. **If you would like to volunteer to walk with us please give your details to the school office. Thank you.**



Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust

Applications for 'School Clothing Grant' are now open. Forms are available from the school office. Forms must be returned to school no later than **Friday 29 March 2019**.



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 99.7% Well done!



The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 6.

Recommendations



Recommendations:

EYFS: Ferdinand A, Mia S **Year 1:** Eve H, Ellie G **Year 2:** Sophie H, Jack W **Year 3:** Harry W, Christopher K **Year 4:** Whole Class **Year 5:** Christie W, Eloise H **Year 6:** Thomas S, Charlotte L **Mrs Hope:** Lily H (Y4).

Lunchtime Award: Jack M (EYFS).



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:** Ayla G **Mr Rowlands:** Joseph F **Miss Stewart:** Klaudia R **Miss Stevens:** Alex E **Miss Lovelock:** Heloise C **Mr Mayor:** All of Year 5 **Miss Cross:** Erin P **Mrs Hope:** Frankie J (Y4).



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week: Andrew H, George B (Y1), Sienna M (Y3), Frankie J (Y4), Sam W and Bonnie T-M (Y6)

Dates for Diary - March 2019

Saturday 16 March	4.30pm	Sutton Schools Swimming Gala
Monday 18 March	All day	Non-school uniform day wear green for St Patrick
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
Friday 22 March	3.30pm	Football match (AWAY) vs Penns J&I 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)
Tuesday 26 March	12.00pm to 4.45pm	BCSSA Netball competition
Wednesday 27 March	3.20pm to 4.00pm	Year 6 SATs workshop for parents
Thursday 28 March	All day	School closed for children Sutton By Election

Dates for Diary - April 2019

Monday 1 April	9.00am refreshments 9.15am start	Year 1 Assembly
Monday 1 April	11.00am	Sponsored Walk
Wednesday 3 April	3.30pm to 7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday 4 April	3.30pm to 6.00pm	Parents' Evening
Friday 5 April	6.45pm-9.00pm	PTA Family Bingo Night
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	KS2 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
Tuesday 30 April	6.00pm to 7.00pm	First Holy Communion information meeting for parents in church
Dates for Diary - May 2019		
Tuesday 7 May	9.00am refreshments 9.15am start	Year 3 Assembly
Tuesday 21 May	9.00am refreshments 9.15am start	Year 5 Assembly
Tuesday 21 May	6.00pm to 7.00pm	Confirmation information meeting for parents in church
Dates for Diary - June 2019		
Tuesday 11 June	9.00am refreshments 9.15am start	Year 2 Assembly

**Other dates available on website*

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



Miss T Cotter
Principal

