

Newsletter No 25

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 22 March 2019



St Patrick's Day

We were a sea of green on Monday to celebrate the feast of St Patrick and Niamh (Y4) shared her God given talent of Irish dancing to entertain us on Monday morning.

This week the children also enjoyed a session of Bhangra Dancing which they thoroughly enjoyed; there are some wonderful pictures and clips on Twitter.



Mothers' Day

It was lovely to welcome so many mums for our Mothers' Day lunches on Tuesday and Wednesday; last one next week. A big thank you to Mrs Watts and the kitchen staff for all their hard work preparing all the food and the lunchtime and school staff for working so hard to ensure that the lunch days ran smoothly.



Staffing

On 5 April, after six years, Mrs Cleaver will be leaving us to take up a new position of Office Manager at The Deanery Primary School. She leaves our school office a well organised machine!! I am sure you would join me in thanking Mrs Cleaver for all her hard work over the last six years and wish her every success in her new venture.

PE Kit

There have been an increasing number of instances recently of children not having the correct PE kit or not having any PE kit in school. PE is a national curriculum subject and there is an expectation that **all** children participate in the lessons as they would for RE, Maths or English etc.



Parents are also reminded that correct PE kit is part of our school uniform and correct PE kit **must** be worn at all times. All PE kit should be in a drawstring P.E. Bag.

The PE Kit is: black shorts, dark green T shirt with school logo, black pumps, trainers are only allowed for outdoor PE if specified by the class teacher, round green neck sweat shirt with logo (optional). Children are NOT allowed to wear any other clothes e.g. football shorts or tops or branded items.



Parents are urged to ensure that all items are clearly marked with the child's name. Thank you for your co-operation.



Mass: There will be no Mass in school next week due to the Sutton Coldfield By-Elections.

Letters sent to parents this week:

Y3: Palm Sunday Mass.

Y2 and Y4: Great British Spring Clean Campaign.

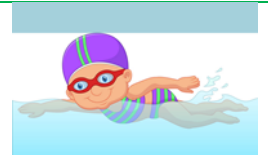
Whole School: Online Safety Parent Workshop



Please contact office if you have not received copy.

Swimming Gala

The annual Sutton Schools Swimming Gala took place at the Gala Baths in Walsall last Saturday and Holy Cross children demonstrated fabulous sportsmanship and supported and encouraged swimmers in all of the races. We had some fantastic individual results; Ruth H managed to secure a medal for winning the Girl's Butterfly race. Holy Cross came 3rd overall so a huge thank you to the whole team for your amazing efforts.



Good luck to all our swimmers who are competing in tomorrow's Catholic Sports Swimming gala - full report next week!



Mini Vinnies - Toiletries Tuesday (Tuesday 26 March)

A reminder that 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.



Champagne

The PTA is looking for a donation of a bottle of Champagne for the Easter Bingo Evening. If you have one you would like to donate please send it into the school office. Thank you.

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.

Palm Sunday Mass

This will be held on Sunday 14 March 10.30am in Church. A letter has been sent out to all Year 3 parents asking their children to take part. If you require a copy please contact the school office.



Enterprise Shed

Next week the enterprise shed will be used throughout the week by children who would like to sell items to raise money for our Lenten charities. The Truthful Trio from Y5 will be selling prayers, prayer books, short stories and entry into the 'Battle of the Books'. Prices will range from 20p to £1- please do support our children in this event. Thank you.



Football Match

We have a football match at Penns J & I School today. Please come along to support our team. Thank you. Good luck!

Great British Spring Clean Campaign

Wednesday 3 April at 2pm our Year 2 and Year 4 class will be completing a litter pick around our local area. This is part of The Great British Spring Clean Campaign organised by Keep Britain Tidy. This event respects children's right to a clean environment and encourages children to understand the importance of community cohesion. We would like for you or a family member to attend this event. Letters went out to parents today. If you would like a copy please ask at the school office. Thank you.





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.



Air Pollution

Thank you to parents for their co-operation in the work the school council and rights respecting team have been leading this week in regards to air pollution. The dream the children have is that Laburnum Drive and Hilary Drive won't be used during drop off and pick up times. We want to encourage parents to park in surrounding roads and partially walk to the school gate. At the moment the current levels of air pollution around our school is encroaching on the European Union legal limit for NO2. All our children have the right to clean air and the right to be heard so our children are asking for your understanding and co-operation in this matter. Cancer, heart disease and asthma have all been linked to poor air quality and it's usually the most vulnerable in our society, like our children, who are at highest risk.

Online Safety Workshop

Thank you to all parents who completed the online safety audit. We have now used the information provided to plan an Online Safety Workshop to continue to support you in ensuring your child is safe online.



There was a varied response when asked what time the workshop should be held, so we have decided to hold two workshops to ensure your views are being listened to. These will both be held on Tuesday 7 May 2019 at 2.30pm finishing at 3.15pm and 5pm finishing at 5.45pm. Letters went out to parents today. If you would like a copy please ask at the school office. Thank you.



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 3 with 99.2% Well done!

The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 4.



Recommendations



Recommendations:

EYFS: Noah N, Skye T **Year 1:** Ruby H, Cora L **Year 2:** Addison H-G, Jacob H **Year 3:** Alex E, Ruth R **Year 4:** Aaron H, Angel M **Year 5:** Darren A, Mollie-Mae H **Year 6:** Harrison S, James M **Mrs Hope:** Charlotte L, Cillian K, Ava A, Imogen A (Y6). **Lunchtime Award:** Cora L (Y1).



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:** Anuli A **Mr Rowlands:** Hughie O'D **Miss Stewart:** Molly F **Miss Stevens:** Tommy M **Miss Lovelock:** Phoebe F **Mr Mayor:** Darcie W **Miss Cross:** Ava A
Mrs Hope: Jay M.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week: **Annie E (Y3).**

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	Year 1 Assembly

	9.15am start	
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
Dates for Diary - July 2019		
Friday 12 July	9.15am - 11.45am	Sports Day
Friday 12 July	3.20pm - 5.20pm	Family PTA BBQ

***Other dates available on website**

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



Miss T Cotter
Principal

