

Newsletter No 26

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 29 March 2019



We welcomed our last group of special ladies to our Mothers' Day lunch on Tuesday. These have been very well attended which is lovely to see. A BIG thank you to all the staff who worked so hard in making these days run so smoothly. A heads up to all our dads; the dates for your lunches are set!

Supporting the reputation of our school

This week the children have been out and about on educational visits and participating in sporting events. Staff and members of the public have commented (as they often do) on the excellent behaviour and attitude shown by our children; they are real ambassadors of our school! Unfortunately, this is not the case with the behaviour shown by a small number of parents. Yet again I have received calls this week from Laburnum Drive residents concerning the conduct of parents who again are blocking the drives of residents. What is even worse is that when the residents speak to the drivers, they received a response which was rude and/or aggressive. We constantly teach the children to support our mission and live like Jesus, treating others as we would like to be treated, however the biggest influences on children are their parents; please consider the example you are setting. I should not be apologising, on behalf of the school, for the conduct of adults. I urge you to fully cooperate in this important matter. Thank you.

Newsletter/Communication Questionnaire

Thank you to those who have responded to our questionnaire about communication between home and school. If you are still to return your questionnaire, please do so by **Monday 1 April**.



Parent Consultation Evenings

We look forward to welcoming all parents on Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 April. Please ensure that you have made an appointment with your child's teacher to discuss their progress. We will also be distributing our annual Parent Questionnaire for you to complete when you arrive for your appointment. Please complete and return in the box provided on the evening; or return to the school office no later than **Monday 8 April**. Thank you.



Mass: Year 4 will lead our Mass in *church* on **Thursday 4 April**. Everyone is welcome.

Letters sent to parents this week:

Whole School: **St. John Paul II Multi Academy 'MAC FEST'**

Please contact office if you have not received copy.



Poppy Appeal

Thank you very much for helping with this appeal, we raised an amazing £212.78! Thank you.



Year 6 SATs Workshop

Thank you to parents who attended this workshop; we hope that you found it very useful.



Year 5 Trip to Singers Hill

As part of the World Religions RE curriculum in Year 5, the children visited the historic Singers Hill Synagogue and Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery earlier this week. The trip involved a guided tour of the beautiful synagogue looking at the different ways the Jewish People praise God. The day included a brief tour of the World Religions exhibition at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. The children were truly 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!



Football

Last week, Holy Cross played against Penns school. After taking an early lead, the team were unable to hold it and eventually lost the match. The team performed well and gave 100% effort as they tried to get back into the match. We are proud of all of them.



Netball

On Wednesday, the girls' netball team competed in the Birmingham Catholic Schools Netball Competition. After finishing 2nd in their group, the girls then lost their semi-final match to the eventual overall winners; English Martyrs. We then played St. Anne's in the 3rd/4th playoff winning the match 5-4, despite being 2-1 down at the halfway point. They showed great resolve and determination to succeed. We are proud of their efforts.



Year 1 - Class Assembly

On **Monday 1 April** refreshments at 9.00am assembly starting at 9.15am our Year 1 class will be performing their assembly about 'Weather Explorers'. Please come along and support our children. Thank you.



Family Bingo Night

This very enjoyable and popular event will be held on **Friday 5 April** in the school hall. Doors open at 6.45pm, bingo starts at 7.00pm. Easter Eggs for all winners! Flyers have been sent home giving you more information and the opportunity to order your food. If you require a copy please contact the school office. As we are limited on numbers, forms need to be returned by **Monday 1 April**. Thank you for your support.



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.***



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 last week. If you would like a copy please ask at the school office. Thank you.



After School Football Year 3 and Year 4

After School Tennis EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2

The deadline to email Micro Sports and pay for the above is **Wednesday 10 April**. A letter has been sent home with children giving more details. Please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you.

Palm Sunday Mass

This will be held on **Sunday 14 April** 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.



Dinner Money

Parents of KS2 children who have school dinners, the deadline for the payment of **£40.85 is Friday 3 May 2019**; please make payment through ParentPay. Thank you.



Year 6 Trip to St Chad's Cathedral

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 6 on a visit to St Chad's Cathedral on **Tuesday 11 June**. The children will be travelling by bus; 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. The cost of this trip is £7.00. Please pay via Parent Pay the deadline for payment and to complete and return proforma is **Tuesday 4 June**. A letter has been sent home to all Year 6 parents. If you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Fathers' Day Lunches 2019

Wednesday 12 June (Children with surname A-L) and Thursday 13 June (Children with surname M-Z)

We are holding two Fathers' Day Lunch Days where your child can invite one gentleman to lunch! This can be fathers, grandfathers, uncles or a family friend.

If your child normally has sandwiches but would like a school meal that day the cost is £2.15, adult meals are £3.80 per person. We are only able to accommodate one gentleman per family. If your child is in KS1 and normally has sandwiches you will need to order a child's meal but no payment is required due to the universal free school meal entitlement. Please contact the school office to order a meal.

Lunch will be served from 12:00pm - 1:00pm and guests are requested to arrive at **11.45am**; entering the school through the Key Stage 1 entrance. Please note due to lack of space in the school hall and the popularity of this event no other children are allowed.

If you wish to join us please log into your Parent Pay account and to make a payment (£3.80 for adult meal and £2.15 if your child is in KS2 and usually has sandwiches). Please ensure you complete notes section; stating how many adult meals you have ordered and how many meals if your child has sandwiches. If your child has school meals every day, please pay for their meal in the normal way and just order the appropriate additional adult meal.

If you are unable to attend on your allocated date; please send a letter into the school office for an alternative day.

The deadline for ordering and paying for meals is Tuesday 21 May; 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 3 and Year 5 with 100% Well done!

The Punctuality Award for the week: We had no late arrivals this week; well done!



Recommendations



Recommendations:

EYFS: Louis McL, Skyler W **Year 1:** Martha W, Eden T **Year 2:** Ronan L, Eliza H

Year 3: Daniel W, Ellen T **Year 4:** Harry K, Eden H **Year 5:** Ella W, Mia B

Year 6: Bonnie T-M, Daisy C **Mrs Hope:** Lola F.



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:** Amelie M-B **Mr Rowlands:** Emileen W **Miss Stewart:** Ollie L, Charlie C (Y1) **Miss Stevens:** Alex S **Miss Lovelock:** Lily H **Mr Mayor:** Whole Class, Dylan G, Thomas B, Frank W (Y6) **Miss Cross:** Erin L-F **Mrs Hope:** Logan McC, Kieron McC (Y4).



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

Scarlett W (EYFS), Ellie M-B (Y3), Caitlin L (Y5).

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	2.00pm	Great British Spring Campaign Year 2 & Year 4
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
Tuesday 9 April	3.30pm	Football match (HOME) vs St Nicholas Catholic Primary School
Wednesday 10 April	9.15am to 10.00am	KS2 Passion Play
Friday 12 April	9.15am to 10.00am	Passiontide Service
Sunday 14 April	10.30am	Palm Sunday Mass
Tuesday 30 April	6.00pm to 7.00pm	First Holy Communion information meeting for parents in church

Dates for Diary - May 2019

Wednesday 1 May	7.00pm	PTA meeting
Tuesday 7 May	2.30pm to 3.15pm	Online safety parent workshop
Tuesday 7 May	5.00pm to 5.45pm	Online safety parent workshop
Tuesday 7 May	9.00am refreshments 9.15am start	Year 3 Assembly
Friday 10 May	7.00pm	Funtime Friday at Castle Bromwich Hall Hotel
Tuesday 21 May	9.00am refreshments	Year 5 Assembly

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Tuesday 21 May	6.00pm to 7.00pm	Confirmation information meeting for parents in church
Dates for Diary - June 2019		
Saturday 8 June	12.00pm	Year 3 Holy Communion
Tuesday 11 June	9.00am refreshments 9.15am start	Year 2 Assembly
Tuesday 11 June	All day	Year 6 trip to St Chad's Cathedral
Wednesday 12 June	11.45am	Fathers' Day Lunch (Children with surnames A-L)
Thursday 13 June	11.45am	Fathers' Day Lunch (Children with surnames M-Z)
Saturday 15 June	12.00pm	Year 3 Holy Communion
Tuesday 18 June	9.00am	Academy Photographers in school class, leavers and EYFS Graduation
Thursday 20 June	8.50am	Corpus Christi Procession
Dates for Diary - July 2019		
Thursday 4 July	7.00pm	Year 6 Confirmation
Friday 5 July	7.30pm	Year 6 Leavers' party at Hollyfields Social Club
Friday 12 July	9.15am - 11.45am	Sports Day
Friday 12 July	3.20pm - 5.20pm	Family PTA BBQ
Tuesday 16 July	6.00pm to 7.00pm	Year 6 leavers' production

**Other dates available on website*



We wish all our very special and hardworking mums a very 'Happy Mothers' Day' - we hope you have a very special day.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

Miss T Cotter
Principal

