

**Newsletter No 27**

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 5 April 2019



**Parents' Evening/ Questionnaire Reminder**

Thank you to all parents who attended our Parents' Evening on Wednesday and Thursday and to those of you who have already completed questionnaires. We do value your feedback so if you took your questionnaire home to complete, please return to school no later than **Thursday 11 April**. Thank you.



**Mrs Cleaver**

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Cleaver who has been our Office Manager for six years. I am sure that we would all like to thank her again for her work for the school and wish her every success in her new role at The Deanery Primary School.

**Polite Reminder**

Parents are reminded that if their child is going home with a different adult, a letter must be submitted to the class teacher so we have a record of consent. This also applies if a child in exceptional cannot do PE or cannot go out to break, a letter stating the reason must be sent in to the class teacher. There is a growing number of parents coming to the office and giving this information verbally and not in writing. I ask for your cooperation in this matter.



**Family Bingo Night**

Eyes down look in! We are looking forward to tonight. Doors open at 6.45pm, eyes down at 7.00pm! Let us hope it is a great success and that you win lots of Easter eggs! Thank you to the PTA for their hard work in organising the event.



**Mass:** Year 5 will lead our Mass in school on **Thursday 11 April**. Everyone is welcome.

**Letters sent to parents this week:**

Whole school: **Fathers' Day Lunch**

Whole school: **Letter re School Office**

*Please contact office if you have not received copy.*



**Year 1 - Class Assembly**

Thank you to everyone who came to Year 1 assembly; we hope you all enjoyed it!



### Lenten Charities

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. Year 5 will be selling short stories, bags, poems, pouches, guess the name of the teddy, golden tickets, stationery and a tombola. Prices will range from 20p to £2- please do support our children in this event. Thank you.



### HSBC

A member of the HSBC Bank will visit our school on **Monday 8 April**. We try to encourage our KS2 children to open and be responsible for their own bank account and manage their money.



### Lenten Fundraising - Whole School Sponsored Walk

Well done to all the children for completing the Sponsored walk, and thank you to the volunteers. Please send all collected money into school no later than **Wednesday 10 April**.



### 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.



### Easter Activities - Monday 8 April

#### Key Stage 2

On **Monday 8 April** KS2 children will need to bring in a decorated egg for Easter. The decorated eggs will be displayed in the KS2 corridor On **Tuesday 9 April** for you to view if you are attending Stations of the Cross. Thank you.



#### EYFS and KS1

On **Monday 8 April** children in Key Stage 1 will need to bring in their Easter Bonnets. They will parade around the key stage 1 playground at **8.50am**; parents are invited to stay in the playground and watch the parade.

### KS2 Passion Play and Stations of the Cross

On **Tuesday 9 April** we will be participating in Stations of the Cross at **9.15am** in the hall.



The KS2 Passion Play - 'Good News' will take place on; **Wednesday 10 April refreshments at 9.00am and the play will start at 9.15am**.

On **Thursday 11 April**, we will be holding Maundy Thursday Prayer Service at **9.15am** in the hall.

On **Friday 12 April**, we will be holding Passiantide service at **9.15am** in the hall.

*All parents are very welcome at all occasions.*

### 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.



### Summer School Uniform

All children are required to wear their summer uniforms as soon as we return after the Easter holidays (hopefully we will be basking in tropical sunshine by then!) Thank you for your support.

Green check dress, suitable shoes, with white socks or grey trousers or shorts with jade green polo shirt with logo, grey socks, and sensible dark school shoes - no trainers.

Please note the round neck; green sweatshirt is not part of everyday uniform. This sweatshirt is to be worn only for PE. Thank you.



### Father Hudson's Society Good Shepherd Appeal

Please return the boxes for the above no later than **Friday 3 May**. Thank you for your generosity.



### 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.

**ONLINE  
SAFETY**



### Online Safety Workshop

This will be held on **Tuesday 7 May** at 2.30pm to 3.15pm. Due to lack of numbers there **will not** be a session held at 5.00pm. Please contact the school office if you have any queries. Thank you.



### Holy Cross PTA presents:

**Funtime Friday at Castle Bromwich Hall Hotel on Friday 10 May 2019.**

### The evening comprises of:

3 course dinner, auction, raffle & DJ £30.00 per person. This will be a fantastic night **for parents** please come along. Thank you for your support.

A flyer has been sent home with your child giving you further information regarding the above. If you have not received a flyer please contact school office.



### 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. A letter has been emailed home to all parents, please contact the school office if you require a copy.

**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.**



### 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 the 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.



**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 2 with 99.7% Well done!**

**The Punctuality Award for the week: No lates again this week, well done!**



### Recommendations



#### Recommendations:

**EYFS:** Rory H, Scarlett W **Year 1:** Drew B-H, Ben M **Year 2:** Gabby L, Jay M **Year 3:** Annie E, Alfie J **Year 4:** Myles O'D, Tyrese L **Year 5:** Olivia H, Sian J **Year 6:** James D, Harrison S  
**Mrs Hope:** Flynn B.

**Lunchtime Award:** Owen P (Y6).



### 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:** Samuel J **Mr Rowlands:** James M (Y6) **Miss Stewart:** Jessie F  
**Miss Stevens:** Charlie G, Jak McS **Miss Lovelock:** Liam O'T **Mr Mayor:** Olivia W **Miss Cross:** Enja B  
**Mrs Hope:** Niamh C.



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

Rory H (EYFS), Darren A (Y5), Cillian K (Y6).

<b>Dates for Diary - April 2019</b>		
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
<b>Thursday 11 April</b>	<b>5.00pm to 6.00pm</b>	<b>Netball match @ Sutton College</b>
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
<b>Dates for Diary - May 2019</b>		
<b>Monday 6 May</b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>School closed Bank Holiday</b>
Tuesday 7 May	2.30pm to 3.15pm	Online safety parent workshop
<b>Tuesday 7 May</b>	<b>5.00pm to 5.45pm</b>	<b>Online safety parent workshop cancelled</b>
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 9.15am start	Year 5 Assembly
Tuesday 21 May	6.00pm to 7.00pm	Confirmation information meeting for parents in church
<b>Dates for Diary - June 2019</b>		
<b>Monday 3 June</b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>School closed Inset Day</b>
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
<b>Dates for Diary - July 2019</b>		
<b>Wednesday 3 July</b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>Handover Day</b>
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**

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



Miss T Cotter  
Principal

### *A Prayer for Lenten Grace*

Loving God,

During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.

Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.

Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.

Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul, remind me of the grace and simplicity.

May this season be grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.

*Amen.*

