



Newsletter No 33

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 7 June 2019

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed the half term break and are ready to face the final very busy half term!



On Saturday, our first group of children: Iris A, Ella B, Daniel B, Jack B, Oskar C, Nathaniel C, Gracie D, Alexandra E, Alice F, Charlie G, Henry H, Ruth H, Ellie M-B, Harry W will be making their First Holy Communion at 12.00 Mass at Holy Cross Church. The children have been working very hard with Miss Stevens to prepare for this Sacrament. This will be a very special day for them and we hope that you will be able to come and share in this celebration. Please remember these children in your prayers. (Please pray for sunshine too!)



Choir

A reminder that members of the choir from Years 4-6 are asked to sing at the First Holy Communion Masses (8 and 15 June). We want this to be a special day for all our Year 3 children so please support them by ensuring that if your child is in the choir they sing at both or at least one of the Masses. It would be very sad if we did not have a strong choir on such an important occasion. I sincerely hope that you will show your support in this important matter.



Parking

On both Saturdays there will be a lot of extra cars. Please park carefully and do not block any of the residents' driveways. Thank you for your support.

Dates for Diary - June 2019

Saturday 8 June	12.00pm	Year 3 Holy Communion
Monday 10 June	All day	Year 4 Walmley Cricket Club 'Chance to Shine'
Tuesday 11 June	All day	Year 5 Walmley Cricket Club 'Chance to Shine'
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)
Friday 14 June	All day	Soccer Aid
Saturday 15 June	12.00pm	Year 3 Holy Communion
Monday 17 June	12.30pm	HSBC in school
Monday 17 June	All week	Refugee Week
Tuesday 18 June	Varied	Scavenger Hunt
Tuesday 18 June	All day	Year 3 & Year 4 trip to New Hall Mill
Tuesday 18 June	9.00am	Academy Photographers in school class, leavers and

		EYFS Graduation
Tuesday 18 June	6.00pm	Induction Evening for EYFS class September 2019
Thursday 20 June	8.50am	Corpus Christi Procession
Thursday 27 June	6.00pm	Creative Arts Evening
Dates for Diary - July 2019		
Monday 1 July	All day	Year 1 trip to Warwick Castle
Monday 1 July	12.30pm	HSBC in school
Tuesday 2 July	1.00pm to 3.00pm	Year 3 trip to Adderley Primary School
Tuesday 2 July	3.20pm to 4.30pm	PTA Disco
Wednesday 3 July	All day	Handover Day
Wednesday 3 July	6.30pm	Induction Evening for Y6 parents at Bishop Walsh
Thursday 4 July	All day	EYFS trip to Twycross Zoo
Thursday 4 July	7.00pm	Year 6 Confirmation
Friday 5 July	7.30pm	Year 6 Leavers' party at Hollyfields Social Club
Monday 8 July	6.30pm	Information Evening for Y5 parents at Bishop Walsh
Tuesday 9 July	All day	Y5 trip to Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre
Tuesday 9 July	All day	Y2 Trip to Weston Super Mare
Thursday 11 July	All day	Y4 Trip to Nishkam School
Thurs 11 July	All day	Y3 trip to Birmingham Rep Theatre
Friday 12 July	9.15am - 11.45am	Sports Day
Friday 12 July	3.20pm - 5.20pm	Family PTA BBQ
Monday 15 July	12.30pm	HSBC in school
Monday 15 July to Thursday 18 July	All day	Year 5 Bikeability
Tuesday 16 July	6.00pm to 7.00pm	Year 6 Leavers' production
Wednesday 17 July	All day	Year 6 trip to the Safari Park
Friday 19 July	2.00pm-3.00pm	EYFS Graduation-parents invited

***Other dates available on website**



Mass: Year 4 will lead our Mass on Thursday 13 June, in school. All welcome.



Corpus Christ Procession and Holy Communion Breakfast (20 June 2019) -Help needed from Y2 parents!

Thank you to the two people who have volunteered so far but others are still needed from Year 2 parents to help with First Holy Communion Breakfast. Next year, it will be your child's turn and I'm sure you would be grateful for parents to prepare the breakfast for your child's class so I please ask that if you can help, you contact the school office. Thank you.



Music Lessons - September 2019

If your child will be in Year 2 - Year 6 from September 2019 and are interested in starting cello, violin, guitar or flute please contact the school office for further details. Thank you.



Tag Rugby

On Tuesday, we took a group of boys and girls from Year 6 to compete in the BCSSA tag rugby competition. The team played fantastically well, working well together and pushing each other on. They showed great team spirit, sharing the tries around the team and supporting each other. The team won 4 out of their 6 matches, finishing top of the Championship. The matches that they lost were very close affairs, losing 3-2 and then 1-0. We were very proud of the team and all their efforts.



Warwickshire Cricket Club Competition Year 4 and Year 5

On **Monday 10 June** Year 4 children have been invited to compete in a friendly chance to shine cricket competition run by Warwickshire Cricket Club. Year 5 children will be going on **Tuesday 11 June**. A letter has been sent home giving further details please contact the school office if you require a copy. Please complete and return proforma no later than **Friday 7 June**. Thank you.



Year 2 Assembly Tuesday 11 June - 9.15am (refreshments at 9.00am)

Our Year 2 class will be performing their assembly about 'Superheroes'; I am sure it will be very entertaining! Everyone welcome! I hope that many of you will be able to attend. Thank you.

Fathers' Day Lunches 2019

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

Please note that orders are now closed for our two Fathers' Day lunches. Lunch will be served from 12.00pm and guests are requested to arrive at the Key Stage One entrance at 11.45am. We are looking forward to welcoming you to what should be a most enjoyable event.



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Soccer Aid for UNICEF Playground Challenge

Soccer Aid for Unicef 2019 is just around the corner and we're really excited to be getting involved this year with our very own Playground Challenge! This is a great opportunity to get the whole school together, and for our pupils to learn about and raise money for children around the world whose lives have been disrupted by disease, hunger and poverty.

What are we doing? To raise money, we will be... participating in a whole school Obstacle Course!

It will be made of different challenges for the children to combat including, penalty shoot-out, and circus skills- lots of fun to be had! It will be on **Friday 14 June at 9.30a.m** on the KS2 Field. A letter and sponsor form has been sent home with all children. Please contact the school office if you require a copy. Please return sponsor money no later than **Friday 28 June**. Thank you for all your support for this fantastic charity.



Refugee Week

This year our school will be taking part in the nationwide event 'Refugee Week', which aims to raise an awareness and celebration of the contribution of refugees to the UK.

The theme of Refugee Week 2019, 'You, me and those who came before', is an invitation to explore the lives of refugees - and those who have welcomed them - throughout the generations.

During this week the Mini Vinnies and the Rights Respecting Representatives have chosen to collect donations for St Chad's Sanctuary which is in Birmingham and is a place of welcome for Refugees and Asylum Seekers. They desperately need donations of children's clothing, from the age of 4- 12 years old. During this week please could you send in donations of children's clothing for our team to collect and drop off at St Chad's Sanctuary on Friday 21 June 2019.

We would also like to take this opportunity to invite any member of your family into the school On Monday 17 June at 9.00a.m, who may wish to share their experience of being a refugee or an immigrant with their child's class. It is important for our children to understand that Refugees and Asylum Seekers live within our community. A letter has been sent home with all children please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you.



Scavenger Hunt

Our Rights Respecting Representatives would like to invite you to take part in our Rights Scavenger Hunt! This is to improve your knowledge of your child/children's rights in a fun and engaging way. The children will have to follow clues around the school to find statements/questions about the Rights of the Child to solve a riddle! Parents are then invited to take part in games with their child/children and refreshments will be served.

The event will take place on **Tuesday 18 June** in the afternoon and each class will take part at different time slots. A letter has been sent home with all children, if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Dinner Money

Parents of KS2 children who have school dinners, the deadline for the payment of **£73.10 is Friday 14 June**; please make payment through ParentPay. Thank you.



Year 5 visit to Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 5 on a visit to Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre on **Tuesday 9 July 2019**. A voluntary donation of £18.00 is now required to cover the cost of transport, admission and insurance. Payment for this trip is via Parent Pay; deadline for payment is **Friday 21 June**. A letter has been sent home with all Year 5 children; if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Year 6 visit to West Midlands Safari Park

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 6 on a visit to West Midlands Safari Park on **Wednesday 17 July 2018**. A voluntary donation of £28.00 is now required to cover the cost of transport, admission and insurance. Payment for this trip is via Parent Pay; deadline for payment is **Friday 28 June**. A letter has been sent home with all Year 6 children; if you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.

Birmingham Schools UNICEF Sharing Event

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 3 to perform at the Birmingham Repertory Theatre. They will need to attend a Dress Rehearsal event on the afternoon of **Tuesday 2nd July** at Adderley Primary School. This will offer a chance for our children to rehearse in front of an audience and prepare them for the final event. We will return back to school for the end of the school day. The PTA has kindly offered to fund the cost of transport for this trip.

The main event will be on **Thursday 11th July** at Birmingham Repertory Theatre. A voluntary donation of £9.00 is now required to cover the cost of transport and insurance. Payment for this trip is via Parent Pay; deadline for payment is **Thursday 4 July**. A letter has been sent home with all Year 3 children; 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 6 with 99.2% Well done!

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

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendations: EYFS: Eamonn G, Isabelle A Year 1: Jack M, Jessica S Year 2: Caitlin McG, Daniel K Year 3: Tommy M, Jack McS Year 4: Caitlin K, Liam B Year 5: Fraser C, Alicia I Year 6: James M, Frank W.

Lunchtime Award: Frankie J (Y4).

Sports Award: Tag Rugby Team.



Virtues and Values

This half term we are concentrating on being 'Intentional and Prophetic'. 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:** Aariana M **Mr Rowlands:** George B **Miss Stewart:** Jacob H **Miss Stevens:** Daniel W **Mrs Hope:** Ella P **Mr Mayor:** Erin P **Miss Cross:** Isabel W.



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

Eva H, Scarlett T, (Y5), Frank W, Johnny G (Y6).

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'T. Cotter' with a diagonal slash at the end.

Miss T Cotter
Principal

