



**Newsletter No 34**

**Dear Parents and Friends**

**Friday 14 June 2019**



Last Saturday, our first group of children celebrated the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. It was a beautiful Mass; a very reverent occasion for our children and their families. Tomorrow, our second group of children: Annie E, Maria J, Alfie J, Salvio J, Sophia J, Cormac K, Christopher K, Tommy M, Jak McS, Sienna M, Niall O'D, Anaha P, Alexander S, Ellen T, Daniel W and Elyssa P will be receiving this Sacrament at 12.00 Mass at Holy Cross Church. The children have been working very hard with Miss Stevens and Mrs Gregory to prepare for this occasion. 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 Mass. 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. Thank you to Mr Mayor for preparing the choir so well.



**Parking**

On Saturday 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.



**Fathers' Day Lunch Days**

Thank you to all the dads, grandads and uncles who attended these special days; we had a great turnout. We are also very grateful to Mrs Watts and the kitchen and lunchtime staff who worked so hard to ensure both days ran smoothly.

**Dates for Diary - June 2019**

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	Rights Respecting 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 <b>Mass at church</b>
<b>Monday 24 June</b>	<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>Rights Respecting Steering Group Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday 25 June</b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>Gold Rights Respecting visit</b>
<b>Wednesday 26 June</b>	<b>9.00am Refreshments 9.15am Start</b>	<b>EYFS Assembly</b>

Thursday 27 June	6.00pm	Creative Arts Evening
Friday 28 June	All day	Bring in a bottle of wine - non-school uniform day
<b>Dates for Diary - July 2019</b>		
Monday 1 July	All day	Year 1 trip to Warwick Castle
Monday 1 July	12.30pm	HSBC in school
Tuesday 2 July	9.15am	Year 6 Confirmation rehearsal in church
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	Year 5 trip to Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre
Tuesday 9 July	All day	Year 2 Trip to Weston Super Mare
Thursday 11 July	All day	Year 4 Trip to Nishkam School
Thursday 11 July	All day	Year 3 trip to Birmingham Rep Theatre
Thursday 11 July	All day	Year 5 & Year 6 MAC Fest at Bishop Walsh
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**



### **Corpus Christi Procession and Holy Communion Breakfast (20 June 2019)**

**Mass:** Year 3 will lead our Mass in *Church* on **Thursday 20 June**. This is also (weather permitting) our Corpus Christi procession when we process with the Blessed Sacrament from Church to school where we celebrate Benediction in front of the prayer garden. These Catholic traditions are not seen as often these days, so please make every effort to attend Mass on Thursday. Everyone is very welcome.

This will be followed by the Year 3 children enjoying their First Holy Communion Celebration breakfast.

Thank you to those of you who have volunteered to help with the preparation of the Communion breakfast.



### **Staffing from September 2019**

At the end of term, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Stewart, who will be leaving us after three years to join St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Darlaston, Walsall as Early Years Lead. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her every success with her promotion.

In September we are delighted that Mrs Hope will be staying with us and that we will welcome Miss Nash to the school (Year 5 know her very well!). An ex pupil of our Academy Schools; she is going to be a very exciting addition to our staff team.

### Class teachers for September 2019

EYFS: Mr Hunt

Year 1: Mr Rowlands

Year 2: Miss Cross

Year 3: Miss Stevens

Year 4: Miss Nash

Year 5: Mr Mayor

Year 6: Mrs Hope

Children will meet their new teachers on Handover Day on **Wednesday 3 July**.



### Safeguarding Newsletter for Parents

Miss Crowley has produced an additional newsletter as we have a growing amount of children showing signs of anxiety so we are hoping this will help open up the conversation at home. Please see attached.



### Screen Time

At Holy Cross Catholic Primary School we are committed to the safety and well-being of all children. It has been brought to our attention of some recent research conducted on screen time that we feel is important to share with you. Please see the attached information recently published by the 'Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health' and continue to be vigilant with the amount of screen time your children are having.

This links directly to article 24 of the rights of the child: 'Every child has the right to the best possible health, including an education on health and well-being so children can stay healthy.'



### 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.



### Year 2 Assembly Tuesday 11 June

Thank you to everyone who attending Year 2 assembly. I hope you all enjoyed it.

### HSBC Bank

A member of the HSBC Bank will visit our school on **Monday 17 June**. We try to encourage our KS2 children to open and be responsible for their own bank account and manage their money.





### Academy Photographers

On **Tuesday 18 June** the photographers will be in school to take photographs of classes, leavers and graduation. Please ensure that all children are in full summer uniform and they have a school cardigan/jumper with them. Thank you.



### Early Years Induction Evening

A reminder for parents with a child starting school in September 2019 that the Induction Evening is on **Thursday 18 June at 6.00pm** (refreshments served from 5:45pm). This is a very important evening for parents so please make every effort to attend.



### Rights Respecting Meeting- Monday 24 June

Invite to all to our next Rights Respecting meeting- Monday 24 June at 2.30p.m. We would like to invite you to our next Rights Respecting Steering Group. We would love for you to attend to offer any thoughts or opinions or simply listen to what we are currently doing to respect all children's rights.



### 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 today**; 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.



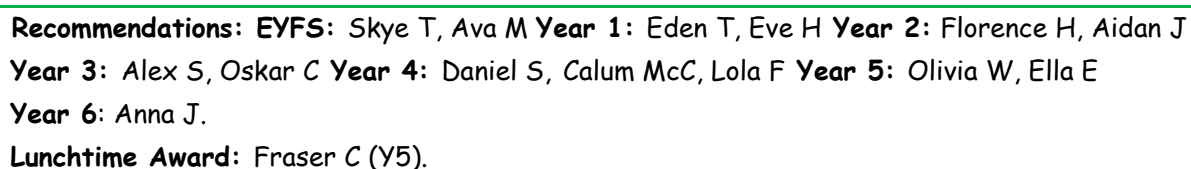
**Attendance - Our school strives for 100% attendance.**

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 1 with 100% Well done!**

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

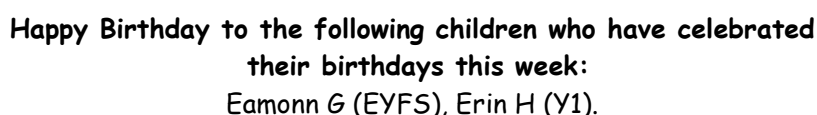




### Angel of the Week

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:** Oliver W **Mr Rowlands:** Ciara P **Miss Stewart:** Whole class, Jay M **Miss Stevens:** Gracie D **Mrs Hope:** Caitlin K **Mr Mayor:** Eva H **Miss Cross:** All the Rotary children.



Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely

Miss T Cotter  
Principal

*Happy Fathers' Day to all our lovely dads and granddads.*

*We hope you all have a lovely relaxing day!*

*For all our dads here and in heaven.*

... Dad ...

*If I could write a story  
It would be the greatest ever told  
Of a kind and loving Dad  
Who had a heart of gold  
I could write a million pages  
But still be unable to say, just how  
Much I love and miss him  
Every single day  
I will remember all he taught me  
I'm hurt but won't be sad  
Because he'll send me down the answers  
And he'll always be MY DAD*

### A Father's Day Prayer

God,  
Bless all the fathers in the  
world. Father, we ask that You  
guide them to be good role  
models and loving to their  
children. We also ask that You  
help them to be a father like  
You are. Give them grace and  
patience to handle situations  
in a loving way.  
Amen