



Newsletter No 35

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 21 June 2019



On Saturday the second group of children received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. Both weeks have been very special and reverent occasions; the children were a credit to their families and the school. I would like to thank Miss Stevens and Mrs Gregory for preparing the Communicants so well. Thanks also to the children (and staff!) who sang in the choir, our altar servers, the parish choir, school staff and of course Fr Neil. These were very special days for everyone in our Holy Cross Family.



Yesterday morning we participated in a beautiful Thanksgiving Mass, Corpus Christi procession and outdoor Benediction. These traditions are not seen frequently these days so it was lovely for the children to have the opportunity to take part. They behaved so reverently so well done children! It was lovely to see so many parents at the Mass and taking part in the procession. The children who had recently received their First Holy Communion enjoyed their Celebration breakfast prepared by the Year 2 parents- thank you to all of you for helping to make this a special day.

IMPORTANT

School Places Vacancies

Due to different circumstances, we unusually have some school places available from September 2019. If you know any families with Catholic children who are looking for school places in Early Years (Reception), Year 1 or Year 2, please ask them to contact the school office.

Dates for Diary - June 2019

Monday 24 June	2.30pm	Rights Respecting Steering Group Meeting
Tuesday 25 June	All day	Gold Rights Respecting visit
Wednesday 26 June	9.00am Refreshments 9.15am Start	EYFS Assembly
Thursday 27 June	6.00pm	Creative Arts Evening
Friday 28 June	All day	Bring in a bottle of wine - non-school uniform day

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	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	am	Year 5 & Year 6 MAC Fest at Bishop Walsh
Friday 12 July	9.15am - 11.45am	Sports Day Non-school uniform 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
Friday 19 July	3.20pm	Last day of term!

***Other dates available on website**

Letters emailed to parents this week:

Year 4: Forest School

Please contact office if you have not received copy



Mass: Year 5 will lead our Mass in School on **Thursday 27 June**. Everyone is welcome.



Athletics

This week the children of KS2 have been very busy competing in 2 athletics competitions. On Monday, we took at team to the Alexander Stadium to compete in the Birmingham Catholic Athletics Competition. Then on Wednesday we went to Wyndley Leisure Centre to compete in the Sutton Schools Athletics Competition.

The children did incredibly well, pushing themselves to achieve their best and representing the school. We had a few 1st and 3rd place finishes, but all of the children scored valuable points to achieve our final finishing place.

Refugee
Week



Refugee Week

This year our school has taken part in the nationwide event 'Refugee Week', which aims to raise an awareness and celebration of the contribution of refugees to the UK. During this week the Mini Vinnies and the Rights Respecting Representatives have been collecting donations for St Chad's Sanctuary which is in Birmingham and is a place of welcome for Refugees and Asylum Seekers. This afternoon Miss Crowley and four members of the Mini Vinnies have taken all the clothes to St Chad's. Thank you very much for all the donations that we have received; we have such kind and generous families within our Holy Cross family!



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Soccer Aid for UNICEF Playground Challenge

This morning we participated in a whole school Obstacle Course! It was made of different challenges for the children including, penalty shoot-out, and circus skills- lots of fun was had! 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.



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.



Year 4 Forest School

Next half term Year 4 will be taking part in weekly 'forest school' activities every Wednesday morning. In order for your child to take part in forest schools they must be appropriately dressed for all weather conditions. Forest School will take place every Wednesday, starting **Wednesday 26 June then 10 and 17 July**. A letter has been emailed home to all parents; please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you.



Summer Fayre Friday 12 July

The PTA are only requesting one donation form parents this year.

Water to Wine Stall

On **Friday 28 June** please send in a bottle of wine for the Water to Wine Stall. *This will be a non-school uniform day.*

If you available to stay after sports morning to help put up the gazebos please leave your details at the school office. Also if you can help before, on or after the event please contact the school office. Thank you.



Thank you for all your support towards making our Summer Fayre and BBQ a great success! Let's hope for good weather. Thank you.



Summer Fayre Volunteers Friday 12 July

The PTA would like to offer the pupils in Years 4 and 5 the opportunity to help the PTA by running some of the game stalls at the summer fayre on Friday 6 July. A letter has been sent home with children; please complete and return no later than **Friday 28 June**. Please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you.



EYFS Assembly Wednesday 26 June - 9.15am (doors open for refreshments at 9.00am)

Our EYFS class will be performing their assembly about Dinosaurs. Everyone welcome! I hope that you will be able to attend. Thank you.



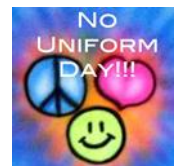
Creative Arts Evening

On **Tuesday 27 June** at **6.00pm** there will be a Creative Arts Evening. Children who are performing can arrive at **5.30pm**. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our children's talents with our whole school community! Please come along to support our children.



PTA Summer Disco. This day will be a non-uniform day.

This will be held on **Tuesday 2 July** from **3.20pm to 4.30pm**. If you are available to help please contact the school office. Thank you for your support.



Please pay £2.00 entrance fee via your Parent Pay account. The deadline for payment is Thursday 27 June. Any payments after this date will not be accepted.

Children can bring in a maximum £3.00 spending money in a purse on Tuesday 2 July.

If you will be collecting your child/children before the end of the disco; please inform the school office before 12.00pm on **Tuesday 2 July**. Thank you. Also, if your child/children will not be going to Kids' Club after the disco please let Kids' Club know as soon as possible. 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 **today**. 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: EYFS and Year 1 with 99.3% Well done!

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



Recommendations: EYFS: Freddie F, Rory H **Year 1:** Ruby H, Joseph F **Year 2:** Marian A, Gabby L, Eliza H **Year 3:** Christopher K, Sophia J **Year 4:** Joseph K, Flynn B
Year 5: Emma McK, Ryan K **Year 6:** Owen P, Frank W.
Lunchtime Award: Jake M-B (Y5).

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:** Skye T **Mr Rowlands:** Ellie G **Miss Stewart:** Whole Class
Miss Stevens: Whole Class **Mrs Hope:** Lily H **Mr Mayor:** Darcie W **Miss Cross:** Daisy C.



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

Klaudia R (Y2), Ellen T (Y3), Emma McK (Y5).

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely

Miss T Cotter
Principal

