



Newsletter No 36

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 28 June 2019



Please pray for all our Year 6 children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation from the Archbishop next Thursday.



Mass: Confirmation for our Year 6 children will take place on **Thursday 4 July**; there will be no Mass in school on this day.



Confirmation

- Children and sponsors must arrive by **6.30pm** and go straight to the Church hall where staff will be waiting. Parents to make their own way into Church.

If you wish your child to have a photograph the photographer will be available from **5.30pm to 6.15pm** in the Church hall.



Confirmation - Serving Refreshments Thursday 4 July

Volunteers are needed to help serve refreshments to parents and families after the Confirmation Mass. If you can spare some time please give your details to the school office or talk to a PTA member. Your help will be much appreciated - thank you.



Flowers for Church

Parents of Year 6 children are asked to contribute **£2.00** by **Wednesday 3 July** please send in a sealed envelope marked with your child's name and 'Confirmation Flowers.' Thank you.

Important Reminder

Parents are reminded that if children arrive at school late and the gates are closed at 8.50am; they must be accompanied by an adult and signed in at the office where the adult states the reason for being late. Children must **not** be dropped off at the gate to enter school unaccompanied. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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 Non-school uniform day
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 4 Performing Arts Day 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 'An Inspector Calls'
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!
Dates for Diary - July 2019		
Monday 2 September	All day	Inset Day
Tuesday 3 September	8.50am	Children return to school wearing summer uniform



Inset Days

Monday 2 September 2019, Monday 30 September 2019, Friday 29 November 2019, Monday 24 February 2020 and Monday 1 June 2020.

***Other dates available on website**

Letters emailed to parents this week:

Year 6: Arrangements for Confirmation

Year 5 and Year 6: Family Life Skills

Please contact office if you have not received copy



Loom Band Club

Every break and lunch time next week the Mini Vinnies will be holding a 'Loom Band Club'. This is to raise money for the community afternoon tea we will be holding in July. The price of the loom bands will range from 50p to £1.50. If your child would like to join the clubs please send money in next week. Thank you.



Health and Safety

We recently received a Health and Safety audit where all aspects of Health and Safety e.g. Policy and Procedures, Risk Assessments, First Aid, Wellbeing are all scrutinised and reviewed. I am delighted to say that we were awarded Level 5, which is the highest level that can be achieved. The reviewer said that it was very clear that everyone in school took responsibility for Health and Safety and we went above and beyond what was expected. I hope it is reassuring for all our families to see that we are truly committed to the safeguarding and wellbeing of everyone in our community.



And on that note....

Now the weather is hopefully improving, a reminder to parents regarding sun safety.

Sun Tan Cream

Children do not bring sun screen to school for health and safety reasons e.g. younger children not being able to apply correctly and getting sun screen in their eyes or the possibility of an allergic reaction. Parents are asked to apply a suitable high factor sun cream to their child/children before the school day begins. This will provide adequate protection for the rest of the day. The school obviously monitors weather conditions, ensuring water is available and children being reminded to seek shady areas and wear sun caps when outside. Thank you for your support.

Sunglasses

Children cannot wear sunglasses in the playground unless they suffer from extreme hay fever. If this is the case, please submit a letter to the school office. Thank you.



EYFS Assembly

Thank you to everyone who attended; I hope that you enjoyed it as much as I did! It is amazing to see how far the children have come in their first year at school. Well done to all the children and staff!



Creative Arts Evening

We had a very successful Creative Arts Evening last night; Holy Cross has very talented children! It was lovely to see children having the opportunity of showing their talents to an audience. Thank you to all our music teachers; Mr Holmes, Mr Smith, Miss Lauer, Miss Coombes, Mr Fekete, and to Mr Mayor and all the school staff for organising last night's event!

HSBC Bank

A member of the HSBC Bank will visit our school on **Monday 1 July**. We try to encourage our KS2 children to open and be responsible for their own bank account and manage their money.





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.

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.



Handover Day Wednesday 3 July

On Wednesday, our Year 6 children will visit their new Secondary schools and the rest of the school will spend the day with their new teachers. We also welcome our new Early Years children into school for a Teddy Bears' Picnic. I cannot believe we have reached that this time of year again!



Information from Bishop Walsh

An Induction Evening for parents of Year 6 children joining Bishop Walsh School September 2019 will be held on **Wednesday 3 July** in the School hall at 6:30pm

An Information Evening for parents of children, currently in Year 5, who would like to apply for place at Bishop Walsh Catholic School for September 2020 will take place at Bishop Walsh on **Monday 8 July** at 6:30pm



Poster Competition

As a Rights Respecting school we have been campaigning about air pollution and clear air (article 24). Birmingham City Council house have devised a poster competition to urge drivers to **SWITCH OFF** their engines in the area around their child's school. If your child would like to enter this competition, they must design a poster on A4 landscape paper. Entries must be handed in. To the class teacher no later than **Friday 5 July**. The winning entry will be made into a banner which will be displayed on the gates of schools across Birmingham. A letter with the full details about the poster competition has been sent home.



Year 4 visit to Bishop Walsh-Creative Arts Day

On **Tuesday 9 July** children in Year 4 will be going to Bishop Walsh to take part in a 'Creative Arts Day'. The day starts at 9.00am so children are required to arrive at school at 8.20am to walk to Bishop Walsh. Please provide a packed lunch. The children will be improving their skills design and art activities. A letter has been sent home; please complete and return proforma no later than **Thursday 4 July**. Please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you.



Photographs

Class, graduation, leavers and Corpus Christi photos were sent home with children this week. If you would like to place an order please return to **the school office** no later than **9.00am on Wednesday 10 July**. Thank you.

Holy Communion Photos

Orders need to be returned direct to **Academy Photographers** in the pre-paid envelope provided. Thank you.



Summer Fayre Friday 12 July

Raffle tickets have been sent home with children for you to win some fantastic prizes! Please return to the school office no later than **Monday 8 July**. Thank you.



Face Painting

If you can face paint and would like to volunteer at the Summer Fayre, please pass your details to a PTA member or the school office. Thank you.

Stalls Available

There are stalls available at a cost of £10.00; for further information please contact the school office. Thank you.

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.



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 **today**. 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 99% Well done!



Recommendations: EYFS: Alannah K, Anuli A, Rory H **Year 1:** Drew B-H, Nylah B
Year 2: Michael B, Sophie H **Year 3:** Ellie M-B, Harry W **Year 4:** Tyrese L, Ella P
Year 5: Joshua W, Nevin R **Year 6:** Leilagh K, Sam W, Thomas S.
Lunchtime Award: Marco S (EYFS).

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:** Marco S **Mr Rowlands:** Isabella M-S **Miss Stewart:** Bethany Mc **Miss Stevens:** Anaha P **Mrs Hope:** Frankie J **Mr Mayor:** Eliza S **Miss Cross:** Bonnie T-M, Isabel W.



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

Antoni C (Y1), Daniel K (Y2), Salvio J (Y3), Olivia F (Y5).

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely



Miss T Cotter
Principal



Prayer for the Help of the Holy Spirit

O God, send forth your Holy Spirit into my heart that I may perceive, into my mind that I may remember, and into my soul that I may meditate.

Inspire me to speak with piety, holiness, tenderness and mercy.

Teach, guide and direct my thoughts and senses from beginning to end.

May your grace ever help and correct me, and may I be strengthened now with wisdom from on high, for the sake of your infinite mercy. Amen.

Saint Anthony of Padua