



Newsletter No 37

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 5 July 2019

Confirmation

Last night, our Y6 children along with 9 children from the parish received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Rt. Rev David McGough LSS STL, Bishop Of Chunavia. I received so many compliments from members of the congregation regarding the reverence shown by the children, the atmosphere and the quality of the singing; it really was a very special occasion.

These events are very successful due to the hard work of everyone in our community and we are very grateful to Fr Neil, Mrs Jupp and Miss Cross for all their work in preparing the children for this very important Sacrament, Mr Mayor for preparing the choir, the PTA for providing refreshments in the Church hall and to the staff who attended the Mass to support the children on this special occasion.



Year 6 Leavers' Party

Tonight is the leavers' party, a time for year 6 and their families to enjoy a final celebration together. I am sure that it will be a great night.

Staffing Update

Mrs Gregory will be retiring at the end of the Summer term after 17 years of devoted and loyal service to Holy Cross Catholic Primary School. I am sure that you are all aware of the amazing job she has done over the years supporting children spiritually, socially, emotionally and academically. She has unconditionally supported the Catholic life and wider life of the school, parish and community. Mrs Gregory has been a selfless servant to Holy Cross who truly lived out the school's mission; she will be greatly missed.

Dates for Diary - July 2019

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	All day	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
Thursday 18 July	9.15am	Thanksgiving Mass-Confirmation certificates given to

		Year 6
Friday 19 July	2.00pm-3.00pm	EYFS Graduation-parents invited
Friday 19 July	am	Toy morning - full school uniform
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

****Other dates available on website***



Letters emailed to parents this week:

Year 2: Transition letter to Year 3.

Year 2: Weston Super Mare information.

Please contact office if you have not received copy



Important Notice

A reminder to all parents that any foods containing even traces of nuts are not permitted in school; either at break time or in lunchboxes. Children are permitted to bring in fruit or vegetables for break times; cereal bars are not permitted. As we have children in our school who have severe nut allergies, I urge parents to show full cooperation in this very important matter. Thank you.



Ordering School Uniform

Parents are reminded that school uniform should be ordered as early as possible to avoid disappointment. As you can appreciate this will be an extremely busy time for our suppliers Clive Mark and Mapac.



Mini Vinnies

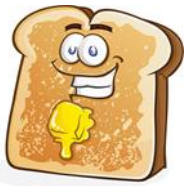
Well done to the 'Mini Vinnies' (and Mrs Hope) who gave up their lunch breaks this week to run a 'Loom Band Club.' This was to raise money for the community afternoon tea we will be holding on 10 July where we will be entertaining senior citizens from the parish. They raised an amazing £92.00 which will be used to go towards the organisation of the event.

On that note, a message from Erin, our Mini Vinnies President: In preparation for this special event, we would really appreciate donations of cakes and biscuits (preferably homemade!) that we could give to our visitors. If you can donate, we would be really grateful and ask you to bring them to school office on the morning of Wednesday 10 July in preparation for the event in the afternoon. We thank you for your help.



Enterprise Shed

Enterprise Shed- Next week, the enterprise shed will be open for children to purchase different items, ranging from £1 to £2. The shed will be run by Alex and Ellie from Year 3 to raise money for St Chad's Sanctuary. They have been inspired to raise money for this Charity after learning about what they offer to refugees who come to Birmingham. Thank you to Alex and Ellie for this lovely act of service.



Price Increase

From September 2019 there will be a price increase for morning toast and drinks. Toast 25p, Juice 40p and milkshakes will be 70p. Thank you.



Rotary Awards

Congratulations to Ava, Imogen, Enya, Daisy, Orlaigh, Anna, Erin L-F, Maria, James M, Erin P, Owen P, Thomas, Samuel W and Frank who took part in the Rotary Awards. Their hard work and commitment was celebrated at a lovely presentation evening on Tuesday at Sutton Coldfield Town Hall. Well done to all the children and a big thank you to Mrs Jupp who works so hard in supporting the children to achieve this award.



Unicef-Soccer Aid

We raised an amazing £226.98 for this fantastic charity! Thank you to everyone who helped raise these funds.



MAC Maths Primary Challenge

On Monday 2 teams from Year 5 and 1 team from Year 6 attended the MAC Maths Primary Challenge at Bishop Walsh Secondary School. It was a great morning where all children took part in different Math's challenge which stretched and challenged them! We came 2nd overall! And our Year 6 came first in their Year group! Well done to Jake, Caitlin Thomas, Nevin, Orlaith, Olivia W, Finbarr, Fraser (Y5) Imogen, Charlotte, Ava and Isabel (Y6)



Handover Day

All our children enjoyed their Handover Day on Wednesday and the opportunity to meet and work with their new class teachers. Year Six also enjoyed visiting their new Secondary schools. Where does the time go?!



MAC Fest

On **Thursday 11 July** our year 5 and year 6 pupils will be taking part in our first ever MAC Fest Celebration, an enrichment day where all the schools in the John Paul II MAC will have the chance to take part in a variety of activities ranging from circus skills to inflatable obstacle courses!. It is also fantastic opportunity for all of our pupils to meet one another and form new friendships. It will be held at Bishop Walsh Catholic Secondary School and promises to be an exciting event.

To support the different activities which we are providing for the children we are asking each family for a £2.00 donation. The deadline to pay is **Monday 8 July**; please pay via Parent Pay. Children will be required to bring a packed lunch and will be provided with liquid refreshments throughout the day. Children will travel to Bishop Walsh from their own schools and return ready to be collected also from their own schools. A letter has been sent home with children if you require a copy please contact the school office . Thank you.



Information from Bishop Walsh

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



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.



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.



School Reports

Next **Thursday (11 July)** school reports will be distributed. You will be invited to offer written feedback which will be greatly valued by the school; we do take on board your opinions. As the reports are very detailed, there will be no Parents' Evening before the end of term. If you have any specific queries regarding your child's report; please arrange to see your child's class teacher.

SUMMER FAIR

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.

HSBC Bank

A member of the HSBC Bank will visit our school on **Monday 15 July**. We try to encourage our KS2 children to open and be responsible for their own bank account and manage their money.



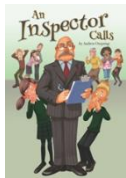
Class Information

There will be no homework set week commencing **Monday 15 July**.

- All guided reading books and diaries must be returned to school no later than **Monday 15 July**. Please do check around the house for any lost books as charges apply for unreturned books.
- All library books borrowed must be returned to school by **Monday 15 July**.
- Your child will come home with their P.E bag during the last few days for it to stay at home and be washed ready for September.
- Your child will also bring home their books from the year- please send in a sturdy plastic bag by **Wednesday 17 July** for your child to store their books. Some books have been kept back for monitoring reasons. These books will be sent home at the end of the autumn term.
- Please do speak to your child about their new teacher and classroom.



If you would like more information on what to expect on your child's new year ahead then please go on to the school website to their respective class pages to see the curriculum information. Any questions please do not hesitate to ask.



Year 6 Leavers' Production

Our Year 6 Leavers' Production 'An Inspector Calls' will be on **Tuesday 16 July** at 6.00pm. The children are rehearsing really hard for this and it looks fantastic! All welcome!



Early Years Graduation

Our Early Years children will be celebrating their Graduation on **Friday 19 July at 2.00pm**. Parents are invited to join in this fantastic celebration!



Toy Morning-Full School Uniform

On **Friday 19 July** children can bring a toy into school. Please do not send your child with an expensive toy as the school will not accept responsibility for any damage or loss of any items on school property. Please note that children should not bring in electric toys to school. ***The children need to wear full school uniform for this day.***



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 100% Well done!

Punctuality Award: Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6



Recommendations: **EYFS:** Amelie M-B, Eva P **Year 1:** Zachary L, Cora L **Year 2:** Jack W, Ronan L **Year 3:** Jack B, Alex E **Year 4:** Niamh C, Keela K **Year 5:** Olivia F, Eloise H **Year 6:** Bonnie T-M, Frank W.

Lunchtime Award: Alice F (Y3).

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:** EYFS class **Mr Rowlands:** Year 1 class **Miss Stewart:** Gabriella L **Miss Stevens:** Year 2 class **Mrs Hope:** Jack C **Mr Mayor:** Caitlin L **Miss Cross:** Year 6 class.



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

Cora L (Y1), Charlie G (Y3), Olivia H (Y5).

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely

Miss T Cotter
Principal

