



Newsletter No 37

Dear Parents and Friends

Friday 19 July 2019



I cannot believe that we have come to the end of another very busy year. We celebrated the end of term with a lovely Mass yesterday, followed by the presentation of our most prestigious recognition of contribution to the life of Holy Cross. Well done to Thomas (Y6) and Orlaith (Y5) and our two special adult winners Alyson Pratt and Zoe O'Toole.

Thank you for your generous cards, gifts and kind words to all the staff. It is very touching that you appreciate that everyone works so hard to do the best for all our children. We truly are a Holy Cross family!

I thank Mrs Pearce, Miss Stewart and Mrs Gregory for all their hard work and wish each of them every success in their new ventures. We have all told Mrs Gregory that this is not the end!!! Mrs Gregory did want to thank you all for the many cards, presents and good wishes she has received for her retirement; you made her last days at school very special.



It's a boy!

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Hunt on the safe arrival of Alexander Patrick on Tuesday. Everyone is doing well; welcome to our Holy Cross family!

As you know, there will be big changes here at Holy Cross in September. I will be here for two days a week and at Bishop Walsh for three days in my role as Executive Principal. I leave you in the very capable hands of Miss Crowley who will become Head of School for the academic year 2019-20. I know that you will work with her for the best outcomes for all our children.

I would like to thank all the staff from all areas of the school for their hard work, in this busy year. We have an amazing staff team who constantly go above and beyond to make every day an exciting day! We are all committed to ensure that your children are safe, happy and nurtured. These are times of great challenge and change in schools but we always strive to be the best we can be for your wonderful children!

I hope that they all enjoy a well-deserved break.

*We look forward to seeing everyone (in their Summer uniform!) on **Tuesday 3 September.***

Dates for Diary - September 2019

Monday 2 September	All day	Inset Day
Tuesday 3 September	8.50am	Children return to school wearing summer uniform
Wednesday 11 September	9.15am	Year 1 Inspire Workshop
Wednesday 11 September	tbc	Open Evening at Bishop Walsh
Friday 13 September	9.15am	Year 3 Inspire Workshop
Monday 16 September	9.15am	Year 1 Inspire Workshop
Monday 16 September	12.00pm	HSBC in school

Tuesday 17 September	9.15am	Year 4 Inspire Workshop
Wednesday 18 September	9.15am	Year 5 Inspire Workshop
Wednesday 18 September	7.00pm	PTA Meeting
Friday 20 September	9.15am	Year 6 Inspire Workshop
Monday 30 September	All day	Inset Day

Dates for Diary - October 2019

Wednesday 9 October to Friday 11 October	3 days	Year 6 at Alton Castle
Tuesday 15 October	9.00am Refreshments 9.15am start	Year 5 class assembly
Thursday 24 October	10.00am	School nurse to do whole school flu nasal vaccine

Dates for Diary - October 2019

Tuesday 12 November	9.00am Refreshments 9.15am start	Year 3 class assembly
Tuesday 26 November	9.00am Refreshments 9.15am start	Year 2 class assembly

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



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



Letters emailed to parents this week:

Whole School: Building work

Year 5: Admissions letter to secondary school

Please contact office if you have not received copy



My Annual Reminder!

If you are considering having your child's ears pierced over the holidays, the beginning of the holidays is ideal as they will have the 6 weeks of wearing them and for skin to heal so that they are ready to be removed for PE and swimming in the Autumn term.



Hairstyles

The Summer break is the time when children enjoy different hairstyles e.g. braiding, patterns cut into hair or especially for boys, stark contrast between shaven sides (no lower than a number 2 please) and longer hair on top. These styles are not acceptable for school so please ensure that by the 4 September children's hairstyles are in line with our School Uniform Policy - 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.



Summer Uniform

Reminder to parents when we return to school in September children are required to wear full summer uniform. They will change to winter uniform after October half term, thank you for your support.



Graduation for our Early Years Children

This was a wonderful celebration, enjoyed by our children, parents, family and staff. The children proudly graduated from their first year in school wearing a cap and gown, each being presented with a scroll. Thank you to Mr Hunt for organising this lovely occasion and ensuring the children are so ready to join Key Stage One in September.



INSPIRE Workshops

In response to parental feedback, we have altered the way we will lead the Inspire Workshops for the new academic year. The Inspire workshop will start with a parent briefing where the class teacher will go through the year group expectations and explain the year ahead for your child. This is a chance for you to understand the expectations of your child's new year group and understand ways to better support learning at home. The briefing will then be followed by the Inspire Workshop. Our whole school focus will be 'Times Tables' alongside the introduction of 'Times Tables Rockstars' (an online learning tool). On the day of your child's Inspire Workshop, your child will need to dress up as a Rockstar so we can truly celebrate the introduction of Times Tables Rockstars! A prize will be given to the best dressed from each year group. Please see below when your child's Parent Briefing and Inspire Workshop will be:

Wednesday 11 September - Year One - Start at 9.15a.m

Friday 13 September - Year Two - Start at 9.15a.m

Monday 16 September - Year Three - Start at 9.15a.m

Tuesday 17 September - Year Four - Start at 9.15a.m

Wednesday 18 September - Year Five - Start at 9.15a.m

Friday 20 September - Year Six - Start at 9.15a.m



Rights Respecting Summer Competition

Here at Holy Cross Catholic Primary School, we are aiming to become a Gold Rights Respecting School. We need your help to remind children about their rights in the 'United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child', and the respectful actions that we must agree to so that everyone can enjoy their rights. Therefore, the school needs a 'Rights Respecting School Mascot'! Competition letters have been sent home with every child; if your child would like to enter please return drawings by **Friday 6 September**. 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 **£81.70 is Wednesday 11 September**; please make payment through ParentPay. Thank you.



Goodbye and Good Luck

We wish Year 6 all the best as they move on to their Secondary Schools.

This year we also say goodbye to many families who have been involved with the school for many years. They have supported all aspects of school life. We thank them for their loyalty and partnership throughout the years and hope that they will look back on many happy memories of their time at the Holy Cross.

Goodbye and thank you to the following families:

The Beddows family
The Bradley family
The Devlin family
The Gillespie family
The Gleeson family
The Latham family
The Latham family
The Le-Fort family
The Painter family
The Parkes family
The Pratt family
The Scarlett family
The Tierney-Meadows family
The Wall family
The Wheeler family
The Williams family



100% Attendance

Congratulations to the following children for achieving an amazing 100% attendance this year:

EYFS: Anuli A **Year 1:** Nylah B, Frederyk F, Madison M, Eden T, Martha W, **Year 2:** Marian A, Aidan J, Daniel K **Year 3:** Iris A, Sophia J, Daniel W **Year 4:** Eden H, Lucy L, Liam O'T, Megan P, Daniel S **Year 5:** Jake M-B, Olivia W **Year 6:** Imogen A, Enja B, Erin L-F, Maria L, Owen P.

Please see below whole school attendance for academic year 2018-2019.

EYFS 96.8%

Year 1 98%

Year 2 97.5%

Year 3 97%

Year 4 97.1%

Year 5 97.3%

Year 6 97.5%

Overall School Total 97.3%





Recommendations: **EYFS:** Whole class **Year 1:** Whole class **Year 2:** Whole class **Year 3:** Whole class
Year 4: Whole class **Year 5:** Whole class **Year 6:** Whole class.

Lunchtime Award: Joshua W (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:** Whole class **Mr Rowlands:** Whole class **Miss Stewart:** Whole class
Miss Stevens: Whole class **Mrs Hope:** Keela K, Whole class **Mr Mayor:** Ryan K, **Miss Cross:** Whole class.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week and during the summer holiday:

EYFS: Oliver W, Jack M, Mason C, Skyler W.

Year 1: Hughie O'D, Ellie G, Joseph F, Isabella S, Emileen W, Charlie C.

Year 2: Michael B, Tabitha S, Jessie F, Kaya G, Marian A.

Year 3: Oskar C, Daniel B, Reuben R, Alexander S, Jak McS.

Year 4: Keela K, Jack C, Myles O'D.

Year 5: Jack M-B, Mollie-Mae H, Harry M, Ryan K, Francesca L, Erin P, Olivia W.

Year 6: Daisy C, Orlaith G, Harrison S, Samuel S, James D, Maria L.



Goodbye, Good Luck and Thank You to the Leavers of 2019

Ava, Imogen, Enya, Oliver, Ben, Daisy, James, John.J, Orlaith, Cassie, Alexandra, Anna, Leilagh, Cillian, Charlotte, Ethan, Erin L-F, Maria, James, Erin P, Elyssa, Owen, Harrison, Samuel, Thomas, Bonnie, Sam, Isabel, Frank and Malaika.

On behalf of the Local Governing Board and Staff of Holy Cross Catholic Primary School, we thank you all for your support this year. We hope you all have an enjoyable and restful summer break.

Have a lovely summer.

Yours sincerely



Miss T Cotter
Principal

I'm glad I was your teacher
I've come to **LOVE** you so.
I can't believe the end is here,
I hate to see you go.
You're such a **STAR**
And I love you so dearly.
You light up my life
I mean that sincerely.
Remember all the **FUN** we had
In all things we did
But most of all remember...
You're a very **SPECIAL** kid!

