

Newsletter No 4

Dear Parents/Person with Parental Responsibility

Friday 25 September 2020



Car Free School Streets

As you all know, from **Monday 28 September**, there will be no access to Laburnum Drive via Springfield Road between 8.15-9.15a.m and 2.30-3.30p.m. Paul Ruffle, the Senior Travel Demand Management Officer, has risk assessed the area on two occasions and advises that sufficient parking spaces are available on Springfield Crescent, Stephens Road and to a lesser extent Hermitage Drive. We do not recommend parking on Springfield Road due to it being a busy road and a bus route. It will be a joy to see the children walking, cycling and/or scooting up or down Laburnum Drive in an environment which is safe from traffic and respects their right to clean air. We have two bike sheds at school where children can leave their bikes/scooters and then collect at the end of the day. In addition, if you have any questions or concerns then please feel free to contact the school office or contact Paul Ruffle directly by emailing paul.ruffle@birmingham.gov.uk. Together, we can make this work! Thank you!

This will really ensure that children can arrive at /leave nursery and school safely and that we enjoy positive relationships with our neighbours as well as promoting a healthier lifestyle. I thank you for your full cooperation with this exciting initiative.

Please note that cars that drive into and park in Laburnum Drive prior to 8.15am or 2.30pm, will not be able to drive out again until 9.15am and 3.30pm respectively.



Bling your Bike or Scooter Week

This is a chance for your child/ren to be creative and "dress up" their bike/scooter at home with a theme of 'be bright, be seen'. It is important that you understand road safety when you're cycling to and from school; you need to be clearly visible to people passing by, especially as we head further into autumn and winter with the darker mornings and evenings. This respects your right to be safe (article 19).

You can use glitter, stickers, card, basically anything you like, to make the bike look as good as possible to fit the theme. The brighter and bolder, the better! Please make sure nothing is trailing in the spokes, wheels or on the ground as the bike still needs to be stable and rideable. Don't forget to decorate your helmet too! You will also have the opportunity to parade your bike around the playground a year at a time on **Friday 2 October**. There will be prizes for the best decorated and most creative bikes in different age categories. Teachers will also be monitoring how many times you ride to school the week beginning **Monday 28 September**. You will be awarded the following; a bronze medal for biking to school 3 days in the week, silver for 4 days in the week and gold for every day of the week.

You all know how I love accessories so I hope this will be Blingtastic! Thank you and happy cycling!



Reminder to parents please ensure all your child's uniform is clearly labelled with their name. This helps when items are lost. Thank you.



First Holy Communion (Y4)

Please remember our Y4 children who should have been making their First Holy Communion over the next two weekends. It was with a great deal of thought and sadness that Fr Neil made the decision to postpone. We pray and look forward to a time when we can rearrange this Sacrament at a time when families can safely celebrate this wonderful occasion.

| Dates for Diary - September 2020 | | |
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| Monday 28 September | 5.00-5.30pm | Year 1 Zoom Meet the Teacher |
| Monday 28 September | 6.00-6.30pm | Year 2 Zoom Meet the Teacher |
| Tuesday 29 September | 5.00-5.30pm | Year 4 Zoom Meet the Teacher |
| Tuesday 29 September | 6.00-6.30pm | Year 6 Zoom Meet the Teacher and Transition |
| Wednesday 30 September | 5.00-5.30pm | Year 5 Zoom Meet the Teacher |
| Wednesday 30 September | 6.00-6.30pm | Year 3 Zoom Meet the Teacher |
| Dates for Diary - October 2020 | | |
| Monday 28 September | All week | Bling your Bike or Scooter |
| Dates for Diary - November 2020 | | |
| Thursday 12 November | 6.30pm | PTA Zoom Meeting |
| Friday 27 November | All Day | Inset Day (2 further dates to be confirmed) |
| Dates for Diary - December 2020 | | |
| Wednesday 2 December | All Day | School Nurse carrying out Flu Nasal Immunisations |
| Dates for Diary - June 2020 | | |
| Monday 7 June | All Day | Inset Day (2 further dates to be confirmed) |



Letters emailed to parents this week:

Years 1 to 5: Zoom Meet the Teacher and Year Group Expectations

Please contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you.



Vacancy in Year 6

We have a vacancy in Year 6. If you would like to put your child on the waiting list, please contact the school office on (0121) 675 2158. Or complete and return the forms on our website, see link below. Please find Parents/Letters/Waiting List Documents. Thank you.

<https://www.holycross-sch.net/page/?title=Home&pid=1>



Transfer to Secondary School

The closing date for applications to be submitted to the Local Authority for those children transferring to secondary school in September 2021 is **Thursday 31 October 2020**. Thank you. I will be discussing the admission process during the Year 6 Zoom Meeting on Tuesday. Please make every effort to attend.



Nasal Flu Vaccination

The immunisation team will soon be visiting our school to give children the 'Nasal Flu Vaccination.' A consent form has been sent home with all parents; please complete and return form no later than **Wednesday 30 September**. Thank you.



Autism West Midlands

Please see information about support accessible for families. Provided by one of our partners from the Educational Psychology Service. First and foremost, the educational psychology service is running a parental phone consultation helpline from today until October half term. This has been very helpful for parents who require support during this time and provides direct access to consultation with educational psychologists (EPs), rather than having to go through the usual school prioritisation channels. Our EPs are very well versed in supporting parents of children with autism and/or social, emotional and mental health needs if they are willing to engage. What part of the city does the family reside? See flyer for the different areas.

Autism West Midlands can also provide support: <https://www.autismwestmidlands.org.uk/what-we-do/>

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendations: **EYFS:** Ivy B, Evangeline L **Year 1:** Sebastian B, Euan W **Year 2:** Alannah K, Oliver W **Year 3:** Drew B-H, Jack M **Year 4:** Ollie L, Chase B **Year 5:** Alfie J, Ruth H **Year 6:** Liam O'T, Ella P.



Virtues and Values

This half term we are concentrating on being 'Curious and Active'. 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:** Malachy K **Mr Rowlands** Niall O'H **Miss Cross:** Hattie K
Miss Stevens: Isabella M **Miss Nash:** Gabriella L **Mr Mayor:** Nathaniel C, Charlie G **Mrs Hope:** Joseph K.
Lunchtime Award: Connor McC (Y6)



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week: Samuel J (Y2), Elijah C-G, Gabriella L (Y4).

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



Miss T Cotter
Principal

Do not be afraid to take a chance
on peace, to teach peace, to live
peace... Peace will be the last
word of history.

Blessed John Paul II

