

## Newsletter No 28

Dear Parents/Person with Parental Responsibility

Friday 23 April 2021



Welcome back! I hope that you all enjoyed your Easter break and the opportunity to hopefully meet up with family and friends who you may not have seen for several months. It is hard to believe that we are beginning our final term. This is always a very busy time.

The children returned to school, all looking very smart! Please remember that all children should now be wearing Summer uniform. see below for clarification:

### Summer School Uniform

Green check dress (*not stripes*), suitable shoes or sandals with white socks (not tights) or grey trousers with jade green polo shirt with logo, grey shorts, grey socks, sensible dark school shoes - no trainers. *Parents are also asked to ensure dresses are no shorter than just above the knee.*

***Please note that the round neck; green sweatshirt is not part of everyday uniform. This sweatshirt is to be worn only for PE. Thank you.***

### Collective Worship

As we slowly move forward, we are planning more school events and occasions. We hope that Fr Neil will be able to resume saying Mass in school in the not too distant future and we now, as one of the Academy's key priorities of helping pupils reconnect to the faith, want to ensure that children have the opportunity to celebrate Mass in church. From week beginning 10 May, a group of children, starting with KS2 will attend a morning Mass in church. Those of you who attend Holy Cross, will know that Fr Neil has a very rigorous and effective risk assessment place. It will be lovely for the children to have this opportunity after such a long period of time.

You will also see from the 'Dates for your Diary' section that Sacraments and Sacramental Parents' meeting have also been planned. Please be aware that these details are provisional in regards to how many family members will be able to attend until further government guidance and directives from the Bishops are received. I appreciate that this is difficult but unfortunately, it is out of our hands so please be patient.

### Parking

As we start the new term, can I again remind parents to park respectfully when dropping off and collecting children. I have had concerns raised already this week from a resident from one of the neighbouring roads who said she was unable to leave her house as a car parked blocking her drive. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Water

As the weather is warmer, parents are reminded that children are required to bring in a bottle of water every day; please ensure that your child/children have a bottle of water (clearly labelled with name) in their bag when they come to school. Thank you.





**Dates for Diary - April 2021**

WC 26 April		Mid-Term reports and Parents' Evening calls
Wednesday 28 April	6.30pm	PTA Meeting ZOOM
Friday 30 April	All day	INSET Day

**Dates for Diary - May 2021**

Monday 3 May	All day	Bank Holiday
Thursday 6 May	School Closed All Day - Remote learning for all pupils	Local Elections WMCAM & PCC
Wednesday 19 May	Morning	National Numeracy Day
Wednesday 19 May	6.00pm 6.30pm	FHC Sacramental meeting via Zoom Confirmation meeting via Zoom
Tuesday 26 May	6.00pm	Confirmation Year 6 (tbc)
Friday 21 May	All day	Outdoor classroom day/ Great British Spring Clean!
Friday 28 May		Break up for half term

**Dates for Diary - June 2021**

Monday 7 June	All Day	INSET Day
Tuesday 8 June		Return to School
Tuesday 8 June	All Day	Academy Photographers class groups, graduation & leavers
Thursday 11 June	10.00am	Year 4 First Holy Communion breakfast
Tuesday 15 June	All day	Year 3 First Confession
Tuesday 15 June	6.00pm	Induction Evening Zoom for September 2021 starters
Saturday 26 June	10.00am & 1.00pm	Year 3 First Holy Communion

**Dates for Diary - July 2021**

Thursday 1 July	10.00am	Year 3 First Holy Communion breakfast
Monday 5 July	All week	Class assemblies performed outside (tbc)
Monday 12 July		Year 6 production
Friday 16 July		End of year reports sent home
Monday 19 July	2.00pm	EYFS Graduation - held outside
Tuesday 20 July	11.00am	Year 6 Leavers' Mass
Wednesday 21 July	7.00pm (tbc)	Year 6 Leavers' party venue (tbc)



**Letters emailed to parents this week:**

**Whole school: Parents' Evening**

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





### In Loving memory

As you know, next Wednesday marks one year since Marie Turner, one of our Lunchtime Play Coordinators, passed away. From the funds collected last year, we have purchased a bench to place in the prayer garden as a permanent reminder of Marie and the positive contribution she made to the life of our school. Mrs Cutler's son is kindly coming in on Monday to engrave the bench with Marie's name. Thank you also to the PTA who bought a rose bush in honour of Marie which will be planted in the prayer garden.

On Wednesday, we are going to ask the children (Y2-Y6) to bring a natural item in to school to place on or around Marie's bench' for example, flowers or a decorated stone/pebble/twig (eco-friendly). On Wednesday, each class will hold a short reflection and place the items on or around the bench.

On Thursday, Fr Neil will bless the bench and dedicate the liturgy to Marie. This will be a very fitting tribute.



### National survey of children: The Big Ask!

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched [The Big Ask](#) - the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that we can put children at the heart of the country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. We encourage all children in our school community to take part in this survey to ensure our children's right to be heard is respected. Click here to [complete this survey](#). Adults are also invited [to complete the adult survey](#) to share their views about the future for children and young people today, and what they think is holding young people back. The results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve



### PTA Zoom Meeting ZOOM

The next PTA meeting will be held in school on **Wednesday 28 April** at 6.30pm. Please come along and join us, all new members welcome. The more the merrier! Please email

[holycrosswalmley.pta@gmail.com](mailto:holycrosswalmley.pta@gmail.com) to join meeting. Thank you.



### School Closed

Polite reminder school is closed on the following days: **Friday 30 April - INSET Day and Thursday 6 May Local Elections.** (Remote Learning for all pupils on 6 May) Thank you.



### Dinner Money

Parents of KS2 children who have school dinners, the deadline for the payment of **£64.40** was Thursday 22 April; if you have not already paid please make payment through Parent Mail Pay. Thank you.

**Polite Reminder:** If you wish your child to stop having school dinners and bring in sandwiches from home; half a terms notice is required. Please email enquiry@holycross-sch.net



**Attendance - Our school strives for 100% attendance.**

Did you know...? **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 with 100% Well done!

The Punctuality Award for the week: Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6!



**Recommendations: EYFS:** Sophia F, Jessica S **Year 1:** Rubi V, Freddie C **Year 2:** Scarlett W, Oliver W  
**Year 3:** Ben M, Emileen W **Year 4:** Michael B, Aidan J **Year 5:** Christopher K, Ellie M-B **Year 6:** Connor McC, Heloise C .

**Virtues and Values**

This half term we are concentrating on being 'Attentive and Discerning'. 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:** Arun A **Mr Rowlands:** Leylah A **Miss Cross:** Skyler W **Miss Stevens:** Sofia H  
**Miss Nash:** Ollie L **Mr Mayor:** Cormac K **Mrs Hope:** Eden H.



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

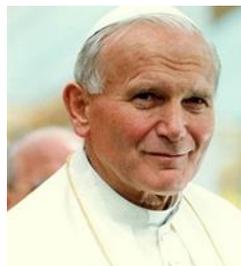
Maxwell C (Y1), Caitlin McG (Y4), Henry H (Y5).

Have a lovely weekend - keep safe.

Yours sincerely



Principal



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**Pope John Paul II**

