

Newsletter No 20

Dear Parents/Person with Parental Responsibility

Friday 10 February 2023

Sacrament of Confirmation



On Thursday night Year 6 (and Mrs Cox) received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop David Evans. It was a very reverent and special occasion for all in our Holy Cross family. I thank all the children for the maturity and faith they have shown through their preparation for the Sacrament and to Fr Neil, Mrs Norton and Mrs Jupp for working so hard to prepare the children so well and to all the staff for supporting the children at both masses.

Y5 and Y6 enjoyed a visit to Bishop Walsh on Tuesday to watch the school's production of 'Footloose'. I went last night and like Year 5 and 6, I thought the production was excellent! One of the highlights is always seeing former Holy Cross pupils and how they have grown up and developed. It always amazes me how the staff manage to involve so many pupils from so many year groups. Well done to Year 6 for representing our school so well and also to Bishop Walsh for producing such an entertaining show.



Online Safety

Thank you for engaging in our whole school homework and completing family agreements regarding online safety. We really enjoyed reading your tweets. If you have not seen these on Twitter, they are well worth a look. This was a very effective way of discussing this very important issue as a family.

Mental Health Week

This has been a focus for this week with all children having the opportunity to discuss the importance of our mental health and develop strategies to support their emotional wellbeing.

Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea

We have been overwhelmed by the support for our Afternoon Teas organised to support our Lenten Charities. Due to the demand we have now organised an additional two dates; Monday 13 March and Monday 20 March. The last date will be open for booking from tomorrow morning at 10am. Please note it is one ticket per family. Thanks you for supporting this event in such large numbers - apparently I have been told that it would have been easier to buy tickets for Beyonce!



Letters/ParentMails sent home:

Whole School:

Year 4: Trip to Tamworth Castle



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

This week the Attendance Award was won by: Reception - Well done!

Whole School attendance this week: 97.26%

Punctuality Award: Year 1 - Well done!

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.*



Virtues and Values

This half term we are concentrating on being '**Eloquent and Truthful.**' 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 recognise those children who have made that extra special effort to follow Jesus' example and show the virtues in their daily life.

This week's winners are **Mr Hunt:** Honor **Miss Prior:** Cainneach **Miss Stevens:** Louie **Miss Small:** Erin **Mrs Hope:** Olga **Mr Mayor:** Jack **Mrs Norton:** All of Year 6



Recommendations: Reception: Olive, Jasper **Year 1:** Rebecca, Bentley **Year 2:** Sienna, Noah E **Year 3:** Rogan, Harry **Year 4:** Hattie, Henry **Year 5:** Eve, Zach **Year 6:** Ayva, Jimmy



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week:
Sienna-Mae (Y2) Felix, Joseph (Y3) Ronan (Y6)

Year 4 Trip to Tamworth Castle

Arrangements have now been made to take the children in Year 4 on a visit to Tamworth Castle on **Friday 24 March**. The children will be travelling by coach; they are required to arrive to school at the normal time and will return by the end of the school day. The children will require a packed lunch and need to wear full school uniform. The cost of this trip is £20. Please pay via ParentMail; the deadline for payment and to complete and return the proforma is **Friday 3 March**. A letter will be sent home next week to all Year 4 parents. If you require a copy please contact the school office. Thank you.



Mass: Mass will be at school next week led by Year 5. All welcome. For our next mass at Church, on March 16, we require some parent helpers to assist with the walking to and from Church. Please let the office know if you can help. As always, your support is much appreciated.

Dates for Diary - February 2023

Monday 13 February	3.20-3.40pm	Year Six SATs parents' workshop
Thursday 16 February	4.00pm-5.20pm	Netball vs St. Nicholas and Moor Hall
Friday 17 February	All Day	INSET Day
Friday 17 February	3.10/3.15pm	School breaks up for half term
Monday 27 February	8.45am	Return to school
Tuesday 28 February	8.45am	Reception & Y6 Height & weight check School Nurse

Dates for Diary - March 2023

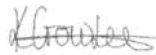
Wednesday 1 March	All Day	St David's Day - wear a daffodil
Thursday 2 March	All Day	World Book Day
Tuesday 7 March	9.00am	Year 2 Class Assembly
Monday 13 March	2.00pm	Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea

Friday 17 March	2.00pm	Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea
Friday 17 March	All Day	St Patrick's day - wear a green accessory!
Monday 20 March	2.00 pm	Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
Friday 24 March	All Day	Year 4 visit Tamworth Castle
Tuesday 27 March	TBC	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 28 March	TBC	Parents' Evening
Friday 31 March	TBC	EYFS and KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade
Dates for Diary - April 2023		
Monday 3 April	9.15am	Stations of the Cross
Tuesday 4 April	2.30pm TBC	KS2 Passion Play
Wednesday 5 April	9.15am TBC	KS2 Passion Play
Thursday 6 April	3.10/3.15pm	School breaks up end of Spring term
Monday 24 April	8.45am	Return to school
Dates for Diary - May 2023		
Friday 26 May	3.10/3.15pm	Break Up For Half Term
Dates for Diary - June 2023		
Monday 5 June	8.45	Return to school
Dates for Diary - July 2023		
Friday 7 July	TBC	Year 6 Leavers' party
Wednesday 12 July		Year 6 Residential Mount Cook
Tuesday 25 July	3.10/3.15pm	Last day of term - break up for summer

Yours sincerely



Miss T Cotter
Executive Principal



Miss K Crowley
Head of School

Prayer for 11 February - Our Lady of Lourdes (World Day of the Sick)

God of healing, you became human in Jesus to care for and heal those who suffer. We pray for all those who are sick at this time, for whatever reason. For those we know who are sick, especially among our family and friends; may we be a healing and loving presence in their lives. Give us compassion and patience when we are with them. And bless all those in our world that care for the sick.

