

Newsletter No 25

Dear Parents/Person with Parental Responsibility

Friday 24 March 2023

Lenten Walk

On Tuesday afternoon, the whole school took part in a sponsored walk as part of the Big Lent Walk. Early Years and Key Stage One enjoyed completing several laps around the school field, and Key Stage Two walked to Newhall Valley and back. Our Y6 and Y3 Mini Vinnies branched off for part of the walk, to carry the Cross to Bishop Walsh. They presented the Cross to Bishop Walsh, which will then be passed onto to St Nicholas. We are proud of all our children, they represented our school well and certainly got their steps in! Sponsorship monies are due in by Thursday 6th April.



Autism Awareness Week 27th March - 2nd April 2023.



At Holy Cross Catholic Primary School, we are committed to celebrating our differences. During the week beginning 27th March, each class from Reception to Year 6 will receive a lesson around Autism awareness that has been provided by the National Autistic Society. The intention of the lesson is to raise peer awareness and understanding about Autism.

We are aware that for our young people who are aware of their own diagnosis of Autism the lesson may raise feelings of difference. If you wish to discuss this further, Miss Lovelock will be happy to speak to you about this on an individual basis and make necessary arrangements if need be.

Mothers' Day Afternoon Tea

It has been lovely to see lots of special ladies attending these event and we hope you enjoyed being spoilt as much as we enjoyed spoiling you! Congratulations to all raffle winners, prizes have all been sent home this week.



On Thursday, the girls' netball team played in a narrow 1-0 loss vs New Oscott. After a very tense first 2 quarters we dominated the third and narrowly came close to scoring. Unfortunately, New Oscott scored in the dying moments but it was another very good performance from the girls. It is great to see how their skills have improved.



On Monday, the girls' football team played their first league match and secured a resounding 8-1 victory. It was great to see how the girls threw themselves into the match, giving 100% and fighting for every ball. This was a great achievement for their first match and we are looking forward to their cup game on Monday.

Letters/ParentMails sent home:

Whole School: School Uniform Expectations, Easter Bonnet and Egg Decoration,



Attendance - Our school strives for 100% attendance.

This week the Attendance Award was won by: Year 1

Whole School attendance this week: 97.58%

Punctuality Award: Year 4

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.*





Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays last week and this week:
James, Cherish (Y2)

Virtues and Values

This half term we are concentrating on being '**Learned and Wise.**' 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: Kacey **Miss Prior:** Rico **Miss Stevens:** Aoife **Miss Small:** The Whole of Year 3 **Mrs Hope:** Isabelle **Mr Mayor:** Martha **Mrs Norton:** Tresa



Recommendations: Reception: Maksymilian, Lily Year 1: Cara, Elliott Year 2: Louie, Noah E Year 3: Joseph M, Erin Year 4: Poppy, Olga Year 5: Sofia, Jessica Year 6: Jimmy, Bethany



Mass: Mass will be at school next week led by Year 4. All welcome.

Dates for Diary - March 2023

Monday 27 March	3.20pm	PTA Preloved Uniform Sale
Monday 27 March	4.00pm	Girls football match AWAY to Boldmere School
Tuesday 28 March	PM	School Ensemble SFE Area Gala
Tuesday 28 March	TBC	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 29 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



Friday 28 April	All Day	Year 1 and Year 3 Trip to Ash End Farm
Friday 28 April	6.00-8.00pm	PTA Bingo Night (School Hall)
Dates for Diary - May 2023		
Wednesday 3 May	3.15pm	PTA Coronation Disco
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
Saturday 12 June	12.00pm/3.00pm	Year 3 First Holy Communion
Tuesday 20 June	3.15pm	PTA Summer Disco
Dates for Diary - July 2023		
Friday 7 July	TBC	Year 6 Leavers' party
Wednesday 12 July		Year 6 Residential Mount Cook
Friday 21 July	TBC	Sports Day and Summer Fayre (if enough volunteers)
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

Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
CLOSER TO JESUS

Heavenly Father, during
this Lenten season, give me
a new and expanded vision for
my life. Help me to live full of
faith. Teach me to find hope
in the face of adversity.