

Newsletter No 9

Dear Parents/Person with Parental Responsibility

Date Friday 10 November



Welcome back! I hope that you all enjoyed the half term break and are ready for what is always a very busy half term; (fingers crossed!) Please ensure you always read the newsletter as it contains all the information about upcoming events and dates.

Thank you for ensuring that all children were correctly dressed; looking really smart in their winter uniforms. Please note:

- pinafores/skirts must be green
- tights must be green or red
- the green round necked sweatshirt is for PE lessons **only**. Children are expected to wear green v necked jumpers or cardigans (with the school logo) as their winter school uniform.
- sensible dark, low heeled school shoes - no trainers/no boots

Our school uniforms can be purchased from Clive Marks or Trutex.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



School Dinners

Parents are reminded that to ensure an effective service and to prevent food wastage, half a term's notice is given if you would like to change your child's current School Dinner arrangements; children cannot swap from dinners to packed lunch midway through a half term.

Please let the school office know by **Friday 17 November** if you would like your child to change their dinner arrangements in January 2024. Thank you for your cooperation.

Kindness Week



Next week is Kindness Week. This is a great opportunity to think about what acts of kindness we all can do for others either in school or outside of school. The sole purpose of this week is to focus on the positivity that surrounds us every day. It's a week to learn, teach, and share our kindness with others.

During the week, the children will be creating a class pledge, having have your prayer and liturgy based on Kindness Week.

PTA Film Night



On Thursday 16 November the PTA will be hosting a Film Night, this will be 3:15 to 5:15. There will be a choice of three films for the children to enjoy and sweets, crisps and drinks will be provided. Tickets can be purchased from ParentMail.

Individual Child Ticket £3

Family Ticket £5

Reception Admissions 2024



Parents of children starting school in September 2024 are invited to see the school in action on Wednesday 15 November. There are two sessions at 9.00am and 2.00pm. The Year 6 children will be our informative guides!

At 6.00pm on the same day, parents are invited to a meeting when I will talk about the school and the admissions process.

Please pass this information on to any families you know with children due to start school in September. Thank you.



The application process to apply for EYFS (Reception) places at Holy Cross Catholic Primary School has **two** phases and must be completed by 15 January 2024.

This is because we are a Catholic School. Below is a brief summary of the process.

All of the detailed information can be found on our website.

Summary of the process

- Apply online - Birmingham City Council Website naming Holy Cross Catholic Primary School.
- Complete Supplementary Information Form for Holy Cross

Open Day for prospective parents for Reception September 2023 - Wednesday 15 November

We are holding an Open Day for prospective parents who have children due to start in the Reception class in September 2024. We will be holding two open sessions during the school day so that you can see the school in action. These will be on at 9.00am - 10.00am and 2.00pm - 3.00pm. Then in the evening at 6pm there will be a meeting. During this meeting we will go through the procedures with you and tell you more about Holy Cross. If you know of any Catholic families who are in this position, please let them know. We are looking forward to meeting you all.

Virtues and Values

This half term we are concentrating on being 'Attentive & 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 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: **EYFS: Sophia Year 1: Finley Year 2: Connor Year 3: Sophia Year 4: Scarlett Year 5: Skye Year 6: Lap**



Recommendations:

EYFS: Cillian & Cian R Year 1: Madison & Lola Year 2: Okiemute & Daniel Year 3: Aoife & Hannah Year 4: Bryan & Jewel Year 5: Henry & Alannah Year 6: Logan & Fabian



Attendance - *Our school strives for 100% attendance. This year one of our school priorities is to improve attendance further and we will be assessing attendance as the number of days absent rather than as an attendance %.*

This week the Attendance Award was won by: Year 6 with 0 days absent.

This week the Punctuality Award was won by: Years 1/2/3 with 0 late marks.

Government legislation states that a child with an attendance of 90% and below is categorised as a "Persistent Absence Pupil". This means that a child has missed 19 days or 38 sessions of school. This equates to your child missing half a day every week; four weeks of missed school work across the whole year.



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

Dolly (Y1) Bentley (Y2) Abigail (Y3) Nylah (Y6) Isabella MS (Y6)



Letters sent home: EYFS & KS1 Book Box, Year 1 Eye Test, Sibling Admissions 2024, Young Voices Music Room



Dates for Diary - November

Monday 13 November	All Day	Kindness Week
Monday 14 November	AM	Year 1 Eye Tests
Thursday 16 November	3:15 - 5:15pm	PTA Film Night
Wednesday 15 November	9-10am	Open Morning Prospective Children & Parents 2023-24
Wednesday 15 November	2-3pm	Open Afternoon Prospective Children & Parents 2023-24
Wednesday 15 November	6-7pm	Evening Meeting Prospective Parents 2023 - 24
Monday 20 November	AM	Flu Immunisations
Tuesday 21 November	11am - 2pm	Year 5 Odeon Trip
Wednesday 22 November	11am - 2pm	Year 6 Odeon Trip
Friday 24 November	All Day	Universal Children's Takeover Day
Thursday 30 November	AM	EYFS & Year 6 Height & Weight Checks

Dates for Diary - December

Monday 4 December	9:00am	Whole School Advent Service
Monday 11 December	2:00pm	EYFS & KS1 Advent Service
Tuesday 12 December	9:00am	EYFS & KS1 Advent Service
Thursday 14 December	12 - 1pm	Christmas Dinner
Monday 18 December	2:00pm	KS2 Carol Service
Tuesday 19 December	9:00 am	KS2 Carol Service

Car Free Streets

Following our letter about Car Free Streets at the end of the last half term, we will be monitoring more closely the cars that are driving along the road outside our school. The wardens were out on Monday and were ticketing any vehicle which was illegally parked and those without an exemption/blue badge. Here are three platforms to report any vehicles which are not following the Car Free Streets guidance:

Birmingham City Council

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20109/parking/1983/report_an_illegally_parked_vehicle

This is for dangerous driving:

<https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/campaigns/operation-triton#>

Local police for complaints:

https://www.west-midlands.police.uk/team-postcodes-search?field_post_code_areas_value=B76+2sp



Have a lovely weekend



Miss T Cotter
Executive Principal



Mrs C Gorman
Head of School

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

