

Newsletter No 17

Dear Parents/Person with Parental Responsibility

Date Friday 19 January 2024

We've come to the end of our second week of the new term. The children are settling back well and continuing to work hard. Please note that there have been lots of new dates added in the dates section of the Newsletter - as you can see this is a very busy term ahead of us.



Punctuality

If there is no Senior Leader at the school front gate after 8:45 am, please walk your child to the school office to sign them in. Please **do not** leave your child to walk into school, through the school gates alone. This is to ensure that all our children are kept safe.

If you do need to sign your child in, please ensure that you have used the digital screen to do so. We appreciate your support in this matter.



Water Safety

We are blessed to have such a lovely nature area at the back of our school including Stephens Pond. We encourage all families to enjoy these areas but please be mindful of water safety Stephens Pond. The Water Safety Code states there should be close and constant adult supervision when near water. Please take some to speak to your child/children about how to be safe around water. Thank you.



Medication

If your child has been prescribed with any medication, please drop off your child as normal at the school gate in the morning and come into the office by yourself to complete the forms and hand the medication. Please do not leave the medication in your child's bag. Thank you.



Ensemble

We are looking to recruit new members for our Holy Cross School Ensemble. We meet every Friday from 3.15pm to 3.50pm in the Year 4 classroom for a rehearsal with Mr Smith and Mr Mayor. The Holy Cross School Ensemble will be performing at Royal Birmingham Conservatoire during March and Symphony Hall in July (details to be announced later). Requirements: to have lessons on a musical instrument either in or out of school, or to be able to play and read music at a basic level. We are very excited to welcome you to this great opportunity.



School Enrichment Fund

At Holy Cross Catholic Primary School, we pride ourselves on the high quality education and enrichment activities we offer our children and with your support we can sustain these into the future. We are asking parents to contribute a minimum of £10 a term per pupil (or £30 per family per year). Please support our school and your children so that we can provide extra opportunities both within and outside the curriculum.

Thank you for your continued support.



Poppy Appeal

Thank you so much to everyone who donated to last year's Poppy Appeal. We raised a fantastic **£243.60**

Thank you



Uniform Sale - MAPAC



MAPAC are holding a "January Sale which will run until the **Wednesday 31 January**. There is a 10% saving to be made on School Uniform and Bags.

A code of "**JSP24**" will need to be entered at the checkout. Please see the attached flyer for more information.



Crested Schoolwear Sutton Coldfield

Another reminder that Crested Schoolwear have moved from Erdington to the Gracechurch Centre in Sutton Coldfield. They are now at Unit 182 Gracechurch Shopping Centre, next door to Costa Coffee.

Please see the flyer in last week's Newsletter.



Virtues and Values

This half term we are concentrating on being 'Compassionate and Loving.' 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:** Isaac **Year 1:** Lexi **Year 2:** Elliot **Year 3:** Florentyna
Year 4: Jack **Year 5:** Aariana **Year 6:** Isabella S

Recommendations:



EYFS: Callie & Laura **Year 1:** Olive & Jonah **Year 2:** Freya & Phoebe **Year 3:** Poppy & Louis
Year 4: Abigail & Sebastian **Year 5:** Jack & Scarlett **Year 6:** Nylah & Martha



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 1 with 0 days absent.

This week the Punctuality Award was won by: EYFS 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:

Olive, Alena & Amos - Year 1

Luke - Year 2

Martin - Year 4

Alannah - Year 5

Eden - Year 6

Letters sent home:



Year 6 - Confirmation information, Year 6 - Mount Cook, KS2 Attendance Reports, Tennis After School Club, Archery After School Club, Children's Centre Sessions, Big Ambitions Survey.

Dates for Diary - January 2024

Monday 22 January	12pm	Young Voices
Wednesday 24 January	9am	Year 1 Phonics Screening Parent Workshop
Tuesday 30 January	9am	Year 4 Multiplication Check Parent Workshop
Wednesday 31 January	9am	Year 4 Class Assembly

Dates for Diary - February 2024

Friday 2 February	3.30pm	Confirmation Saint Sharing Parent's Meeting
Tuesday 6 February	All day	Internet Safety Day
Tuesday 6 February	6 - 7pm	Sacrament of Confirmation
Wednesday 7 February	9am	Year 3 Class Assembly
Friday 9 February	3.10/3.15pm	Break up for Half Term
Monday 19 February		Return to School
Wednesday 28 February	3:30pm	Year 6 SATS Parent Workshop

Dates for Diary - March 2024

Friday 1 March	All Day	St David's Day - Wear something Yellow
Tuesday 5 March	9am	Year 2 Class Assembly
Tuesday 5 March		Mother's Day Lunch
Thursday 7 March		Mother's Day Lunch
Thursday 7 March	All day	World Book Day
Thursday 7 March	5:30 - 6:30pm	PTA Bedtimes Stories
Monday 11 March	All Week	Celebrate British STEM Week
Tuesday 12 March	9am	Year 1 Class Assembly
Friday 15 March	All Day	St Patrick's Day - Wear Something Green
Tuesday 19 March	3.30pm - 7.00pm	Parents Evening - All Year Groups
Thursday 21 March	3.30pm - 6.00pm	Parents Evening - NOT Year 4
Friday 22 March	8:50am	EYFS and KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade
Monday 25 March	3.30pm - 6.00pm	Parent's Evening - Year 4 ONLY
Monday 25 March	TBC	Stations of the Cross
Tuesday 26 March	TBC	KS2 Passion Play
Wednesday 27 March	TBC	KS2 Passion Play
Thursday 28 March	3.10/3.15pm	Break up for Easter



Dates for Diary - April 2024

Monday 15 April

Return to School - Summer Term

Dates for Diary - May 2024

Thursday 2 May

All Day

School Closed - Elections

Have a lovely weekend

Miss T Cotter
Executive Principal

Mrs C Gorman
Head of School

