

Newsletter No 18

Dear Parents/Person with Parental Responsibility

Date Friday 26 January



Young Voices

Well done to all the children who participated in the Young Voices Music event on Monday evening. The staff were so proud not only by the vocal performance but the fantastic behaviour of all the children; they were amazing ambassadors of Holy Cross School. Thank you to Mr Mayor and Miss Cotter who prepared them so well and Miss Warren and Mrs Gorman for helping out on the night. I am sure we had an audience of very proud parents.



Eternal Rest Anne Stokes

We were very sad to hear Mrs Anne Stokes, a former teaching assistant, passed away at the weekend. Mrs Stokes, a former parent and volunteer, worked at Holy Cross for 22 years before her retirement in 2019 and I know will be fondly remembered by many of our Holy Cross families. May she rest in peace.



Appointments

We all understand the importance of attendance and therefore parents are politely reminded as stated in our Attendance Policy, all medical and dental appointments should be made outside of the school day. Where this is not possible, for example hospital appointments, children should attend school for part of the day. For these absences to be authorised, evidence needs to be provided, for example, appointment cards/screenshots of appointments or letters from the hospital etc. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



Nursery Funding

Holy Cross Preschool Nursery offers 15 or 30 hour funding for 2-4 year olds subject to eligibility. As of April 2024, there will be 15 hours funded childcare available for eligible working parents of two year olds.

You can check your eligibility and obtain your funding code by visiting www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

If you would like any further information, please call the nursery on 0121 675 1191

St. John Paul II Multi Academy

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Car Free Streets

Recently, we have had a few complaints regarding illegal parking on Springfield Road on the double yellow lines. Please ensure that you are parking safely and legally when collecting your children.

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



Children's Mental Health Week 2024

Children's Mental Health Week begins on Monday 5th February. The theme this year is 'My Voice Matters'. We will be encouraging children and young people to use their voices, share what matters to them and encourage those around them to listen throughout the week.

Here is a link you may find useful to use at home with your children:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>



Virtues and Values

This half term we are concentrating on being 'Compassionate & 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: George M **Year 1:** Dolly **Year 2:** Nancy **Year 3:** Sienna-Mae
Year 4: Mason **Year 5:** Evie **Year 6:** Isabella S

Mr Mayor would like to add all the Choir members - Young Voices as Angels for this week.



Recommendations:

EYFS: Ava & Cillian **Year 1:** Christopher & Daisy **Year 2:** Zach D & Eddie **Year 3:** Jolan & Sonny
Year 4: Felix & Summer-Rose **Year 5:** Zachary & Hattie **Year 6:** Erin & Nancy



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 4 with 1 day absent.

This week the Punctuality Award was won by: Year 6 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:



Aurora & Cian - EYFS	Olive - Y1
Molly - Y2	Alves - Y6

Letters sent home:



Y3 Assembly Costume Information, Y4 Assembly Information, Y6 Mount Cook - next payment reminder.

Dates for Diary - January 2024

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

Have a lovely weekend



Miss T Cotter
Executive Principal



Mrs C Gorman
Head of School

