

Newsletter No 19

Dear Parents/Person with Parental Responsibility

Date Friday 2 February 2024



Year 6 Confirmation

On Tuesday 6 February, Year 6 will be taking part in the special sacrament of Confirmation. This year, Mass will be at 6pm.

The photographer will be present in the church hall from 5pm. If you wish to have professional photographs, please allow plenty of time for this otherwise please ensure children are present with their sponsors at least 20 minutes before the service is about to commence.

Before the service, children and their sponsors need to gather in the church hall as they will process into the church together. Staff will be waiting for them. Parents please make your own way into Church.

We look forward to celebrating this incredibly special evening.

*Please pray for all our Year 6 children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation from
Bishop David Evans next Tuesday.*



Children's Mental Health Week 2024

Children's Mental Health Week is next week. 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 are two links you may find useful to use at home with your children:

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

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/PumEHH2UWtSaHyB6?ref=Link>



Internet Safety Day

Tuesday 6 February is Safer Internet Day. During the day the children will be discussing how to keep safe online. As a school we will dedicate a whole week to Internet Safety commencing on Monday 19 February.

Here is a useful link to help support you at home: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SD5KW6dqnv0>

Please see age restrictions for popular apps.



Car Free Streets

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

Those cars parked legally on Springfield Road must be mindful of pedestrians using the pavements, this includes access for pedestrians with pushchairs and people in wheelchairs. It is important that people are not forced into the road when walking along the pavements. Please ensure all pedestrians are able to use the pavements safely.

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



Nursery Funding

Holy Cross Preschool Nursery offers 15 or 30 hours 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



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:** Georgie **Year 1:** Hendrix **Year 2:** Gracie **Year 3:** Abigail
Year 4: All of Year 4 **Year 5:** Annabel **Year 6:** Isabella MS

Recommendations:



EYFS: Cian M & Elsie **Year 1:** Harper & Amos **Year 2:** Bentley & Ava-Rae
Year 3: Olivia & Noah C **Year 4:** Cadie-Ella & Joseph Mc
Year 5: Noah & Ayla **Year 6:** Charlie & Hughie



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: Reception and Year 6 with 0 days absent.

This week the Punctuality Award was won by: Reception with late 0 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:

Poppy - Year 5

Lap - Year 6

Jack M - Year 6



Letters sent home:

Y4 - Forest School

Y1 - Black Country Museum Trip

Y6 - Saint Sharing Information



School Dinners

The cost for school dinners for next half term is **£73.95**. This is due by **Friday 1 March**. Please pay promptly. Thank you for your cooperation.



Dates for Diary - February 2024

Friday 2 February	3.30pm	Confirmation Saint Sharing Parent's Meeting
Tuesday 6 February	All day	Safer Internet 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 Dairy - May 2024

Thursday 2 May	All Day	Polling Day
Friday 3 May	All Day	Inset Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 6 May	All Day	Bank Holiday

Dates for your Dairy June

Monday 3 June	All Day	Inset Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
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Have a lovely weekend



Miss T Cotter
Executive Principal



Mrs C Gorman
Head of School



Prayer for the Help of the Holy Spirit

O God, send forth your Holy Spirit into my heart that I may perceive, into my mind that I may remember, and into my soul that I may meditate.

Inspire me to speak with piety, holiness, tenderness and mercy.

Teach, guide and direct my thoughts and senses from beginning to end.

May your grace ever help and correct me, and may I be strengthened now with wisdom from on high, for the sake of your infinite mercy. Amen.

Saint Anthony of Padua