

Newsletter No 26

Dear Parents/Person with Parental Responsibility

Date Thursday 28 March 2024



We come to the end of another busy term! We have been preparing for Holy Week and Easter this week and there was no better preparation than the fabulous KS2 Passion performance, 'Born for This!' Many of you commented on the standard of acting and singing and that it created exactly the right tone for Holy Week. Well done to all of KS2 and to the staff who all worked so hard to create such a beautiful and reflective performance. In preparation for Easter, the children have really explored the significant events of Holy Week. Earlier this week each class tied a purple ribbon on our cross of nails; they all showed real respect and reverence - thank you children.

We say thank you to Mrs Barnes and Mrs Griffiths for their hard work with Y5 since September. Mrs Norton is excited to take over again after Easter.



Masses & Services at Holy Cross and St Francis Church

I encourage all our families to try and attend the services and Masses at Holy Cross during Holy Week and for the greatest festival of all - Easter Sunday. (Times of services have been distributed). During the Good Friday service at 3pm, the Liturgy Group will be leading the Stations of the Cross in the Church hall. It would be lovely to see our Holy Cross children there, actively practising their faith.

Good Friday - Morning Prayer 10:00am

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3:00pm

Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

Holy Saturday - Morning Prayer 10:00am

Easter Vigil Mass 7:00pm

Easter Sunday Mass - 08:30am & 10:30am

Easter Monday - Men's Mass in St Chad's Cathedral

Children's Liturgy



Mrs Hope will be leading the Children's Liturgy in the Parish Hall over the weekend and would love to see our Holy Cross children there. On **Good Friday at 3pm** there will be re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross followed by craft activities. During **Easter Sunday 10:30 Mass**, the children will reflect on the Gospel, make an Easter card and plant seeds to represent new life.

These Liturgies will be held during;

Good Friday Passion Service - 3:00pm

Easter Sunday Mass at 10:30am



Dinner Money for next term

Parents of KS2 children who have school dinners, the deadline for the payment of **£68.85** is **Friday 19 April 2024**; please make payment through ParentMail. Thank you.



Inclusion updates

After Easter, as part of our focus on promoting the home and school partnership for our children with SEND, we will start to include a section on the Newsletter for all things Inclusion! Each week Miss Turner will provide updates on things we are doing in school to support our families and children.



Summer School Uniform

After Easter, children usually wear Summer uniform. As the weather is still changeable, parents are permitted to send their child in to school in their Winter uniform until the end of April. From Tuesday 7 May, all children are required to wear their Summer uniform.

Summer uniform is:

Green check dress, suitable shoes, with white socks or grey trousers or shorts with jade green polo shirt with logo, grey socks, and sensible dark school shoes - no trainers. Please note all children are expected to be wearing correct school shoes after the Easter holidays.

We pride ourselves on how smart are children are and we ask all parents to ensure they fully comply with the school uniform requirements. Thank you for your cooperation.

Family First Magazine

Please find below the link to enjoy the Family First Magazine.

<https://familyfirst.co.uk/issue2-24>



Easter Raffle



Thank you to all of you who purchased a Raffle Ticket at our KS2 Passion Play Performances. This money will go to Father Hudson's.



Virtues and Values

This half term we are concentrating on being 'Faith-Filled & Hopeful.' 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:** Cian **Year 1:** Harriet **Year 2:** Year 3: Hannah
Year 4: All of Year 4 **Year 5:** Mason **Year 6:** Fabian

Recommendations:



EYFS: Paisley & Ava **Year 1:** Honor & Evie **Year 2:** Ariel All of Year 2

Year 3 James & Sonny **Year 4:** Leylah & Cadie-Ella **Year 5:** Eva & Skyler **Year 6:** Logan & Emileen



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: EYFS with 1 day absent.

This week the Punctuality Award was won by: EYFS & 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.

Year Group	Number of Days Absence this Half Term
EYFS	17.5 days
Year 1	39 days
Year 2	37 days
Year 3	32 days
Year 4	29 days
Year 5	37 days
Year 6	36 days

Well done to **EYFS** who have had the best attendance this half term.



Letters sent home: World of Food - School Council, Year 6 Film Letter, SEND Spring Update, MAC Job Vacancies (2), Commendation Letters, Smart Watches & Mobile Phones



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week and during the Easter Holiday:

Daisy (Y2), Ariel (Y2), Freddie (Y2), Martha (Y3), Cherish (Y3), Amelie (Y5), Henry (Y5), Scarlett (Y5), Eve-Rose (Y6) & Ciara (Y6)

Dates for Diary - April 2024

Monday 15 April		Return to school
Friday 19 April	9:00am	DINNER MONEY DUE
Tuesday 23 April		Year 1 Trip to Black Country Living Museum

Dates for Diary - 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 Diary June 2024

Tuesday 4 June		Year 5 Trip to Police Museum
Saturday 8 June	12pm & 3pm	Year 3 Holy Communion
Tuesday 11 June		Fathers' Day Lunch
Wednesday 12 June		Year 2 Trip Selly Manor
Thursday 13 June		Year 4 Trip to Tamworth Castle
Thursday 13 June		Corpus Christi Procession
Thursday 13 June		Year 3 Communion Breakfast
Monday 17 June		Year 3 Trip Botanical Gardens
Thursday 20 June		Fathers' Day Lunch
Friday 28 June	7:00pm	Year 6 Leavers Party

Dates for Diary July 2024

Monday 1 July		Reception Trip to Thinktank
Thursday 4 July	All Day	Inset Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 5 July		Sports Day
Friday 5 July	3:20pm	Summer Fayre
Monday 8 July		Choir to Symphony Hall
10, 11, 12 July	All Day	Year 6 Residential Mount Cook
Wednesday 17 July	3:10pm - 4:30pm	PTA Summer Disco
Monday 22 July	All Day	Inset Day - SCHOOL CLOSED





The children, staff and Governors wish you a joyful Easter.

Have a lovely Easter break.

Yours sincerely

Miss T Cotter
Executive Principal

Mrs C Gorman
Head of School

