

## Newsletter No 27

Dear Parents/Person with Parental Responsibility

Date Friday 19 April 2024

# Summer Term

Welcome back! I hope that you all enjoyed your Easter break. It is hard to believe that we are beginning our final term. This is always a very busy time with First Holy Communion, assemblies, a variety of different trips and sporting events and of course SATs coming up shortly.

The children returned to school, all looking very smart! Please remember that all the winter or summer uniform is optional until May. A reminder of the Summer Uniform is below.

### Summer School Uniform

Green check dress (**not stripes**), suitable shoes or sandals with white socks, or grey trousers with jade green polo shirt with logo, grey shorts, grey socks, sensible dark school shoes - no trainers. Parents are also asked to ensure dresses are no shorter than just above the knee.

Please note that the round neck; green sweatshirt is not part of everyday uniform. This sweatshirt is to be worn only for PE. Thank you.



### Reception (EYFS) Class 2024

We have some places available for Reception starting in September 2024. If you, or someone you know, might be interested to apply please contact the school office vis email at [enquiry@holycross-sch.net](mailto:enquiry@holycross-sch.net) or call 0121 675 2158



### Dinner Money for next term - FINAL REMINDER

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



### Car Free Streets

A polite reminder about keeping everyone safe during the start and end of the school day.

If you park on the street due to an exemption or blue badge, please ensure you are driving safely, so that you are considerate of the increase of pedestrians during this time. Please also remember there is a turning circle at the top of the road to turn your car around.

This is in order to keep children, families and the community safe.

A reminder of the three platforms to report any vehicles which are not following the Car Free Streets guidance are on the next page:



Birmingham City Council:

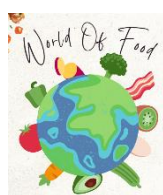
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This is for dangerous driving:

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



### Community Recipe Book

Our School Council are inviting you to contribute to a Community Recipe Book. Please take part in this fantastic opportunity to share recipes from around our community and the world.

Please submit your recipes and the country they are linked to by emailing

[enquiry@holycross-sch.net](mailto:enquiry@holycross-sch.net) . Thank you.



### School Clothing Grant 2024

Please see the attached Clothing grant application form. The eligibility criteria and proof of benefit required is explained on the application form but if you have any queries please contact us. Successful applicants will receive vouchers to the value of £100 per child.

There has been a deadline extension and parents are requested to return completed forms and copies of all pages of their proof of benefit to the school that has stamped their form by **Tuesday 11 June 2024**. Incomplete forms cannot be considered and Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust will liaise directly with applicants if their application is incomplete or unsuccessful.

Please note that we require only one application per household, so if an application includes eligible children from different schools, the vouchers will be sent to the school that has stamped the application form.

Vouchers can be redeemed at Clive Mark Schoolwear Boldmere and/or Crested Schoolwear, Erdington. Please note that if neither of these are your school's nominated supplier parents will be able to use the vouchers to purchase non-branded items.



### Netball

Last night the netball team scored an impressive victory against St. Nicholas in the Sutton Schools League. After making a strong start in the first quarter the girls pushed on, putting all their training and teamwork into action. We are looking forward to their next 2 matches to see where we can finish in the league table.



### Inclusion Updates

Welcome back to our families for the Summer Term. Over this term I will be arranging an Inclusion coffee morning/afternoon and will invite external agencies to attend. There will be one this half term and one next half term. Before setting a date, if there are any topics or agencies you would really like to see at one of these sessions, then please email [inclusion@holycross-sch.net](mailto:inclusion@holycross-sch.net) by Friday 26th April. I would like these sessions to be focused around topics that will benefit you and our children the most so your input is very much welcomed.

An email will also be going out to yourselves with information about some parent workshops that are being held by Be Empowered. Do have a look at the flyer and sign up to them if you are able to.

I look forward to holding these parent coffee mornings/afternoons and working with you over this term.

### Virtues and Values

This half term we are concentrating on being 'Eloquent and Truthful.' 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: **Rec:** George W **Year 1:** Mia **Year 2:** Elijah **Year 3:** Louis

**Year 4:** Jack **Year 5:** Isabelle **Year 6:** Alves

#### Recommendations:



**Rec:** David & Emily **Year 1:** Evie & Jonah **Year 2:** Ricco & Rebecca

**Year 3:** Kheelan & Lily **Year 4:** Freddie & Rubi

**Year 5:** Alannah & Henry **Year 6:** Nylah & Isabella S



**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: Reception/Y2/Y3/Y4 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:**

Paisley – Reception

Arun – Year 3

Niall & Maxwell – Year 4



**Letters sent home:**

CAFOD / Y1 PE / BEW Workshops / Recipe Book / Reception Places September 2024 /

Measles Information / Job Vacancy



**Dates for Diary - April 2024**

<b>Friday 19 April</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>DINNER MONEY DUE</b>
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
Friday 24 May		Break up for Half Term

**Dates for Diary June 2024**

Monday 3 June		Return to school
Tuesday 4 June		Year 5 Trip to Police Museum
Saturday 8 June	12pm & 3pm	Year 3 Holy Communion
<b>Tuesday 11 June</b>		<b>Fathers' Day Lunch</b>
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
<b>Thursday 20 June</b>		<b>Fathers' Day Lunch</b>
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



Have a lovely weekend



Miss T Cotter  
Executive Principal



Mrs C Gorman  
Head of School

