

## Newsletter No

Dear Parents/Person with Parental Responsibility

Date **Friday 17 May 2024**



### Year 6 SATs

A huge well done to every child in Year 6! You have worked really hard this week and all of the staff at Holy Cross have been very impressed by your attitude to learning. You have shown a real sense of maturity this week and we are all very proud of you. Now you can relax and have a wonderful weekend! A special thank you to Mrs Hope and Mrs Jupp for running breakfast clubs, supporting intervention work and ensuring that all the SATs tests ran as smoothly and calmly as possible.



### Crowning of Our Blessed Lady

Thank you for sending in so many beautiful flowers for this morning's celebration of Mass.

Please take a look at our X (formerly Twitter) page for some videos of Our Lady being crowned.



### Inclusion Updates

Thank you to those of you who were able to join us for our Parent Coffee Afternoon on Wednesday. We have been able to arrange the next one for **Tuesday 2nd July at 2pm**. At this Inclusion Coffee Afternoon we will have some of our external agencies in attendance who can share with you what support they can offer and their role in working with the school.

A sign up link will be sent out closer to the time.

One external agency we gain useful information and resources from, is the school based team of Occupational Therapists provided by our local NHS Trusts. Paediatric occupational therapists support children and young people to carry out activities they need, want, or are expected to do, but are prevented from doing due to impairments, injuries or developmental conditions. Paediatric occupational therapists can suggest alternative ways of carrying out activities, provide advice on learning new approaches and help children and young people develop their independence skills within activities of daily living. You can find more information about what services they offer by visiting their website: <https://www.bhamcommunity.nhs.uk/paediatric-occupational-therapy-about>

Our supporting occupational therapists have a wealth of skills and knowledge we can draw on. If you ever have concerns with your child's access to day to day living (e.g. sensory needs, self-help skills, etc.) you can always contact their Advice Line on 0121 683 2325 Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm.



### 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 via email at [enquiry@holycross-sch.net](mailto:enquiry@holycross-sch.net) or call **0121 675 2158**





## Safeguarding Newsletter

Please find attached the link to this term's safeguarding newsletter.

[St John Paul II Multi-Academy Company Safeguarding Newsletter - Summer 1 2024](#)



## National Numeracy Day

On **Wednesday 22 May** we will join thousands of schools across the country in celebrating National Numeracy Day. The children will be engaging in a range of fun maths activities aimed at promoting a positive mind set towards maths and exploring numbers. Organised by the charity National Numeracy, it's the UK's only day dedicated to everyday maths and the aim is to help everyone feel positive about numbers. National Numeracy Day celebrates the importance of numbers for children and adults alike and builds brighter futures by inspiring everyone to improve their numeracy skills.

Please have a chat with your children about maths, their thoughts and feelings and together we can create a positive image of maths.



## First Holy Communion

The £5 charge for ties to be worn for First Holy Communion has been added to ParentMail. These are the only ties to be worn for First Holy Communion. Please log on to ParentMail and pay by **Wednesday 5 June**. Thank you.



## Fathers' Day lunches

Thank you for all those who have booked on to our Fathers' Day Lunches on **Tuesday 11 June** and **Thursday 20 June** at 11:30am. Please note that Tuesday 11 June is now **FULLY BOOKED**. If you are able to join us, please select Thursday 20 June. **The deadline for booking is Thursday 23 May.**

You are now able to select you preferred date and pay on ParentMail via your shop. **A reminder that if you are unable to attend on your allocated date; please try and arrange a swap with another parent, once agreed please then email the office to confirm the swap with the names of both families involved.**

Please only select one date and one adult per family. Thank you for your support.



## Dinner Money for Summer term - **IMPORTANT**

Parents of KS2 children who have school dinners, the deadline for the payment of **£68.85 was Friday 19 April**; if you are unsure of your balance, please contact the School Office. Thank you.

Dinner money for the next half term will be **£86.70**. This is due by **Friday 14 June**.





### Holy Cross Pre-School

Holy Cross Pre-school nursery and Kids' Club are now enrolling children for nursery places starting September 2024. There are 15/30 hour funded places available subject to eligibility. To register your interest please visit our website <http://holycross-preschool.com/> and click the Family Link to fill out an enquiry form or alternatively call 0121 675 1191. Visits to the nursery are welcome.



### Summer Fayre

The Summer Fayre will be held on **Friday 5 July 3:20 - 5:30**. Please join us if you can. All are very welcome.

### **SCCT** School Clothing Grant 2024

Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust

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.



### Smartphones - Parent advertisement

**Are you wondering what age your child should get one? Nervous about how social media might affect them? Perhaps your child has one and you're happy with how it's being used? Or finding it hard to negotiate about hours of use / chats / apps? We want to hear from you.**

We've had some interest in setting up a parent-led WhatsApp chat at Holy Cross to discuss the topic of smartphones for children and consider how parents/carers might support each other - if you'd like to join the chat, please contact **Laura on 07737 264 780**.

We're keen to hear your views and your experience of smartphones for children in an open, non-judgemental environment. It's a tricky topic for everyone!

## Virtues and Values

This half term we are concentrating on being 'Eloquent & 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: **EYFS:** Cian **Year 1:** Lola **Year 2:** Freya **Year 3:** Bonnie  
**Year 4:** Max **Year 5:** Anuli **Year 6:** Jessica

## Recommendations:



**EYFS:** Sophie & Alexander **Year 1:** Louis & Lily **Year 2:** Rebecca & Flynn  
**Year 3:** Malachy & Lily **Year 4:** Niall & Cadie **Year 5:** Skyler & Nicholas **Year 6:** All Year 6



**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: Years 4 & 6** with 0 day absent.

**This week the Punctuality Award was won by: Year 3** 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:**

Ella – Reception      Ronnie – Year 1      Florentyna – Year 3  
Kaiden and Noah - Year 5



**Letters sent home:**

Moor Hall Golf Flyer, Year 2 Letter, Job Vacancies, Year 2 Assessment Letter, Y1 Trip Letter, First Holy Communion Ties.



**Dates for Diary - May 2024**

Tuesday 21 May	9:00am	Year 5 Class Assembly
Wednesday 22 May	All Day	National Numeracy Day
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
Wednesday 5 June	6:00pm	EYFS Induction Meeting -Sept 2024 Start
Friday 7 June		Goodbye Miss Cotter day!
Friday 7 June	9.00am	Mass (instead of Thursday)
Saturday 8 June	12pm & 3pm	Year 3 Holy Communion
Tuesday 11 June	11:45am	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	11:45am	Fathers' Day Lunch
Thursday 20 June	6:00pm	Creative Arts Evening
Tuesday 24 June	8- 11am	Academy Photography
Wednesday 26 June	9:00am	EYFS Class Assembly
Friday 28 June	7:00pm	Year 6 Leavers Party

**Dates for Diary July 2024**

Monday 1 July		Reception Trip to Thinktank
Tuesday 2 July	2:00pm	SEND Coffee Afternoon
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 and Ensemble to Symphony Hall
10, 11, 12 July	All Day	Year 6 Residential Mount Cook
Monday 15 July	2pm	EYFS Graduation
Tuesday 16 July		Y6 Production
Wednesday 17 July	3:10pm - 4:30pm	PTA Summer Disco
Thursday 18 July	11:00am	Leavers Mass and Mission Award
Monday 22 July	All Day	Inset Day - SCHOOL CLOSED



I will write to you all next week but signing off my final newsletter today! Have a lovely weekend



Miss T Cotter  
Executive Principal



Mrs C Gorman  
Head of School

