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NEWSLETTER

Friday 29th September 2023 Issue 4

Dear Parents,

We have been enjoying a fantastic week, where our Reception and Nursery are children showing great resilience and independence as they come into school ready for new learning each day. They have adapted to their new routines entering school very well. Our teachers and staff are very proud of them. Well done!

We've also enjoyed having visitors in school. On Monday, we were visited by Sarah from Dogs Trust UK. She led a whole-school, "Be Dog Smart" assembly. This was an excellent introduction to the importance of learning about dogs, such as when it would not be safe or fair to stroke a dog, as well as what to do if approached by a dog you do not know. Year 4 and 5 also had interactive workshops in their classrooms. Thank you to our visitor.

Next week we have Team Recycle visiting us to help us understand the importance of recycling and looking after God's Creation. I'm looking forward to taking part in the workshops. We look forward to sharing some more information and photos with you, as well as the final outcome of the visit!

Ahead of next week, please remember, school uniform including school shoes (not trainers) must be worn at all times. Trainers are only permitted on PE days for your child. Thank you.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss McDonald

Gospel Virtues

Our virtues this half term are Grateful and Generous.

We are learning to be grateful for our own gifts and the gifts of others. We are also grateful for the blessings of each and every day.

With our gifts, we are learning to be generous in sharing them with others and for the good of our community. We share God's love through service and use our gifts to do so.

"When life is sweet, say thank you, and celebrate. When life is bitter, say thank you, and grow."
anon

"Help one another with the generosity of the Lord and despise no one. When you have the opportunity to do good, do not let it go by."
St Polycarp

Activities to try at home:

Pray for the sick of the parish (from the bulletin)

Find a prayer to bless your home together as a family

Tell others when they have been generous with their gifts and talents

Take time to thank God at the end of the day for the gifts your family has received

Do share any photos and updates from your activities with us, we would love to share them on the newsletter or include them on Facebook.



Reminders/Messages



Friday 29th - Teacher training school closed to children

**Non Uniform Day
6th October Harvest Festival**

Sunday 15th October - Thursday 19th October: Year 6 Residential to Dol-Y-Moch

Thursday 26th October: Athlete Visit - Year 1-6 to wear PE kits to school (sponsorship forms and more information to follow)

Non Uniform Day

27th October Choir Fundraiser

Monday 6th November - Thursday 16th November: Pools to Schools (more information to follow)

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Parking / Road Safety



Polite notice we experiencing problems with parking on Heathcote Street and Sadler Road, please can we remind all parents/carers not to double park in the sports centre carpark, do not park on double yellow line or across residents drive-ways. The residents in St Augustine's Walk have reported the issue to the parking wardens and they are issuing parking fines.

The school is not responsible for the fines issued.

Please take care when leaving school, Please keep children to paths and walk ways do not walk across the staff car park.



Medical

Thank you to all parents who have updated healthcare plans with me. All children with asthma or an allergy must now have a healthcare plan.

If you haven't yet done so please can you return the signed slip to say that the information on the updated plan is correct.

There are only six outstanding healthcare plans to complete. If you have received a telephone message asking you to call school to discuss a healthcare plan I would be very grateful if you could contact me so that these final plans can be completed.

Mrs Wightman (SEND CO)



Online Safety

Developing Scepticism

AGES 5 TO 7

From this age, children should learn about the ease with which very professional looking websites can be made and how people may abuse this to access their private information.

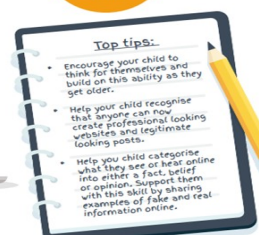
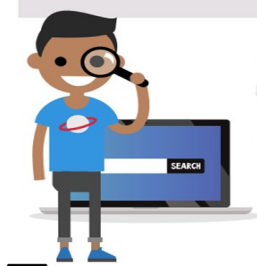
Tell your child that anyone can create genuine looking posts containing many comments that appear to be supportive. Encourage children to think for themselves. Does the website seem too good to be true? If children come to you with an improbable tale, talk to them about checking their sources and help them to do this.

When children have homework that involves internet research, model a process of looking for reputable websites for information.

Did You Know?

On average, 8 of 10 children access the online world through a smart phone (Global Kids Online Project, 2017)

This statistic supports the idea that they are independently accessing the internet often away from adult supervision.



Harvest

We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival Mass, led by Year 4, on Wednesday 18th October at 9.30am. We will again be supporting the Coventry Foodbank so ask that children bring in a donation of tinned or packet food or toiletries on the non-uniform day on Friday 6th October.

Thank you for your continued support.



Safeguarding

Can we remind parents that if you are going to be late collecting your child from school at 3:10pm, that you make alternative arrangements for children to be collected on time. We have had a number of parent arriving up to 30 minutes late this is not acceptable.

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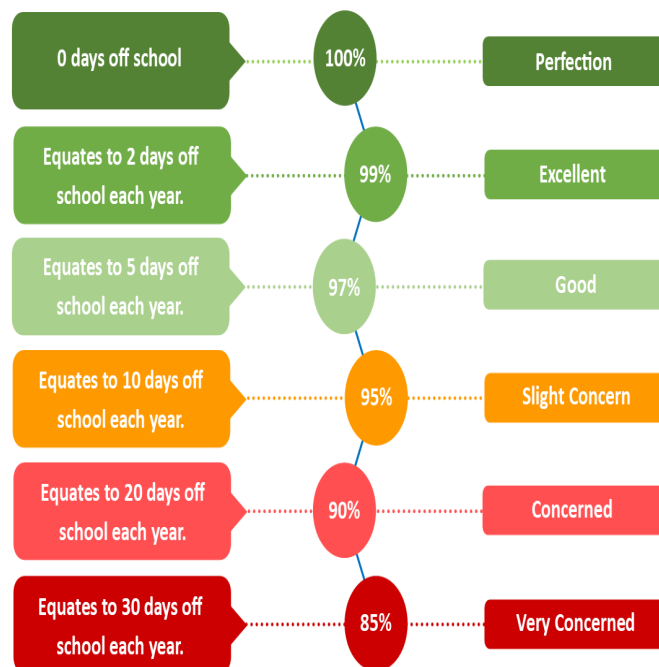
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Class Attendance

Nursery All Day	100%
Nursery AM	90%
Reception	99%
Y1M	96%
Y1RW	94%
Y2K	98%
Y3B	96%
Y3PH	95%
Y4L	99%
Y4M	96%
Y5A	98%
Y5S	92%
Y6C	98%
Y6D	97%

Attendance Goal 96% and above



Attendance Winners



Nursery

100%



Aims

At Holy Cross Catholic Multi Academy Company (MAC), we view regular attendance as an essential part of a child's academic and social success. Learning and friendship opportunities are enhanced by sustained periods of unbroken attendance, and we rely on our partnership with parents/carers to ensure that this is achieved. Good attendance means that children usually make good, consistent progress in their schoolwork. If a child is registered at school, parents and carers have a duty under the Education Act 1996 to ensure that their child attends regularly and is punctual.

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PE, After School Clubs & Sports News

Clubs

Due to a football match on Monday 2nd October there will be no Year 1 and 2 Multi skills.

Please note: Football kits and branded clothing are not part of our school PE uniform policy, however these can be brought to school to change into, if attending an after school club.

Kits

Children will need to come to school in their PE kit on the days they attend After School Club. For **football** sessions, they **must** bring long socks and **shin pads** – *due to Health and Safety, children will not be able to join in without shin pads*. If children wish to change into a football kit, this will be done independently at the beginning of the club, but **football kits are not to be worn during the school day**. Clubs finish at 4:10pm and collection is from the office at the main entrance. If parents are consistently late to collect their children, they may have to be removed from the club, as staff have their own commitments after school.

Fixtures

Mrs Kelly attended a fixtures meeting this week to arrange all of our High 5 Netball and Football sporting fixtures for the academic year. Mr Bennett will be selecting the teams based on children who attend the clubs and who are following the rules above. Please note, if your child is selected to represent the school, you will be notified via email and you will need to give your consent on Arbor prior to the fixture. We will always try to notify you of this a week before.

First football fixture – Monday 2nd October vs Our Lady of the Assumption (home)

High 5 Netball—Lunchtime Club Year 5-6

Mr Bennett will be running a High 5 Netball Club on Monday and Tuesday lunchtime (weather permitting). If this isn't your usual PE day and you wish to take part, please bring your trainers to school on these days.



Clubs

Can we politely request that parents to speak to their children about behaving appropriately during the After School Clubs.

The contract below was sent out to all parents before clubs became available.

After School Club Contract

By signing your child up to an after-school club, you are agreeing that:

My child will:

Be respectful – to all adults and children within the club

Be kind – with words and actions to all adults and children within the club

Be honest – to all adults and children within the club

Be safe – by listening and following the instructions given to you by the coach or other adults

Be all they can be – to ensure the children get the most fun and enjoyment during the sessions!

We have a waiting list for every club we are running. Unfortunately, if these rules are not followed, appropriate action will be taken and your child

Active Families

Each week we will provide you with a resource which will give you some ideas on ways to keep active at home!

Down from 10, up from 5



What you need: a little space and a lot of perseverance.

How to play:

- Complete 10 burpees, then 5 star jumps.
- Then go down by 1 burpee each time and up by 5 star jumps until you get to 0 burpees and 50 star jumps.
- Round 1: 10 burpees, 5 star jumps
- Round 2: 9 burpees, 10 star jumps
- Round 3: 8 burpees, 15 star jumps
- Round 5: 7 burpees, 20 star jumps
- Round 6: 6 burpees, 25 star jumps
- etc.....



Make this easier by spreading it out throughout the day.



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Choir

We had another great Choir rehearsal this week. We were pleased to welcome Mr Fitzgerald, the Assistant Director of Music at Coventry Cathedral to visit us on Tuesday. He listened to our singing, played some musical games with us and told us a little about singing in the Cathedral Choir and the children were given information leaflets. Mr Fitzgerald will be inviting some children to audition for the Cathedral Choir and she will be passing invitations onto the children in the next few days.

During our rehearsal we also spoke about a number of upcoming events that the School Choir will be part of. These include singing carols at a special service in the Cathedral, Young Voices in Birmingham in January and a concert in the Royal Albert Hall in London in July! As you can imagine, the children were very excited – a letter with the dates will be sent out shortly.

Reminder: Choir takes place between 3:15 and 4:15, usually in Key Stage 2 Hall. Please bring a water bottle and a smile. There are just a few spaces left – if anyone would like to join, please collect a letter from Mrs Mills and return it to her. Children who fail to regularly attend, will have their place offered to someone else

Mrs Mills, Music Co-Ordinator



Birthdays

Nursery	Tate
Reception	Rozalia
Year 1	
Year 2	Liliana
Year 3	
Year 4	Keira
Year 5	Jakub
Year 6	



Fundraising

Our School Choir take part in many musical events throughout the year – many of these support our school and local community. Some events, however, involve travel costs and our Choir would really welcome support to enable their participation in these. With this in mind, there will be a number of events taking place throughout the year to help fundraise. Our first event will be a non-uniform day on Friday 27th October – any donations would be most gratefully received.

Many thanks, Mrs Mills (Music Co-ordinator)





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AUTUMN MENU CYCLE WEEK TWO

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN COURSE	Pork sausage roll	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Roast Chicken Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Beef Lasagne	Fish Fingers
VEGETARIAN COURSE	Cheese Roll	Macaroni Cheese	Quorn fillet Yorkshire pudding and Gravy	Vegetable Lasagne	Vegetable Finger
VEGETABLE	Sweetcorn and peppers	Sweetcorn or Baked Beans	Peas and Carrots	Green Beans	Peas or Baked Beans
SIDES	Baked Wedges	Diced potatoes	Roast Potatoes	Garlic bread	Chips

Salad
served Daily

Food Allergies and Intolerance

If you require information on allergens or suffer from a food intolerance, please speak to a Team Member before you order your food and drinks.

Packed Lunches

We would like to remind you that we have a strict **NO NUTS** policy at our school. We kindly ask that the following items are not put in children's lunch boxes

- No nuts or products containing nuts
- No chocolate spread
- No sweets
- No fizzy pop



Please ensure that fruit such as grapes and berries are cut in half to prevent choking

Suggested lunch box items

- Sandwiches/wraps
- Meat/cheese
- Yogurt
- Fruit/Vegetables
- Crisps
- Small Tuck bar
- Drink – Water/Juice/Squash



Arbor

You can log into Arbor to view any clubs or trips your child may be eligible for. You can also make dinner choices and payments



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Term and Holiday dates 2023/ 2024



Term	Pupil Dates	Teacher Days
Autumn 1 2023 	Return to school on Tuesday 5th September to Last day of term Friday 27th October Pupils break up at 3.05pm on Friday 27 th October	Monday 4th September Friday 29th September
HALF TERM	Saturday 28th October to Sunday 5th November 2023	
Autumn 2 2023 	Children return to school on Monday 6th November to Last day of term Friday 22nd December Pupils break up at 3:05pm on Friday 22 nd December	Friday 17th November
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	Saturday 23rd December to Sunday 7th January 2024	
Spring 1 2024 	Children return to school on Monday 8th January to Last day of term Friday 9th February Pupils break up at 3:05pm on Friday 9 th February	
HALF TERM	Saturday 10th February to Sunday 18th February 2024	
Spring 2 2024 	Children return to school on Monday 19th February to Last day of term Friday 22nd March Pupils break up at 3:05pm on Friday 22 nd March	
EASTER BREAK	Saturday 23rd March to Sunday 7th April 2024	
Summer 1 2024 	Children return to school on Monday 8th April to Last day of term Friday 24th May Pupils break up at 3:05pm on Friday 24 th May	
HALF TERM	Saturday 25th May to Sunday 2nd June 2024	
Summer 2 2024 	Children return to school on Tuesday 4th June to Last day of term Friday 19th July Pupils break up at 3:05pm on Thursday 19 th July	Monday 3rd June

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