

**"With Jesus as our guide; we love, live and learn together."**

**Newsletter 32: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Dear Parents

I hope that you and your families have all had a good week and enjoy the half term break next week.

We had a lovely Mass in school this morning to give thanks for the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Thank you to all of the parents who were able to join us in school for this special celebration. Congratulations to all of our pupils who have recently received the Eucharist for the first time. Please remember to keep them in your prayers.



Y1 and Y2 presented a splendid musical showcase this afternoon! The children performed a variety of songs for a very large audience. Both classes sang and played glockenspiels. Y1 pupils sang 'Round and Round' and accompanied 'I am in the groove'. Y2 pupils sang 'I want to play in a band' played along with 'Zoo Time'. We had a fantastic turnout of parents and family members – we hope that you all enjoyed our performances!

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Teacher Training Day:**  
School will be closed to pupils on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** - which is immediately after the half-term break. We will reopen for pupils after the half-term break on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June**.

**HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF SCHOOL OPENING:**

Our school is **70 years old this year!** Holy Name Catholic Primary School has been open since **4<sup>th</sup> January 1954!**

To commemorate this amazing milestone, on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June**, there will be a special celebration of Mass at **12.30pm** in Holy Name church followed by our PTA summer fair which will include our school being open for past pupils, parents and staff to visit and take a look around.

Miss Edmunds would like to collect photographs, school reports and memorabilia from the past seven decades to display as part of our celebration. If you think you may have any items of interest and you would like to share or lend them to us then please speak to Mrs Potter in the school office. Thank you.

**Goldfinch Award for Jesuit Values and Virtues:**

Congratulations to the following children who have excelled at following the Jesuit Virtues of 'Eloquent and Truthful' this half term.

They will be receiving special certificates in our values and virtues assembly on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 9.05am**. All parents are invited to join us for this assembly. ***N.B. Nursery pupils will receive their certificates in class.***

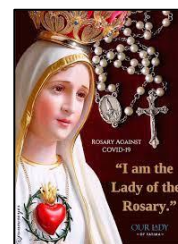
Nursery	Reception	Y1	Y2
Ermias D Harry N	Esmee W Noah H	Alexander B Reggie S	Eddie M Quinn M
Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Logan M Isla F	Cruz R Farhan S	Isaac Q Bridget I	Maddison A Fallon R



### **May - The Month of the Rosary:**

May is one of the special months of the year where we focus our minds, hearts and prayers on Mary, our Mother. During the month of May we aim to pray the rosary each day. Each weekday has a special focus on a set of mysteries of the rosary.

Days of the Week	Mysteries of the Rosary
Monday & Saturday	The Five Joyful Mysteries
Tuesday & Friday	The Five sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday and Sunday	The Five Glorious Mysteries
Thursday	The Mysteries of Light (Luminous)



### **Parking on Cross Lane outside School:**

A number of concerns have been raised with school regarding parents parking dangerously when bringing pupils to school and collecting them.

It is very important that the double yellow lines and yellow zig zag lines on Cross Lane are not used for parking in order to keep everyone safe.

The school is in regular contact with the road safety team at Sandwell Council to request visits from parking enforcement officers. If any parents would like to report a concern about parking directly to Sandwell Council, including any 'near misses' where accidents have been narrowly avoided, the contact number is **0121 569 4330**.



I have recently received this information from Sandwell Council:

*'There has been a total of 48 visits made by foot patrol Civil Enforcement Officers, with 25 observations made (to Cross Lane in the past two years). This has resulted in a total of 6 penalty charge notices being issued. In addition to this, the CCTV vehicle has also made regular visits during this two-year period, resulting in a further 8 penalty charge notices being issued.'*

*The funding made available for road safety measures is targeted in areas where road traffic collisions are occurring which result in casualties. A three-year injury collision analysis has been undertaken for Cross Lane, and there have been no recorded injury collisions, during this period*

*It is for this reason, there are currently no plans to implement road safety measures along Cross Lane, during this financial year.'*

Please remember that parents are kindly allowed to use the Holy Name parish centre car park when dropping off and collecting at the start and end of the school day.

### **PTA Summer Fayre Stalls:**

Our Parent Teacher Association would like to ask our parents if they know anyone who would like to host a stall (but not food) at our Summer Fayre which is scheduled to take place on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June** from **1.00pm** onwards. Please contact our PTA Chair – Mr P.J. Doocey: [pj.doocey@dooceygroup.co.uk](mailto:pj.doocey@dooceygroup.co.uk)

### **Reception - Y6 Reading Challenges:**

Our Reading Challenges are a great way to ensure your child is reading a range of texts which are age-related (with some challenging texts too!)

To make it super easy to participate, we have uploaded a direct form link which is accessible through your Marvellous Me accounts. The form is called 'YR RC' / 'Y1 RC' etc and they are also available on the school website – just click:

'Curriculum and Gallery > Reading' and scroll down to 'Reading Challenge'.

Or click on the links here:      [Y6](#)    [Y5](#)    [Y4](#)    [Y3](#)    [Y2](#)    [Y1](#)    [Reception](#)

Every time your child reads a book from the specially selected list, they just need to complete an entry on the form and they will automatically be entered into a prize draw!



All of these books will support your child's love of reading and further enhance their vocabulary and encourage a love of reading. Good luck!

**The next prize draw will be on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Number Fact of the Week:**

It is really important for our pupils to learn their multiplication facts as quickly as possible. By the end of Y4, it is expected that all pupils will be able to instantly recall all of these up to 12 x 12.

Every week, Mr Shanahan, our maths leader, will be setting a challenge to learn a specific number fact.

Be prepared: when he sees you around school he will be testing you!

This week's number fact is:

$$8 \times 9 = 72$$

or

$$9 \times 8 = 72$$



**Masses next Half Term:**

All **parents** and **parishioners** are warmly invited to all of our school masses in **school** at **9.15am** or in **church** at **11.30am**.

Date:	Information:
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>NO MASS</b>
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Infants' mass in school hall at 9.15am.</b>
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Y4 and Y5 joining the parish for mass in church at 11.30am</b>
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Infants' mass in school hall at 9.15am.</b>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>Y3 and Y6 joining the parish for mass in church at 11.30am</b>
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Infants' mass in school hall at 9.15am.</b>
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Y6 Leavers' Mass in school at 9.15am</b>

**Diary Dates:**

Date:	Information:
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS – Teacher Training Day</b>
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Y2 &amp; Y3 Rugby Club 3.15pm – 4.15pm</b>
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>KS2 French Club 3.15 – 4.15pm</b>
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Values and Virtues Assembly in the school hall at <b>9.05am</b>
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Y2 Educational Visit to Cadbury World</b>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Reception Educational Visit to Sandwell Valley</b>
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Y4 Educational Visit to synagogue</b>
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Vocations Day in school</b>
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Y6 Leavers' Performance in school at 6.00pm</b>
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Y5 Educational Visit to Islamic Exhibition</b>
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass for Holy Name School in church at <b>12.30pm</b> PTA Summer Fayre <b>1.00 – 4.00pm</b>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Induction meeting for September 2024 Reception class at <b>9.15am</b>
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Y3,4,5,6 sports day in school at 9.15am</b>
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Reception, Y1, Y2 sports day in school at 9.15am</b>
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Nursery sports day in school at 11.00am</b>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of summer term



**Happy birthday to:**

Aidan E, Emily H (Y5), Amelie R-S (Y4), Ayaana T (Y3), Cara B (Y1), Lily F, Heavenly K (Reception) and Caleb J (Nursery) who all have a birthday to celebrate next week or during the first week back after half term.

Yours sincerely

*A. Neenan*

Mr A.G. Neenan

Headteacher

One of the precepts of being a Catholic is to attend Sunday Mass (or the vigil Mass for Sunday) every week and on all Holy Days of Obligation. This weekly commitment gives us the opportunity to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord which is why Sundays are known as the Lord's day.

**Mass at Holy Name Church:**  
**Saturday 12.30pm**  
**Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am**



## The Most Holy Trinity (Year B)

### Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

In this Sunday's gospel, sometime after his death and resurrection Jesus appears to the disciples. He has a very special task for them. What does he ask them to do?

Jesus asks them to spread his word – to teach people to follow his commandments. Can you remember what these commandments are?

Jesus asks us to love God and to love our neighbour as ourselves. Can you think of a time when you have shown love for a neighbour?

Jesus's words today were not just for his disciples – they were for all of us who follow him.

St Francis of Assisi said, "preach the gospel at all times, and when necessary use words." What do you think this means?

So what do you think the best way of sharing Jesus's word with other people is? Is it telling them about Jesus? Or do you think it might be better to show people through our actions?

What do you think we might do? We could be kind and generous and share with others. We could make sure that we always treat others the way we would want to be treated. We could try to make sure that the world is a fairer place for all people to live in.

Can you think of anything else that we do to show we believe in Jesus?

At the end of the reading, Jesus says, "I am with you always, yes to the end of time."

How does it make you feel to know that Jesus is always with us? How do you know that Jesus is still with us today?

### Our Catholic Mission:

What will you do over the coming week to share Jesus's word with others through your actions?

### Prayer:

Christ Jesus, you are always with us.  
May we show love for our neighbour,  
treating all people as we would wish to be treated.  
And through what we do,  
may others see that we believe in you.  
Amen.

*Reflection taken from CAFOD Children's Liturgy*

