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NEWSLETTER

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This is our school;

Let peace live here;

Let the rooms be full of
happiness;

Let love live here.

Love of God,

Love of one another

And love of life itself.

Let us remember

That as many hands
build a house,

So many hearts make a
School.

Amen.



Happy half term to you all. It has been six weeks since we returned from the Christmas break and the time has flown by.

- Year 2 presented a beautiful Mass this morning and Year 4 presented a most informative assembly on their history topic yesterday. We had a cricket assembly to start the week and the Brass Band performed in a concert on Wednesday night.

- All the children have done well this half term and we are proud of their efforts. We have been considering how we speak to others and how we would like to be spoken to; we've also spent time looking at kind and respectful words and how words can be used in a negative and hurtful way.

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■ **Reading**

- As you know we are really trying to promote the love of reading to your children as it is a life skill that will help them throughout their life.

- World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March and we will all be dressing up in our favourite book characters—staff and all! Please don't go to lots of expense if you look up book characters on line there are lots of good ideas about how you can make your child's costume.

We are going to ask for a donation of £1 per child and the money raised will go towards buying new books for the library. We are continuing to look at the books in school and update and order them so that your children have the opportunity to be exposed to the best books out there!

We sent home a half term reading challenge for all children—the handout gives you lots of ideas of things you could do with your children to promote reading. Please have a go and try to complete at least 5 of the challenges—we are taking in challenges on Friday 28th February.

On line Safety

We sent out some information on on-line safety yesterday. We feel this is an area that we all need to work on together.

There is a parents course which you can take part in—we realise that some of you do not have access to the internet so after half term on a Wednesday morning we will provide computers and space for you to complete the course if you wish to do so.

Andy Samuels will be around to support you with anything you need.



Sursum Corda—Lift up your hearts

Please see our website and see the work we do with other schools in Birmingham.

Attendance

Year 6— 3 stars
 Year 5— 1 star
 Year 4— 3 stars
 Year 3— 4 stars
 Year 2— 2 stars
 Year 1—7 stars



Attendance and Punctuality

Our attendance since September is 96.20%

We really need to keep this up; as part of our school review that is completed by the Department for Education each year attendance was mentioned as an area we need to keep an eye on.

Please take note of the attendance statistics below—low attendance has an impact on your child's education

Attendance over the year	Equals number of days	Approximately	Approximately
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons

Nursery 2020

If you have a child who is 3 before September 2020, or you know someone who has a child that age, then please consider sending them to our Nursery. You just need to fill in an application form which can be picked up from the office.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 24th February
 Year 4 and Year 5 Cricket Coaching

Wednesday 26th February
 Ash Wednesday Year 6 Mass

Thursday 27th February
 Year 2 Parents Meeting about reading

Friday 28th February
 No Mass

Monday 2nd March
 Cricket Coaching Year 4 and 5

Tuesday 3rd March
 Year 3 Swimming

Wednesday 4th March
 Year 1 Parents Meeting about reading and phonics.

Friday 6th March
 Year 5 mass

Year 6 Lenten Activities

Monday 9th March
 Cricket Coaching Year 4 and 5

Tuesday 10th March
 Year 1 Multi-skills festival (PE)

Wednesday 11th March
 Sponsored Walk

Thursday 12th March
 Lenten Activities Year 5
 Year 3 Prayer Service 2:30pm

Friday 13th March
 Reception Trip Sarehole Mill
 Mass Year 4
 Year 2 and Year 3 Multi-skills (PE)

Brass Band

Congratulations to the St Cuthbert's Area Band who performed in a concert on Wednesday evening. They were telling me it was very interesting watching the other bands from across the city and hearing different instruments. Mrs McKenna and Mr Samuels said that our group played extremely well and their behaviour was excellent.

Football Team

Well done to the football team who played a match against The Priory School last Wednesday. Unfortunately they were beaten 2-0 but all these experiences are worthwhile. Thank you to Mr O'Rourke who arranged the match and accompanied the children.

Cricket

We had an assembly presented by Warwickshire Cricket Club on Monday—it was a great way to start the week.. They will be coming in to provide coaching sessions for Year 4 and Year 5 on a Monday after half term. This is during school time but the children do need to remember their PE kits!

Swimming

On the first week back in school Mrs Baker will be taking some children swimming from KS2 to try out for a place in the annual swimming gala. This means that Year 3 will start their swimming lessons on Tuesday 3rd March. I will also be taking a number of non-swimmers from Year 4 and Year 5 for additional swimming sessions next half term. These children will have been given letters about these extra lessons.



Archdiocese of Birmingham



School Games Bronze Award



Eco-Schools Bronze Award



Rights Respecting School