

HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back

It has been a good week back at school with all classes kicking off their new 'themes' with activities on Monday. The pupils are really enthusiastic about their new topics.

Next week is National Anti-Bullying Week. We'll be focusing on the issue of bullying all week in school with all pupils taking part in a whole school assembly, then in-class workshops to raise awareness. If you are concerned that your child is being bullied or that bullying is taking place in the school, please refer to the [Anti-Bullying Policy](#) and contact Mrs Dyche or Mr Brogan who will investigate your concerns. In the first part of the Spring term, all pupils will explore bullying in greater detail as part of the curriculum.

Please remember to add to your calendars the 12th December for parent consultations. This has been planned for you to be able to discuss your child's first progress report of 2018/19. If you have any questions before that date, please contact your child's class teacher who will be happy to discuss your child's progress with you.

It's a busy term with lots of events taking place in the lead up to Christmas. Please stay up to date with all the latest events by reading the newsletter, view the [school calendar](#), [Class Dojo](#) or follow us on Twitter [@HolyRosary](#).

Academy Masses - Hall - 9:15 – All Welcome

17th December – Year 3 leading

Class Masses – St. Joseph's - 9:30 – All Welcome

Reception, year 1 and 6 – 12th November

Year 2 and 3 – 19th November

Year 4 – 26th November

If you are able to walk to mass with your child's class, please inform their teacher.

Term/INSET Dates

Aut/Advent 2	5 th Nov – 21 st Dec
Spr/Lent 1	7 th Jan – 15 th Feb
Spr/Lent 2	25 th Feb – 12 th April
Sum/Pentecost 1	29 th April – 24 th May
Sum/Pentecost 2	3 rd June – 19 th July
INSET (School closed)	30 th November 15 th February 22 nd July

Extra-curricular (Autumn/Advent 2)

	During school	After school
Mon	Music Tuition Recorder	Choir Football
Tues	Liturgy Club	Handball
Weds	-	HR Harriers Girls Football
Thurs	-	-
Fri	Homework	-

Newsletter Paper Copy

If you would like a regular paper copy of the newsletter or wish to be added to the mailing list, please speak with the office staff.

Next Newsletter: 23rd November 2018

Key Dates

Nov

12th – Anti-Bullying Week

18th – PTA Clear Up

19th – Local Residents Transport Meeting – 6pm

21st – PTA Christmas Fete Planning Meeting – 18:00

24th – St. Joseph's Parish Craft Event – 11:00

27th – Flu Vaccinations, Rec to Year 5

28th – Design a Christmas T-shirt - 3.30-5.30pm

29th – Come as you please - £1 donation

30th – INSET – School Closed

Dec

1st – Parish Christmas Fair – 10:00

3rd – SEND Parent Consultations – 15:30

4th – Winter Wonderland Music Share

7th – Christingle Event – 14:00

8th – PTA Breakfast with Santa – 10:00

9th – School-Parish Mass – 17:00

10th – Autumn Progress Reports

12th – Parent Consultations – 14:00-18:00

14th – Christmas Jumper/T-shirt Day

PTA Christmas Fete 15:30-17:30

19th – Early Years Christmas Performance – 9:30

20th – Year 1/2 Christmas Performance – 9:30

21st – Year 5/6 Christmas Performance – 14:30

Autumn trips will be shared by class teachers.

Class Assemblies for Parents – 2:00 pm

Year 4 – Friday, 9th November 2018

Year 3 – Friday, 1st February 2019

Year 1 – Friday, 8th March 2019

Year 5 – Friday, 10th May 2019

Year 2 – Friday 21st June 2019

Reception – Thursday, 18th July 2019 (9:30 am)



Building loving hearts and strong minds, in union with God and each other.

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Statements To Live By

Please spend some time with your child to talk about these ideas to help them understand the importance of social justice, as well as develop independence and responsibility: *I know what to do if I see anyone being hurt - I understand that rights match responsibility - I try to stand up for myself and others without hurting anyone - I try to be just and fair.*

Volunteering and Class Support

We want to encourage any parents who have some spare time and want to support the school to volunteer. If you feel you could offer time to your child's class or the school in general, please speak with your child's class teacher or contact Mrs Wells (community@holyrosary.staffs.sch.uk). We'll fund all DBS checks and give you jobs you feel comfortable with.

Desert Animal Day

On Monday, Mitch brought in a selection of his desert animal friends to meet with the children from year 3 and 4. The pupils spent the day learning about, holding and completing activities linked to these animals.



My Child's Art

Please log in to: www.mychildsart.co.uk and type in the school's details to gain access to your child's image. You can find their image using their unique reference number and purchase any gifts you'd like.

Park and Stride

We would like to remind you that we have a 'Park and Stride' scheme in operation from the Freemason's Hall on Ashby Road. Please feel free to park your car in this car park and walk your children the short journey to and from school. It is a great alternative to parking in the school's immediate vicinity particularly with the current construction and building on Alexandra Road. Your co-operation with this would be very much appreciated. Please get in touch if you need help with locating the Freemason's Hall.

Walking Bus

Great News! Our Walking Bus routes from The Freemasons Hall on Ashby Road and The Anglesey Pub in Winshill will operate from Monday, 19th November 2018. If you would like to register your child for this, please contact the school office for an application form. If your child was previously registered for the walking bus, we require you to complete new forms.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

The school will be taking part in the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal again this year. Leaflets and further information is available from the school office. Collection of the shoe boxes will be week commencing 12th November. Please leave your shoe boxes with the school office.

Year 5 Music Share Concert

Year 5 have been invited to attend a collaborative singing concert at Abbot Beyne School. They have been supported in school by David Werry from Lichfield Cathedral, who has been in school coaching them this term in preparation for the concert.

The concert will take place at Abbot Beyne and the children will be escorted there for 1.30 pm so that they can rehearse. A separate consent letter containing further information will be sent home with the children this evening.

Make and Bake a Ginger Biscuit Morning

On Tuesday, parents and carers of FS1 and 2 spent the morning baking ginger biscuits with their children. It was great that so many could attend and we're already looking forward to the next event.



Royal British Legion Assembly

Thank you to the members of the Royal British Legion who came into school on Monday, 5th November to talk to the children in preparation for Remembrance Sunday – we will remember them.



FS1 Play Equipment

We ask that parents/carers do not allow their children to play on the plastic play equipment for their own safety when dropping off and collecting their children.

