



# Newsletter Autumn Term 1 2021



Dear Parents and Carer's

## Weather Warning

With the winter months fast approaching, we would like to remind you of our closure policy under extreme weather conditions. If Holy Cross Primary School announces closure, then we have to automatically close the nursery. If you are unsure check our website but also look on the Birmingham City council website for school closures to check the status of Holy Cross Primary School.

## Funding

**If your child turns 3 before 31<sup>st</sup> December**, please visit [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) to check your child's eligibility to access the 30hours funding, before the 31<sup>st</sup> December. **Please note you need to renew your child 30-hour code every three months.**

## Winter Uniform

We have now returned for our winter term, children are now asked to wear nursery winter uniform; this includes trousers, joggers/tights. Can all children please bring into the nursery a hat and gloves with their name clearly marked.

## Parent's Consultations

We will be holding our Preschool parent's consultations during the week of 29<sup>th</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> December, due to the current restrictions. Parent consultations will be via the telephone. You will be able to book your time slot within the coming weeks. During this 10-minute telephone conversation your child's key worker will let you know how your child has settled in and discuss their progress.

## Parent Workshop

We would like to invite you to our parent workshop on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2-3pm the theme will be Bonfire Night. If your child doesn't attend this session you are more than welcome to come and join in with celebrating this festival. If you are able to attend our workshop, please note face masks are mandatory in the setting.

## Fancy Dress Day

We will be hosting a fancy dress day on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November where your child can come dressed as anything they like, participating in lots of fun filled activities. In return we are asking for any bottle and chocolate donations that will go towards our Christmas fayre.

## Children In Need

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November Nursery will be taking part in Children In Need. We would like your child to come to nursery in their own clothes wearing something bright and colourful. If you would like to make a





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voluntary contribution of £1 as a donation to this wonderful charity, then we will be collecting these in on the day at Nursery.

## **Christmas Fayre**

We are delighted to invite all our parents and families to our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November 10am -2pm. There will be a raffle, festive games, refreshments and lots more. We are looking for donations of Christmas decorations, raffle prizes, chocolate's/bottle's that you would like to donate we would appreciate this. Santa will be here from 12pm, tickets to Santa Grotto will be available to purchase on the day for £2.50 per child this includes a gift and reindeer food. If you would like to help out on the day, please let us know. Please note you can buy raffle tickets from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November £1 per strip. If you are able to make our fayre please can you bring as much change as possible as we have a limited float.

## **Academy Photography**

The photographer will be in on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November to take individual children's, families and siblings photographs. This is an opportunity for you to have your child's photograph taken and purchase if you wish. Please bring your child in for 9am in their uniform. You will be able to wait inside until your child's photograph has been taken, please note you will need to wear a face mask inside the setting.

## **Letter to Santa**

To support our topic of 'Mythological creatures' the children will be able to post their Christmas letters to Santa Claus at the North Pole, care of the Royal Mail. Due to General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) requirements, if you would not like your child to post their letter to Santa Claus please inform your child's keyworkers by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Christmas Jumper Day**

We will be holding our traditional Christmas lunch on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. This would be a lovely opportunity for your child to come dressed in a festive Christmas jumper! On the afternoon we will also be having a special visit from Santa Claus himself! If your child does not attend nursery on the Wednesday afternoon, please keep an eye out for any further information from us about Santa's return visit.

## **Christmas Production**

It that time of year again where we would like to invite you to our annual Christmas production on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. We are very excited to announce that our Christmas production will be 'Away in a manger'. This is a lovely play for the children, full of songs, actions, characters and a fantastic way of the children learning the story of the birth of Jesus and how special this time of year is. Please see the letters sent via email.

## **Christmas Party**

We are well and truly excited to be getting ready for our fun filled Nursery Christmas party on the 16<sup>th</sup> December. The party will go on throughout the whole day, with lots of fun games, dancing and treats. Children are invited to wear their own clothes (party clothes if they wish). If your child does not usually attend this session, but you would like them to, then please contact the office to book an extra session.





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## Pyjama Day

On the last day of term Friday 17th December, the children may come to Nursery wearing their pyjamas if they wish. This is a feature of a more relaxed day full of fun activities and a festive movie.

### Dates for your diary

Date	Time	Event
1.11.21	9am	Nursery returns after half term
5.11.21	2-3pm	Bonfire Night Parent Workshop
10.11.21	All Day	Fancy Dress Day
19.11.21	All Day	Children in Need
20.11.21	10-2	Christmas Fayre
24.11.21	9am	Academy Photography
7.12.21	2-3pm	Christmas Production Dress Rehearsal
8.12.21	TBC	Christmas Jumper Day
9.12.21	2-3pm	Christmas Production
16.12.21	All Day	Christmas Party
17.12.21	All Day	Pyjama Day
17.12.21	3.15pm	Nursery breaks up for half term
4.1.22	9am	Nursery returns after half term
18.2.22	3.15pm	Nursery breaks up for half term
28.2.22	9am	Nursery returns after half term
8.4.22	3.15pm	Nursery breaks up for half term
25.4.22	9am	Nursery returns after half term
27.5.22	3.15 pm	Nursery breaks up for half term
6.6.22	9am	Nursery returns after half term
21.7.21	3.15pm	Nursery breaks up half term
5.9.21	9am	Nursery returns after half term

Whilst we try our utmost not to change events, occasionally changes are unavoidable and out of our control. In addition, events/opportunities also crop up and we will always make the most out of these. We will always try to give parents as much notice as possible of any changes. Therefore, please check our website, Facebook page, notice boards and texts for any updates or amendments.





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