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

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Dear Parent

I hope that you and your families are all well.

We had a wonderful afternoon in church today when Y3 received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Thank you to all of the parents and family members who joined us. Thank you also to Miss Doody for preparing the children so well.

Please remember to follow your 'Walk With Me' Eastertide calendar for these last few days as the season of Easter ends on Sunday – The Feast of Pentecost.

Isolation Guidance:

If a member of your household has any symptoms related to COVID then everyone in your household **must isolate** until a COVID test result for the symptomatic person is received.

The **10-day isolation period** count starts from the day **AFTER** the first person in your house developed symptoms or, if they do not have symptoms, from the day their test was taken. It is a **legal requirement** to self-isolate if you test positive or are told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace. You could be fined if you are identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 and do not to stay at home and self-isolate.

Thank you for your help and cooperation with this request.

Informing School of a Positive Test Result for Coronavirus outside of normal school hours:

If a member of your household receives a positive test result for coronavirus outside of the usual school working day or at the weekend, then please inform school by emailing our school office: headteacher@holyname.sandwell.sch.uk using the subject heading: **POSITIVE TEST RESULT**. School can then consult with Public Health as quickly as possible in order to advise / contact parents if we need to close any 'bubbles' and **prevent affected pupils from attending school**. Thank you for your help and cooperation with this request.

Diary Dates:

Date:	Information:
Monday 24 th May	Y3/4 Cricket Club 3.15-4.15pm
Thursday 25 th May	Y5/6 Netball Club 3.15-4.30pm
Wednesday 26 th May	Y6 & Y7 Online Sacramental Preparation Meeting at 5.00pm
Friday 28 th May	Y5/6 Basketball Club 3.15-4.15pm
Half Term Holiday:	Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June
Wednesday 9 th June	Y6 & Y7 Online Sacramental Preparation Meeting at 5.00pm
Monday 14 th June	Y6 Mass with the Rite of Confirmation in church at 7.00pm
Saturday 19 th June	Y3 First Holy Communion Mass in church at 3.30pm
Friday 9 th July	SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS – Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 21 st July	LAST DAY OF TERM

Y1 and Y2 'Sow and Grow' Gardening Club:

Please see the letter from Mrs Chapman which has been circulated with this newsletter.

Pentecost Letter from Archbishop Bernard Longley:

Please find attached a letter from His Grace Archbishop Bernard Longley. He has asked that this special Pentecost letter is shared with all pupils in our school.

Happy birthday to:

Lola B (Y5) and Aidan E (Y2) who both have a birthday to celebrate next week.

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

Pentecost Sunday (Year B)

Gospel: John 20:19-23

In this Sunday's gospel, the disciples were scared of people they thought would hurt them and so they were hiding away. But when Jesus came they rejoiced, and he gave them a very special gift, the gift of the Holy Spirit.

What do you remember from the first reading today?



Suddenly the room that the disciples are sitting in was filled with the sound of a strong wind. Then the disciples are filled with the Holy Spirit. They go outside to tell people about Jesus and everyone can understand them – even people from far away who speak a different language! How do you think this happens?

Why do you think Jesus gave the Holy Spirit to the disciples? What difference do you think the Holy Spirit made to them?

The Holy Spirit can be a difficult idea to understand. We can't see it, like we can see each other.

The Holy Spirit is like the wind. We can't see the wind, but we can certainly feel it on a windy day. We can see the leaves moving in the trees because of the wind, or a kite flying high in a sky. The wind can be very strong and powerful.

Just like the wind, we can see the effects of the Holy Spirit. Can you think of how we might see the effects of the Holy Spirit in our world?

The Holy Spirit can work through us when we are kind to our family and friends, when we think about other people around the world, and when we work for people who are in need. Can you think of the last time you did any of these things?

Our Catholic Mission:

What will you do this week to show the effects of the Holy Spirit in your life?

Prayer:

God of hope,
send your Spirit and fill us with courage and hope of a world where all people have the chance to live free from poverty.
Amen.

Reflection taken from CAFOD Children's Liturgy