



Holy Family School Newsletter - 10

Friday 13th November 2020

*With Christ at the centre, we live, love and learn together,
reaching out to all. Together, with Jesus, we can do it!*



'Only the best is good enough'

COVID REMINDERS

If someone in your household has developed symptoms, the whole family must self-isolate immediately. **Do not send your child into school.**

If parents/family members begin to display symptoms during the school day, **the child/children in school must be collected from school immediately** in order to reduce the risk to their bubble.

If someone has had a test and is waiting on their result - the whole household must isolate. **Do not send your child into school.**

All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result.

If you do book a test or someone has symptoms, **please contact school via the absence reporting feature on the Parent App immediately** so that school are aware.



PARENT'S EVENING

Thank you to all the parents who managed to book an appointment for parents evening on our app. It was a very different parents evening this year with staff making telephone calls instead of face to face meetings but both sessions on Tuesday and Thursday seemed to have been a great success. Don't forget Yr1 to Yr 6 parents who have not received their phone calls will receive them on Tuesday 17th November.

CHILDREN IN NEED

The school was awash with spotty accessories today for Children In Need. Thank you to everyone who made a donation on Parentpay for this. You should have received an email directly from Parentpay with all the relevant details, Mrs. Corker sent out Parentpay log in details to our new to school children. We will let you know how much we have made as a school as soon as we receive the report from Parentpay.

REMINDER - PE DAYS

Just a reminder that if children are coming into school wearing their PE kits, they must wear their school PE kit and school jumper/cardigan and not wear a full tracksuit or football kit. As the weather is getting colder, children can wear black tracksuit bottoms/leggings too alongside their PE top and school jumper/cardigan. Thank you for your continued support.

CURRICULUM PACK

Exciting News About Our Curriculum:
We are delighted to launch our revamped 'Only the Best Curriculum'. Subject leaders have put a lot of thought, effort and research into ensuring the children of Holy Family really are receiving the very best. We have created half termly Curriculum Packs to share with you exactly what is being taught in each class. For each subject, you will find either a Knowledge Organisers which the children also have in their books, or a list of objectives that will be taught that half term. The Curriculum Packs can be found on each class page on our website. Please take time to have a look at both Autumn Term 1A and Autumn Term 1B.

NATIONAL ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2020

16th - 20th November is National Anti-Bullying week 2020. On Monday 6th November we are allowing the children to come into school wearing 'Odd Socks' - full uniform must be worn. 'Odd Socks' day is designed to be fun! It is an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!



The children will also be taking part in various activities relating to anti-bullying across the week.

VIRTUAL 'HOT CHOC WITH MR Q'

As you know in normal circumstances, Mr Quigley has a Hot Chocolate with children each Friday who have gone over and above with their school work, manners and have displayed impeccable behaviour each and every day. Due to Covid, this has stopped due to mixing class bubbles. Today, we have launched a 'Virtual Hot Choc with Mr Q' where children have been picked by their Teaching Assistants and been given a Hot Chocolate gift pack for children to have in their homes. If you are able to, send us a photo on our Twitter so we can celebrate virtually.

WORLD NURSERY RHYME WEEK

Week beginning Monday 16th November, Foundation Stage will be celebrating World Nursery Rhyme Week. They will be learning and singing a range of Nursery Rhymes throughout the week.

On Thursday 19th November we would like to invite Nursery and Reception children to dress up in a costume of their choice. This could be their favourite **Nursery Rhyme character, superhero or anything related to story book characters etc.** Please do not feel that you need to spend money on a new costume, you may already have items at home that you could use. Any questions or further clarification, please send us a message via Evidence Me.

Thank you



PLAYING THE SCHOOL LOTTERY

Your School Lottery is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for schools in the UK. Play the lottery, support our school - it's that simple!

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/holy-family-catholic-primary?leafletId=a8405bfc-e455-4d09-9956-bed27f0d1d93>

Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 per week, with a top prize of £25,000!

Each ticket will consist of 6 numbers and each number will be between 0 and 9. There will be a draw every Saturday night when a 6 digit winning combination will be picked. Match all 6 and you win the JACKPOT! There is also a guaranteed winner for each school every Saturday which is drawn on a raffle basis, so there are two chances to win a prize. The weekly prize is 30% of ticket sales.

FAMILY LEARNING

Please see below information received from Family Learning:

Dear parents/ carers,
Here at Family Learning we have had to adapt with the times. As we know that lots of you like to participate in our Christmas craft sessions, we have put together a 3 week Christmas Craft course for you to do with your child/ children. This course will involve a 15/20 minute phone call each week with either myself or another Family Learning worker. All of the resources will be sent out to you in advance of you starting the course. We will discuss the craft item that you will make that week with your child. You will then complete the activity with your child at home and talk about how it went the following week. We will then plan the next activity together.

If you are interested in taking part, please **contact**

me directly on:

07825 117 487

Victoria.powell@knowsley.gov.uk

I look forward to working with you soon.

Take care

Vicky Powell

SCHOOL PLAYING FIELD WORKS

As some of you may have already noticed there has been some work taking place on our school playing fields. This is happening as a result of us securing some funding from Knowsley Council. They are looking at the drainage of the field and they will also be planting a small forest area at the bottom left hand corner of the field. In addition we are having a large security fence put around the perimeter of the field from the path leading to the Halewood Triangle as well as the back of the field leading onto the Triangle itself. This will stop members of the community cutting through gaps in the original fencing to walk dogs etc. They are hoping to start the fencing works in roughly 4 or 5 weeks' time - weather permitting!

MAPLE LODGE NURSING HOME

We have been asked by the home manager of Maple Lodge Nursing home to remind parents that Maple Lodge is a private care home and therefore should not be used by parents to park their cars, let children ride their bikes or play and run on their grounds.

Thank you for your support.

REMEMBRANCE 2020

We have been marking Remembrance in a variety of ways here at Holy Family. As I'm sure you've seen, every child from Nursery to Year 6 has coloured in a poppy for our commemoration on the main school gates. Before they did this, they listened to a children's podcast which gave lots of information about how the idea of using a poppy as a mark of respect and remembrance came about. Pupils also had the opportunity to take a poppy home to colour in and put in their windows, which was part of a community project. Finally, as we can't have our usual 'Stay and Pray' for the whole school and parents, each class took part in a service in their own rooms, led by both the class staff and children. This was coupled with a minute silence observed by all staff and pupils at 11 o'clock. The children were very respectful and understand the true importance of this annual day. Look out on our website for photos coming soon of the class services, under the Catholic Life tab.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

We are focusing on children's mental health and well-being, so with this in mind the children will be bringing home an 'act of Kindness' sheet for them to try to complete during this half term. Please feel free to send any pictures into twitter with the hashtag #wellbeing2020. The children have also enjoyed participating in mindfulness colouring in and looking at how we can be kind to ourselves.

CONTACTING SCHOOL

Can all parents, when notifying school of a child's absence or notification of an upcoming medical appointment please send the notification via the Parentapp and not as an email to the school email address as the ParentApps are accessed more quickly than the school emails.

We can read Parent Apps over the weekend too if you need to update us on any absences or illnesses.

Thank you for your support.

VIRTUAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS

Well done to all children in key stage one and two who took part in the virtual athletics competition against Knowsley Schools. Congratulations to Oran and Georgia in Year 2 who placed 1st and 3rd in the Star Jump competition.

Upcoming Virtual Competitions:
Year 1 and 2: Flamingo Balance
Year 3 and 4: Volleyball Keepy Ups
Year 5 and 6: Dodgeball Slam

Children in Key Stage Two will also be taking part in a virtual cross-country challenge on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th November.

Good luck to all children!

POPPY APPEAL

Thank you all again for supporting the Royal British Legion's annual Poppy Appeal. This year they have not only sent in poppies for the children to buy but lots of child friendly items such as: snap bands, wrist bands and plastic reflective poppies for children to attach to their coats or bags. It has been lovely to see the children with these reflective poppies attached to their coat zips and bags. We will let you know the amount the children have donated once we receive the report from the Royal British Legion.

ARNCLIFFE CENTRE CAR PARK

As many of you have noticed, the Arncliffe Centre has been closing at 2.30p.m. each day. We have spoken to the Centre Manager who has told us that the Centre is closed to all activities due to the current pandemic. We have negotiated with the manager to allow us to open the car park at 8.00a.m. of a morning to allow parents to park there to drop children off and leave it open until 3.45p.m. to again allow parents to use the car park and hopefully alleviate the traffic congestion outside school. We must close the car park promptly at 3.45p.m so please ensure if you park there your car is moved by this time.

Thank you.