



Holy Family School Newsletter - 9

Friday 6th 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

The parents evening booking system went out live on the school App on the evening of Tuesday 3rd November. We have already received many bookings but could we remind you if you have not already done so to book your appointment on the App.
Thank you for your support

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.

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.

COMPETITION KNOWSLEY COUNCIL - BE BRIGHT BE SEEN



Before half term, every child from Reception through to Year 6 should have brought home a leaflet to enter a competition organised by Knowsley Council. The competition is to design a backpack that is 'nice and bright, so it can be seen in the day and at night'.

Please return your child's work to their class teacher by Friday 13th November.

PARKING ISSUES

We have received a couple of complaints from local residents regarding parents from our school parking inconsiderately across their driveways. Can we please remind you to be mindful of where you are parking when dropping your child off and picking your child up from school.



READING EGGS

We hope you are all enjoying our new Reading Eggs App and are finding it beneficial when supporting your child's Reading at home. With regards to the phonics section of the website, all children will start at Peak 1 (there are 20 levels) - this will support consolidation of any previous phonemes (sounds) taught and will make you as parents aware if your child has any gaps in their Phonic knowledge. Our aim is to give children enthusiasm in wanting to move quickly through the Peaks until they arrive at the level they are at in school. Please speak to your child's class teacher via our school email if you need any further support with this.

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



CHILDREN IN NEED

Our school council have asked on behalf of their classes if they can have an 'own clothes day - non uniform day' on Children in Need Day on Friday 13th November and wear non uniform with perhaps something spotty/Pudsey related too. We would usually ask the children to bring a donation of £1 into school but during this COVID pandemic we will set this payment up on ParentPay so you are able to donate this way.

As usual thank you for your support for this event.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

We have received the following request from Halewood Town Council:

This year Remembrance Sunday falls on 8th November but unfortunately we aren't going to be able to mark this in the way we usually do.

Tracy Woodsford has produced a Poppy drawing which includes all the names from the Halewood war memorial which are normally read out at our Remembrance Day services at St Nicholas and St Mary's Churches. This will be sent home with every child on Friday 6th November.

It would be great if we could 'flood' our community with these and display them in windows at home as we did with Rainbows earlier in the year.

Mrs. Davey has arranged for the following to be completed by our school:

All the children have been given a poppy template to colour in.

Our idea is for them to be attached to the main gates - facing outwards towards the road. The poppies will then be visible to our community, when the gates are shut and when parents and staff enter and leave the building, they will walk through a tunnel of poppies.



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.

ST. JULIE'S SECONDARY SCHOOL

We have been asked to pass on the following information from St. Julie's School:

Applications to St Julie's Catholic High School for September 2021 are well underway. The deadline for completion of Supplementary Forms is 7 November 2020. Supplementary Forms and full details of the process are available from the Admissions tab on www.stjulies.org.uk or by calling the Admissions Team on 0151 428 6421.

Year 6 parents now have access to a new feature from the Admissions Banner on the front page of our school website www.stjulies.org.uk.

The new feature allows parents to submit their contact details so that a 'Virtual Admissions Appointment' can be made with a member of the Leadership Team to ask any questions about life at St Julie's or to ask about any individual concerns they might have about their daughter's Transition to Secondary School.

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 ParenApps 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.

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.

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!

BONFIRE NIGHT

Many of you may be having fireworks in your garden for your children over the weekend. Please do take care if you are setting fireworks off as they can be dangerous.

