



Holy Family School Newsletter - 24

Friday 23rd April 2021

*'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'

RECEPTION PLACES SEPTEMBER 2021

By now everyone who has applied for a place in our Reception class in September 2021 will have received correspondence from the Local Authority informing them of their allocation. We will be sending a letter out to all the children who have been allocated a place on Monday 26th April to the email address we hold for you in school. Please look out for this letter as it requests all the documentation, we require to confirm your child's place.

PARENT'S EVENING - BOOKING LIVE TODAY

As you know, we are under strict Covid restrictions and because of these we are unable to hold our normal Parent's Evening. As we did in November, we are proposing that we have a telephone conversation with you to discuss targets, behaviour etc. These calls will last no more than 10 minutes and cannot overrun as we will have parents waiting for their call.

You will be able to book your call via Parent App which has 'gone live at 9.00a.m. today'.

Can we please ask everyone to be careful when booking and not booking duplicate appointments as this may limit the number of bookings available? This is as strange to us as I'm sure it is for you, but we feel it is important that we keep you up to date on your children's progress and share celebrations and concerns with us.

The dates of the phone calls will be split across three evenings for most classes from 3:30pm till 5:20pm.

The dates will be Tuesday 4th May (Nursery 2 to Yr 6), Wednesday 5th May (Nursery 2 to Year 6) and Thursday 6th May (Nursery 2 to Year 6).

Nursery 2 children are the older children in our Nursery who will be going into Reception class in September 2021. Nursery 1, our younger children in Nursery who still have another year left in Nursery and do not go into Reception class until September 2022 will not be having a parents evening appointment but will have a chance to have a catch-up chat with our Nursery staff at the end of term in July if you wish to.

Thank you for your support

Y6B CLASS MASS

Father Matthew will be celebrating a class mass with Y6B on Wednesday 28th April. Father Matthew will also be celebrating masses with Y5/6SF and Y5Mc this term.



KEY REMINDERS:

Only **one adult** to enter the premises for drop off and pick up.

When approaching and entering/leaving the school premises, face coverings must be worn unless exempt. Face coverings must be worn even if you have received your first or second vaccination. Can we please ask everyone to have their own face mask as it is proving quite expensive for us when we are handing out face masks to anyone who does not have their own.

You must arrive and leave promptly when dropping off/ collecting your child - please do not congregate as we know that the virus is easily transmitted from person to person.

TIES AND BAGS

In school we have ties, rucksacks, book bags and P.E. bags for sale:



Prices are as follows:

Ties - elasticate and standard £4.50

P.E. Bags - £3.50

Rucksacks - £14.00

Book bags - £7.00

Please contact the school office if you need to purchase any of these items.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY

Once again, our children all looked wonderful in their 'red and white' clothes and accessories to support St. George's Day.

Thank you all for getting involved in this event.



BREAKFAST CLUB

We still have places available in our school breakfast club. The breakfast club is a great childcare offer and helps many working parents. Our breakfast club offers a healthy substantial breakfast for all children from Reception class up to Year 6 and is still only priced at £2.50 for the first child and £2.00 for any additional siblings. Please contact the school office if you would like to enquire about our breakfast club.



READING AT HOME

As parents you are your child's first educators. You play a crucial part in helping us to get your child where they need to be in reading. Reading is a fundamental part of your child's learning and reading gives them the skills to access all lessons. We have invested a lot of money in reading materials both on-line and a book scheme. We need your support by reading regularly with your child. Teachers will continue to monitor home reading and have full access to who is reading the eBooks allocated on the Oxford Owl reading portal.



TWITTER

Did you know you can get notifications when we tweet any news by clicking on the 'bell logo' on our Twitter homepage @HFHalewood. It's the icon with the bell and + sign inside the circle at the top of the page.



REPORTING ABSENCES

All parents must report their child's absence using the Parent App rather than phoning the school. Please update Parent App at weekends and not to the school email as we have constant access to Parent App messages but not emails. We would really appreciate this as we then do not have to phone families via our first morning response calls and it will also free up our telephone lines too.

If your child is ill or feeling unwell in any way (regardless of symptoms) please do not send them to school.

If your child or anyone in your household displays any symptoms of coronavirus you must not send your child to school.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Can all children who have instrumental lessons in school (years 5 and 6) please ensure that they bring their instruments into school on the day they have their lessons. It is important that the children are engaged and able to participate in these lessons on a weekly basis.



P.E. KITS

Please make a note of the PE days for your child's class for the rest of this term. Some of the days may have changed due to timetable changes for PPA with Mr Dooley etc for this term.

- Rec D and Rec M** - Wednesday
- Yr 1W** - Tuesday and Thursday
- Yr 1/2J** - Tuesday and Thursday
- Yr 2ON** - Tuesday and Thursday
- Yr 3M** - **Tuesday** and Friday
- Yr 3/4W** - **Monday** and Friday
- Yr 4D** - Monday and Thursday
- Yr 5Mc** - Wednesday and Friday
- Yr 5/6SF** - Monday and Wednesday
- Yr 6B** - Monday and Friday

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES TO THE P.E. DAYS FOR YEAR 3M AND YEAR 3/4W FROM LAST WEEK'S NEWSLETTER

SUNCREAM

As the weather is starting to warm up, can we please remind all parents to put sun cream on your child. The children can also wear a sunhat for outdoor play, please make sure to put their name inside.

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 schoolwork, manners and have displayed impeccable behaviour each day. Due to Covid, this has stopped as we are unable to mix class bubbles.

We are still holding our '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, please send us a photo on our Twitter so we can celebrate virtually.

EARLY YEARS

All nursery parents have received a Parental Agreement form to complete. The form must be completed and returned to school no later than Wednesday 28th April.

This form has been sent to us from Knowsley Council and is part of a new system they have set up to claim the funding for our 15 hour nursery places. If you need any help in completing the form, please contact Mrs. Wall in the school office.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we are now in our summer term, the children are allowed to wear their school summer uniform. As is usual the girls summer uniform is a pale blue and white checked summer dress, school cardigan and black sensible school shoes. We cannot allow open toe sandals or slingback type sandals for health & safety reasons. The boys summer uniform consists of a white polo shirt (school ties do not have to be worn with this) grey short trousers, school jumper and black sensible school shoes. Nursery children can wear a summer uniform again with the girls wearing a pale blue and white checked dress and the boys wearing a white polo shirt with grey short trousers. Nursery children must wear their nursery sweatshirt with their summer uniform and not a school cardigan or jumper.

We have noticed some children wearing trainers recently with school uniform. This is not part of our school uniform and **no trainers must be worn for school unless for medical reasons.**

We very often receive high praise and comments from parents and outside agencies who visit us in school regarding how well our children look in full school uniform.

PTA 'BEND THE RULES' DAY - FRIDAY 16TH

APRIL

Congratulations! We managed to raise an amazing £488 for our PTA on 'Bend the Rules Day'. This money will help our very pro-active PTA in purchasing goods for all our children to benefit from!

Thank you for all your support.



BUILDING WORKS

As you may have noticed, the roofing firm who have been on site for several weeks have finished all the work. Thank you for your co-operation in being aware of the scaffolding and large skip that was on our school site for the duration of the work.

SCHOOL FIELD

As many of you have mentioned the ongoing work on the school field, please see an update from Knowsley Council:

We are due to meet on site with the contractor next week and hope to restart the works the week after.

We have chased this earlier in the week and put pressure on the contractor to get back to site while the weather is good.

Hope this is ok for now - it's still early days but bear with us, it will be sorted over the next few months.

NURSERY PLACES

We are in the process of allocating our nursery places for the next school year - September 2021. If you have a child that will be turning 3 during this year and you haven't yet filled your admission form in, please contact the school office for a form.

If you are unsure if you have passed your form into the school office, please contact them to check they have your form.