



# Holy Family School Newsletter - 27

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 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'*

## TRAVELLING SCIENCE VISIT

Years 1 -6 were lucky enough to have a visit from 'The Adrian Bowden Travelling Science Show' this week. There were lots of experiments and demonstrations plus a great deal of audience participation. Key Stage 1 learnt about the different Science enquiry skills and how to work scientifically. While Key Stage 2 were treated to reversible and irreversible changes to consolidate their work on materials. Feedback from staff and children has been really positive and we are hoping to see Adrian again soon.



## KNOWSLEY SCHOOL MEALS £1 LUNCH DAY

Knowsley Council are once again having a £1 school lunch day on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May, the lunch will be a roast chicken dinner with Yorkshire pudding. If your child usually has school meals, the cost will be amended on Parentpay to £1 for this day. If your child usually has packed lunch but would like to have a school lunch on this day, please just pay the £1 on Parentpay.



## KNOWSLEY CLC VISIT

Y2 O'N had a super fun day today with Alan from Knowsley CLC. They created their own computer journal using the App Book creator. They enjoyed adding pictures and text from the Internet and explaining their work by recording their voices. They had great fun creating a game of Charades and their own game using Scratch!

## ASPIRE DAY TWO

On Tuesday, all children across school will be taking part in our next Aspire Day. Back in Term One, all children in Key Stage Two studied the life of their Aspire Leader. This term, they will explore the value that links to their team. In Key Stage One and Foundation Stage, the children focus on someone from the Holy Family each term. So, to link in with the month of May, the children will be focussing on Mary, the mother of Jesus. Next week, why not ask your child what they have learned?

## Y5/6SF CLASS MASS

Father Matthew will be celebrating a class mass with Y5/6SF on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May.



## PENTECOST SERVICE

On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, the Church celebrates Pentecost Sunday. This day commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit and is regarded as the birthday of the Church. This feast day is a very important one in our Liturgical Calendar and therefore, we will be celebrating it as a school. On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May, all children and staff will take part in a zoom Service (Collective Worship), led by Mrs Davey.



## DENIM FOR DEMENTIA

While thinking about our mission statement, 'reaching out to all', Holy Family would like to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society. As a school, we realise that this is a prevalent issue and has touched so many personally. On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May, during Dementia Week the children are invited to wear their finest denim which means it's non uniform day. The children will have an opportunity to buy an item of their choice from a selection of goods for £1 that the Alzheimer's Society are sending into school or they can bring in a donation of £1.

If you would like to find out anything more on the issue or ways to raise money yourself, please visit:

<https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/>

### HOLY WALKAMOLIES PHASE ONE!

As we know, one way to boost our mental health is to connect with nature. This has been highlighted brilliantly in this week's Mental Health Awareness Week. As a school, we recognise this important connection, and so over the Easter holidays we launched the 'Holy Walkamolies'. This is our very own Holy Family walking group. Staff were challenged to each walk 30 miles on 30 days (the month of April). This was really successful, and over the month, the staff involved walked an amazing 780 miles between them, and in the process, raised £675 for Mental Health Support Services for those who work in Education! The staff found the benefits of walking immeasurable, and so, we now consider Holy Family to be a 'walking school'. Therefore, we plan to involve the whole community in lots more walking challenges in the future.

### HOLY WALKAMOLIES PHASE TWO!

As Phase One of Holy Walkamolies was so successful, we now want to launch Phase Two, which involves our children and families getting on board with walking. Look out for a letter next week, regarding a walking challenge for Whit holidays, whilst raising money for the Holy Land.

### HELP THE HEROES STAMP COMPETITION

Our school is delighted to be taking part in the Royal Mail's Heroes Stamp Design Competition, honouring the heroes of the coronavirus pandemic. We are asking the children to think about who their hero or heroes of the coronavirus pandemic are and to design a stamp in their honour. The designs could be of the NHS frontline workers, emergency services, food bank volunteers, supermarket workers, delivery drivers or maybe Captain Sir Tom Moore. All children aged 4-14 can enter the competition and eight pupils from primary and secondary schools across the UK will become the designers of this year's stamp set. The final eight stamps will be sent to Her Majesty the Queen, before being printed and issued. Your child will have received an official entry form which contains the template for their stamp design. Please can your child return their design to their class teacher no later than **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021**.



### NATIONAL SHARE A STORY MONTH

Did you know that National Share-a-Story Month is an annual event in the United Kingdom, which occurs throughout May?

It is a wonderful opportunity for families to share stories and books and read and write together - something that is particularly important at this time. We are going to be spending time in school over the next month, to talk about and listen to some of our favourite stories. We hope that you can get involved as much as you can. Even by spending just 10 minutes a day reading and sharing stories with children, we can make a crucial difference to their future, plus it is a lovely thing to do! We look forward to many of you joining in and sharing your stories this May with us.

### "STARBOOKS"

To celebrate National Share-a-story month in school, we are planning a "Starbooks" morning on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May. The children are invited to enjoy a breakfast snack whilst sharing a story with their friends. There will be lots on the menu for children to try including new books, exploring characters and listening to others read aloud. On Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> May, we ask that children bring in a small healthy snack to have in class (cereal bars, brioche, croissant, fruit) and book of their choice.

We can't wait to share a story with you!

### FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS

Knowsley Council will again be providing free school meal vouchers for means tested free school meal pupils for the May half term holiday but excluding the one day of Bank Holiday Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May. The vouchers will be ordered by 17<sup>th</sup> May and you should receive the email by Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May. If you do not receive your vouchers by Wednesday morning, please contact Mrs. Wall in the school office who will be able to assist you.

### 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.

### DOG FOULING

As many of you may have noticed and have reported to us, we are experiencing a serious dog fouling issue around our community and we seem to be constantly asking Mr. Worsley, our site manager to clean up the mess outside our school gates. Our school council have previously written to Knowsley Council regarding this issue and managed to persuade Knowsley Council to put up fine warnings, this however does not seem to be having any impact.

Can we please ask you to raise this issue with your Local Councillors or Knowsley Council.

### SCHOOL ARRIVAL TIME

Can we please remind all parents that the school gates do not open for pupils from Reception through to Year 6 until 8.40a.m. We seem to be seeing a lot of children arriving at school and left unsupervised outside the school gates as early as 8.25. Can we please ask for your co-operation in supervising your child before they are able to enter the school playground at 8.40a.m.

### 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.



### 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.

### FAMILY LEARNING

Please see the latest information received from Knowsley Family Learning attached to the end of this week's newsletter.

### KNOWSLEY COUNCIL ROAD SAFETY

#### RECEPTION

Today, Reception children will be taking home a letter and book called 'Why Animals Can't Ride Scooters', as part of Knowsley Council's Road Safety Campaign. Children have listened to the story together in class and have been role playing riding our scooters safely outside in our Foundation Stage Outdoor Area. Please share the book at home with your child to reinforce the importance of scooter safety.

#### NURSERY

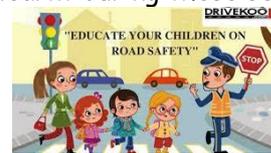
Today, Nursery children will be taking home a 'Teddy Takes a Walk' story book as part of Knowsley Council's Road Safety Campaign. I am sure that the children will enjoy listening to the story with their families at home.

The children will be role playing crossing the road using the road markings and will be talking about the importance of road safety.

#### YEAR 3M

Knowsley's Road Safety Team has created a workbook, titled, 'I Can Keep Myself Safe' for the children in Y3M. The children will be working with this book in class with Miss Monaghan and Mrs. Owens. The book should reinforce the road safety education that the children received during their time in KS1.

Please take the time to ask your child what they have learnt during these sessions.



#### 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.

#### BABY NEWS

Miss. Claro, Reception teaching assistant gave birth to a gorgeous baby girl (Mila Maria weighing 9lb 1oz) yesterday. I am sure you will join us in wishing Miss Claro and her family a huge congratulations!

# Ready to Learn with Knowsley Family Learning



We would like to invite parents and carers of children age 3-4 who are about to start nursery to join in with our **FREE** one off Ready to Learn session. You will receive ideas and activities that will help you to prepare your child for nursery.

The sessions will be fun and informal and will:

- Look at what children need to learn and how parents can support this
- Give parents ideas for how to teach their children new skills
- Help parents to give descriptive praise
- Show parents how to give clear instructions
- Look at how children learn through play
- Explore how parents can prepare children for nursery
- Give parents ideas for fun activities to do with your child which will help them to learn

All resources will be provided **FREE OF CHARGE**

Sessions will take place via Zoom

Please select whichever session suits you best. You only need to attend 1 session

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 10-11 am

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 1-2pm

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May 10-11am

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May 10-11am

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