



Holy Family School Newsletter - 30

Friday 18th June 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'

FATHER'S DAY

This Sunday we celebrate Father's Day. We would like to wish all our dads, grandads and all men who are special in our lives, a lovely relaxing day!

SUMMER ASSESSMENT WEEK

All classes will be having their summer assessments next week. It is really important that the children have 100% attendance during this week.

SPORT'S DAY

Unfortunately, during this Covid pandemic we are unable to offer the opportunity for parents to come and join us for our Sport's Days as we would usually do. However, we will of course still be partaking in a Sport's Day extravaganza on 30th June 2021, more details will follow.

SPORTS NEWS

We had both our Y5/6 Kwik Cricket team and Y6 Football team taking part in competitions this week. The Kwik Cricket team were first in action on Monday 11th June at Prescott Odyssey Cricket Club and had a great day finishing in 3rd place.

The football team were in action on Tuesday 12th June at Knowsley Leisure Centre in Kirkby and finished 2nd in their group stages - just missing out on a semi-final place by 1 point!

The children were a credit to our school and their parents, we received some lovely comments from other schools as well as the Knowsley Sports staff on their impeccable behaviour and sportsmanship.

UPDATED SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

The newly updated school lunch menu is now available to view on our school app. Please do take the time to look over the menu.

NEW TO NURSERY/RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2021

The comprehensive induction packs of information for our new to nursery and reception classes for September 2021 are ready to be sent home to children or collected from the school office if your child or an older sibling is currently not in Nursery. All new to school parents will be notified by email to collect their packs.

KEY EVENTS COMING UP:

We are finally in a position to confirm some exciting events and can proceed now that we know where we stand with the Government guidelines. As a way of thanks and to finish the year off in style, the school will be offering free activities to close off the year and where applicable will be paid via use of our School Fund. Full details will follow in due course but here is a brief outline for now.

Please make a note of the dates of the activities as it will be a very busy run up to the end of term!

24th/25th June - Scoot Fit for all classes

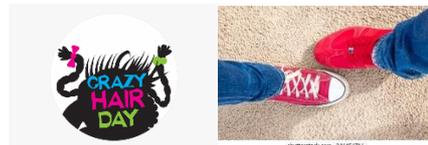
This is a fantastic event - the company lay out a small racetrack and low-level ramps for the children to 'scoot' around whilst listening to music, it is like a disco on wheels! All equipment, scooters, safety equipment, ramps and music will be provided by the company. Further information will follow

29th June 2021 - Yr 6 trip to Mountain Monkeys - This is based at Carr Mill Dam and the children will take part in a range of activities including:

Kayak

Target Shooting - Archery, Rifle/Pistol Shooting. All risk assessments - insurance liability information etc. has been received by school for these events.

9th July 2021 - 'Fun Friday' Crazy Hair and Odd Shoe Day for all classes.



13th July 2021 - Party on the Playground for all class bubbles - Disco, Party clothes and Party food.



PTA NEWS - COPPER COMPETITION

Our PTA members have finally managed to trawl their way through all the copper received. The final total was £249.92, thank you to everyone who sent in their 'copper' Thank you to the members of the PTA who counted all the money. Both Reception classes collected the most money and therefore they will receive their doughnut party and drinks next Friday.

ROBERTS RECYCLING

The PTA are once again asking all families to have a 'clear out' and bring in bin bags full of clothes, bedding bags etc. Roberts Recycling will collect the bags from the usual place of under the tree on the school car park on Friday 25th June at 9.30a.m. Please use your own bin bags on this occasion.

HOLY WALKAMOLIES

Thank you to everyone who sent in a donation for the Holy Walkamolies challenge - we managed to raise a staggering £384.30. We will send a cheque for this amount to The Parish of St. John Vianney.

Well done!



DENIM FOR DEMENTIA

A huge thank you to everyone who bought a Dementia item on our recent 'Denim for Dementia' day. The overall total raised was £413.54. We will send a cheque to the Alzheimer's Society for this amount.

Well done and thank you!

TERM DATES 2021/2022

Please see the following information received by schools from Knowsley Council:

Due to the Queen giving an additional bank holiday next year for her jubilee, many schools will already be on their half term breaks in the week commencing Monday 31st May 2022, but where the additional bank holiday falls in term time, schools should observe the Bank Holidays on Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd June 2022 and may therefore need to prepare and make any amendments to their published term dates for the academic year 2021/22.

As we are already off during this time for our May half term, we will now break up for the Christmas holidays on Tuesday 21st December and NOT Wednesday 22nd December as published on our 2021/22 term dates on the school website to accommodate this extra day.

LATEST GOVERNMENT UPDATE:

Following the announcement from the Government that 'Freedom Day' on 21st June has been pushed back for another 4 weeks, it has meant that schools have been directed to maintain existing measures as much as possible. As a 1.5 entry school, this has caused us many problems to get things planned and book things whilst working across bubbles. The past 18 months have been the most difficult of times for everyone in trying to maintain a high-quality education alongside the many usual fun activities we do to enhance the curriculum. Things that we take for granted such as; parent's evenings, having parents on site and inside the building, class assemblies, theatre events, transition into new classes, Yr6 leavers play and residential, school trips, swimming lessons, PTA family events etc have been so difficult to plan in advance. We are now back to a situation where after hearing of very few cases in recent months in the local community, we are now hearing of family members testing positive or families/staff members being contacted through the track and trace app to isolate once again. Again, this poses problems for staff cover and introducing home learning once again for those individual children who are missing out in class.

Now that we know that the next Government review isn't until after we finish, we can move ahead with some plans to try and end the year on a high for all our children and especially our Yr6 children and our wonderful Mrs Rigby who will both be leaving at the end of this term. As you can imagine, it can prove to be a logistical nightmare.

BIKEABILITY

An example of the restrictions has been the frustration with trying to book Bikeability sessions for our Yr5 and Yr 6 cohorts this year. We were in dialogue with the company in November with a view to book in the new year. Unfortunately, lockdown occurred once again and we were limiting the number of visitors into school thereafter for fear of compromising class bubbles and potential class closures. In normal circumstances, all 40/45 children per year group would access the cycling all at once on a particular day however the company could only take out groups of 6. Therefore, we would have needed to book 7 separate sessions to cover this for Year 6 pupils and another 7 different sessions for Year 5. It was just not feasible.

SWIMMING:

Normally, we take every child from Year 3 to Year 6 swimming around this time. In normal circumstances, we could mix classes and take different year groups together on the coach and mix in the changing rooms.

This year we couldn't secure a booking for all the children and have found this somewhat frustrating. We yearn for the day when Covid restrictions are a thing of the past.

CATCH UP PLAN:

Many children have embraced the year with enthusiasm and smiles. Others have needed that comforting arm around their shoulder and reassurance. This is where the staff have excelled too. They have continued to face challenges with kindness and sincerity towards your children. We have dedicated time, resources, and energy to helping children to close the gap in any learning missed by having a relentless focus on catch up programmes delivered by tutors from the National Tutoring Trust and of course our Teachers and Teaching Assistants since we returned from lockdown.

We are not there yet and with your support at supporting any home learning such as online reading programmes, Times tables Rockstars etc, we are confident we are on the right track.

WEARING OF MASKS

Although frustrating, we are still following Government Guidelines on the wearing of masks on school grounds. Eventually we will hopefully be in a position to relax this rule outdoors. We will continue to implement the staggered start and end times during this time so please bear with us.

Thank you for your continued support.

CONSIDERATE PARKING

We have once again received complaints from the residents of Ashton Close (the small close opposite our school main entrance) regarding parents parking across their driveways when dropping off or collecting children from school. Please be considerate when parking. The Arncliffe Centre car park is available to use during the drop off and collection times and even consider parking further away from the school by leaving earlier so that you can walk to school. For those of you who live local to the school, please consider walking to school rather than making the short journey in the car.

WHY WOULD A BUBBLE CLOSE?

For clarification on a close contact please see below the excerpt from Public Health Guidance below:

Who is a close contact?

a person who has had face-to-face contact (within one metre) with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), including:

- being coughed on, or
- having a face-to-face conversation, or
- having skin-to-skin physical contact, or
- any contact within one metre for one minute or longer without face-to-face contact
- a person who has been within 2 metres of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) for more than 15 minutes
- a person who has travelled in a small vehicle with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or in a large vehicle near someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)
- people who spent significant time in the same household as a person who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)

A class bubble would close and the children would need to isolate, if a child or adult has had close contact with a positive case anytime from 2 days before onset of symptoms or if asymptomatic from the date of the test.

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.

RSE

In the week beginning 28th June, all classes from Reception to Year 6 will receive RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) lessons, age and stage appropriate. These lessons always take place in term 3. However, as you are aware, school was in Lockdown in term three last year, therefore we were unable to deliver these lessons appropriately. As a school, we are working hard to ensure that there is no 'lost learning', therefore each class will be taught not only their current year's content but their previous year too. For example, a child in year 4 will be taught the content for both year 3 and year 4.

Below, is a summary of the objectives that each year group will cover. For even more detail of the content, please look at our website. You will find our RSE Statement under the Catholic Life of the School tab.

Foundation Stage

Topic	Objectives
The wonder of being special and unique	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *To recognise the joy of being a special person in my family *To recognise that we are all different and unique *the joy of being a special person in God's family

Key Stage One

Year Group	Topic	Objectives
Year One	We Meet God's love in our Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *To recognise signs that I am loved by my family * To recognise how I am cared for and kept safe in my family * To celebrate ways that God loves and cares for us.
Year Two	We Meet God's love in the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *To recognise the joy and friendship of belonging to a diverse community. * To describe ways of being safe in communities. *To celebrate ways of meeting God in our communities.

Key Stage Two

Year Group	Topic	Objectives
Year Three	How We Live in Love	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *To describe and give reasons how friendships make us feel happy and safe *To describe and give reasons why friendships can break down, how they can be repaired and strengthened. *To celebrate the joy and happiness of living in friendship with God and others.
Year Four	God Loves us in our Differences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * To describe how we all should be accepted and respected *To describe how we should treat others making links with the diverse modern society we live in. *To celebrate the uniqueness and innate beauty of each of us.
Year Five	God loves us in our changing bodies and development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * To show knowledge and understanding of emotional relationship changes as we grow and develop. * To show knowledge and understanding of the physical changes in puberty. * To celebrate the joy of growing physically and spiritually.
Year Six	The Wonder of God's Love in Creating New Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *To develop a secure understanding that stable and caring relationships, which may be of different types, are at the heart of happy families. <li style="padding-left: 20px;">* Explain how human life is conceived. * Show an understanding of how being made in the image and likeness of God informs decisions and actions when building relationships with others, including life-long relationships.

Healthy Eating Week

14th - 18th June

This week, children from all key stages have taken part in activities in order to learn about the importance of a healthy balanced diet and regular exercise.

The School Council sent out a letter with the details for the week. They encouraged children to bring in a healthy snack for break time and to think about having a healthier packed lunch.

Foundation Stage:

Children could name different fruit and vegetables.

Completed sorting activities.

Made fruit and vegetable faces.

Learnt that unhealthy food contains lots of fat, sugar and salt, which is unhealthy for our bodies.

The importance of regular exercise.

Key Stage 1:

Children learnt:

We need to eat at least 5 portions of fruit and vegetables daily.

Water and milk are the healthiest drinks for our bodies.

Fruit and vegetables are low in fat, sugar and salt and that some foods are high in these which could make us unhealthy.

Having certain foods in moderation or as a treat.

Looked at how some foods have hidden sugar (fruit juice, cereals and yoghurt)

Children made fruit and vegetable faces, ice cream sundaes and banana splits.

Took part in food tasting sessions.

Learnt how we can make small changes in order to make treats more healthy. (Low fat ice cream, sugar free drinks, high fibre cereals)

Children went on a Fruit and Vegetable Hunt and found cards hidden around school. (Year 1/2J children were very successful finding these!)

Year 1W coloured in fabulous Fruit posters.

Key Stage 2:

Children looked at the Eat Well Plate and the different food groups. (Starchy foods, fruit and vegetables, milk and dairy, meat, fish, eggs, nuts and beans and foods high in fat, sugar and salt.)

Children sorted healthy and unhealthy foods.

Spying on sugar.

Snack swaps.

Children made ice cream sundaes, fruit and vegetable faces, banana splits and enjoyed tasting sessions.

The children also discussed what exercises they enjoy and why it is important to take regular exercise.