



Holy Family School Newsletter - 1

Friday 10th September 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'

WELCOME BACK TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to the start of a new school year. Thank you all sincerely for your smiles, warmth and positivity as we have begun another school year.

The children, as always looked amazing in their school uniforms and have settled in really well. Thank you all for your support in dropping off and picking up your children from the various entrance/exit points as this is working great!

**WELCOME
BACK!!**

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Knowsley LA have recently introduced a new Attendance Strategy for every school within the authority. The emphasis as always is achieving 96% and above in attendance. We as a school do have a very good overall attendance but we also like other schools have some pupils who are classed as 'Persistent Absentees'. We will be very closely monitoring our school attendance and senior members of the school staff will meet with Knowsley Attendance Officers every 3 weeks to analyse the figures. The parents/carers of persistent absentees will be contacted and invited into school to meet with the attendance team to discuss their child's attendance.

ABSENCE REPORTING

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason you must complete the absence form which can be found on the school app before 9.00a.m. Any absences that are not reported by parents will be marked as unauthorised. Any persistent absences will be marked as unauthorised unless medical certificates are produced.

Can we please ask if any medical appointments can be made out of school hours as these appointments although authorised are still classed as an absent mark. Any holidays taken during school term time will not be authorised as per Government guidelines.

Thank you for your support.



ATTENDANCE NEWS

This school year we will be re-introducing our Pizza Party competition for attendance. Remember any class that gets 100% receives 2 green marks that week!! Attendance for this week from the 6th to 10th September is as follows: Huge congratulations to Y2J and Y5Mc who both had 100% this week. Come on children make sure your class gets in the green zone for you Pizza Party!!

Green - 97%+, Yellow - 94%+, Red - 93.9% & below

Class	% score	Rating	Total amount of green won this term
Ms O'Neill (Yr6O'N)	96%	Yellow	
Mrs. Davies/Mrs Faulkner (Yr5/6DF)	95%	Yellow	
Ms McCoy (Yr5Mc)	100%	Green	2
Ms Monaghan (Yr4M)	98%	Green	1
Ms Williams (Yr3/4W)	94%	Yellow	
Mrs. Davey (Yr3D)	98%	Green	1
Ms Jones (Yr2J)	100%	Green	2
Ms Donohue (Yr1/2D)	96%	Yellow	
Ms Wiggins (Yr1W)	96%	Yellow	
Ms Kendall (Rec K)	97%	Green	1
Ms Mottram (Rec M)	96%	Yellow	

P.E. PROVIDER

This year we have changed our P.E. provider to enhance our curriculum. We had previously used 'One Goal' and we had Mr. Dooley as the P.E. coach. This year we have moved to Little Sports Coaching with Mr. Smart being the coach. The children have already met with Mr. Smart and they are all very excited to be having him as their new coach.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Can all parents please ensure that your child's uniform is clearly marked with their name as uniform is expensive to replace. Please ensure every item is clearly labelled alongside your child's PE kit, book bag, water bottle and packed lunch box if applicable. We are also selling book bags and ruck sacks in school. They are available from the school office if you still need to purchase them.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 14th September to take family photographs (only family members who currently attend our school are invited for this) and individual photos of those who do not have siblings in the school. For those who have siblings in the school, if you would like your child to also have an individual photograph taken as well as a family photograph, please phone or email the school and let us know by Monday.

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

SEPTEMBER 2022

The online admission portal for both Knowsley and Liverpool Council are now available. **The closing date for Primary admissions is 15th January 2022, the closing date for Secondary schools is 31st October 2021.** If you live in Knowsley and are applying for either a Knowsley or Liverpool school you must still complete the Knowsley online form. If you live in Liverpool and are applying for either a Knowsley or Liverpool School, you must complete the Liverpool online form.

If you are applying for a Catholic place for our reception class, your child **must be baptised** before the closing date of 15th January as we only have 35 catholic places available and are oversubscribed. Everyone applying for a Catholic place must complete a Supplementary Faith Form which can be found on Knowsley Council website or you can collect one from the school office. These must be completed and **returned to the school office** before the deadline of 15th January 2022

If you need any help in completing the online form or have any questions please contact Mrs. Wall in the school office.

ST. JULIE'S OPEN EVENING

Please see information received from St. Julie's below:
At St Julie's we have our Open Evening for Year 5 and Year 6 next week on Thursday 16 September 3.30-6pm.

We have limited spaces available. Priority booking is available for our Feeder schools and a note will appear on our website imminently.

S.F.X OPEN EVENING

S.F.X will be holding their open evening for Year 6 pupils on Thursday 23rd September, 5pm - 8pm.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

We are letting things settle in school this term before starting our extra-curricular activities. We will be starting the club's back up next term hopefully.

MUSIC LESSONS

As part of our curriculum enhancement, the children in Years 5 and 6 will be taking part in music lessons. Y5Mc will have ukulele lessons with Y5/6 and Y6 having flute and clarinet lessons. The Spanish lessons will continue with Primary Languages Network being our provider with Mrs. Oakes from Primary Languages Network taking the lessons.



SEFTON AFGHAN APPEAL

We have all seen the plight of the Afghan people on T.V. Holy Family would like to give as much support as possible to the various appeals set up in Liverpool. We would be extremely grateful if you could donate toiletry and sanitary items to this worthwhile and much needed cause.

We are asking for donations of:

Soap, Shower Gel, Shampoo, Toothpaste and Toothbrushes.

Nappies and Sanitary products.

The newly elected School Council will hopefully meet with the volunteers who are working hard to offer support to people arriving in Liverpool.

Thank you for your support.

WITH YOU ALWAYS - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION UPDATE FOR YEAR 4

Please see below information received from the Parish Office regarding the First Holy Communion programme for this year's Year 4 pupils:

'The programme for this year hasn't yet been confirmed. There will be a meeting with Fr Matthew when he is back from his leave, (he's away until the end of September). Once agreed our 3 schools will be contacted and there will be information on the Parish website. But I hope to

CONTACT DETAILS

If you have changed any of your details over the summer i.e. telephone numbers or have moved house please send the new details into school via our school App so that we can update our records accordingly.

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS

As always, we will be giving the opportunity for children to wear their own clothes on their birthday. We feel that this is a chance for us to celebrate each individual child. As a way of building self-esteem; the children would have the opportunity to feel unique from all other children in a positive manner. No theme, no payment just a privilege as it's their individual special day. Obviously, we know some children's birthdays will fall on weekends. Should this be the case, they may choose to wear their own clothes on the Friday before or the Monday after. Again, if their birthday falls during school holiday, they may choose to have their special day on the last day of the given term or the first day back. We felt it was important to give them a choice as again this privilege is a personal one. If your child had a birthday this week and didn't realise they could wear their own clothes; they can come into school this Monday wearing non uniform.

SAD NEWS

It was with much sadness that we had to inform you of the passing of Mrs. Rigby's mum, Pat during the holidays. Pat was a very active member within our school and parish community and will be sorely missed. Some members of our school staff attended the funeral for Pat on Monday 6th September at St. Mark's church. It was a lovely service celebrated by Fr. Vin who was our parish priest for several years.
God Bless Pat.

BABY NEWS!

Mrs Suhail gave birth to her daughter Sophia Elizabeth weighing 9-pound 1 ounce during the summer holidays, a lovely little sister for her big brother Adam!
Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Suhail!
Mr. Worsley our Site Manager became a grandad to a beautiful granddaughter Olivia Charlotte during the summer holidays, congratulations to all the family!



either have a date for a meeting or be able to send the forms out before the end of October.'

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Next Friday, the new School Council will be elected.

This week, the children have been filling in their Application Forms and explaining to their class friends why they would make a good councillor and how they can represent their school.

Once elected, the councillors will work with Mrs Reeves on a number of important issues such as, Recycling, Climate Change and improvements to our school where necessary.

We will let you know who has been elected, and we would like to wish everyone Good Luck!

BREAKFAST CLUB

We have a few places remaining in our Breakfast Club. Breakfast club will be open to pupils from Reception to Year 6 from 8:00 am - 8:45 am. This can be booked via the Parent App. Parents can choose to book full time for the whole year to guarantee a place. For those parents who need the service ad hoc, you must update us at least 24 hours via the Parent App so that we can inform you if we have space to accommodate your booking or not.

THANK YOU

Please see correspondence received from one of our parents during the school summer holidays: *'I would like to send a thank you to some parents and children at Holy Family. Our home had a freak accident 2 weeks ago and was attached to a home struck by lightning. This resulted in myself, Brooke and my husband having to move out into a hotel for 10 days whilst the damages were repaired.*

During this time, I have been given gift bags for Brooke from parents and children in her class and some from the childminder who picks children up from Holy Family. We have also received donations onto a go fund me page to support us in replacing what we have lost. I am unsure who all the people are to say thank you individually for all of this.'

MORRISON'S IT'S GOOD TO GROW

Please see the attachment at the end of this week's newsletter regarding an initiative they are running to give free gardening equipment for the children to use in school. If you do shop at Morrison's and would like to donate the vouchers you receive to our school, we would be really grateful.
Thank you.

Ready for School with Knowsley Family Learning



We would like to invite parents and carers of children who are new to Reception Class this year, to join in with our **FREE** Ready for School sessions. You will receive ideas and activities that will help you to support your child in their first year of school.

This is a 3-week course over zoom, sessions will be fun and informal and will last about an hour, they will include:

- Session 1- Ready to Learn, we will look at what children need to learn and how parents can support this, including giving parents ideas for how to teach their children new skills, how to give descriptive praise, how to give clear instructions and looking at how children learn through play.
- Session 2- Ready for Reading and Writing, we will look at how children learn to read, look at the writing journey, and explore ideas and activities for how parents can support their children.
- Session 3- Ready for Maths, this will include looking at the maths skills children are taught in Reception and how parents can support these skills with fun activities.
- Explore how parents can prepare children for school and encourage confidence and independence.

Anyone who attends will receive a FREE bag of resources to use at home with your child.

The course starts on:
Wednesday 29th September 2021, 10-11am

For more information and the Zoom code please call or email:

Vicky Powell
Mobile: 07825 117 487
Email - Victoria.powell@knowsley.gov.uk

Reception Phonics Workshop



We would like to invite parents and carers of children who are new to Reception Class this year, to join in with our **FREE** Phonics session over Zoom. You will receive ideas and activities that will help you to support your child with their reading and writing in their first year of school. We will look at phonics in the Foundation Stage and how it is used to help your child learn to read and write.

There will be opportunities for you to ask any questions you have.

Anyone who attends will receive a **FREE** bag of resources to use at home with your child.

There are 2 sessions for you to pick from. You only need to attend 1 of them.

Thursday 30th September 2021, 10-11am

OR

Friday 1st October 2021, 1-2pm

For more information and the Zoom code please contact:

Vicky Powell

Knowsley Family Learning

07825 117 487

Victoria.powell@knowsley.gov.uk

Here at Morrisons we are giving away FREE gardening equipment for schools!

On Monday 6th September we launched 'It's Good to Grow'. The programme aims to encourage school children to get outdoors and get growing, helping them to understand where their food comes from and how to grow their own fruit and vegetables, in order to make healthier food choices now and in the future.

To take part, customers just need to have a My Morrisons account and every time they swipe when they shop they'll collect **Grow Tokens**.

How does this work?

- Between Monday 6th September and Sunday 24th October for every £10 spent in store or online, customers will get 1 Grow Token which they can donate to their chosen school
- - Exclusions apply, including tobacco and fuel sales
- Customers will use their My Morrisons app or card when paying to collect their Grow Tokens
 - Token cannot be retrospectively added to a customers account
- Customers can select the school they'd like to donate their tokens to within their My Morrisons account
- From 1st November schools will be able to redeem their Grow Tokens against a wide variety of gardening equipment
- Schools will start receiving their order between the end of January and the end of March

The following categories of products will be available for schools to order from. Specific items will be available for schools to view from the 6th September via the itsgoodtogrow.co.uk website.

Category	Example equipment
Garden tools	Spade, fork, dibbers, garden scoop, broom, child's wheelbarrow, child's hand sized tools (rake, trowel, fork, shovel), tool pouch, bucket
Protection	Gloves, aprons, smocks
Propagation & growing	Planters, potato barrel, grow bags, flowerpots, walk-in greenhouse, mini greenhouse, propagator, troughs and saucers, tomato pots
Seed kits	Salad mix, wildlife flowers, autumn & winter vegetables, herb garden, organic kits
Seed packs	Carrots, tomatoes, lettuce, chard, beetroot, climbing beans, pumpkin, parsnips, basil, peppers
Watering & irrigation	Water butts, watering cans, hose reel and hose
Raised beds	Various sizes inc wheelbarrow access height.
General equipment	Shelving unit, fruit cage net, kneeling pad, plant labels, trugs, soil thermometers, rain gauge, CCTV bird box, bee/insect house, magnifying glass
Compost	Composting bin, 20 litre all purpose compost