



Holy Family School Newsletter - 6

Friday 15th October 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'

MRS MACAULAY RETURN

This week we welcomed back Mrs. Macaulay from her maternity leave, as explained in July, Mrs. Macaulay will be teaching in Y5/6 Monday and Tuesday with Mrs Faulkner still overseeing on Wednesday to Friday. Mrs. Davies will be supporting the children in KS2 as well as her SENDCO role Monday to Wednesday.

Y6 CLASS MASS

Fr. Matthew will be in school on Wednesday 20th October to celebrate mass with the children in Y6.

ST. JULIE'S ADMISSIONS

Please see below information we have been asked to share with the parents of Y6 girls from St. Julie's: For the parents of girls in Year 6 who are interested in applying to St Julie's Catholic High School for the next academic year, please remember to submit our Supplementary Application Form in addition to your Local Authority Preference Form **by the deadline date of 31 October 2021**. This can be found on our website www.stjulies.org.uk by selecting the Admissions tab at the top of the page followed by the Supplementary Admissions Form tab. If you need help or support please email admissions@stjulies.org.uk or call 0151 428 6421.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to all of our Yr 5 pupils who have made their First Holy Communions over the past couple of weeks.

For the children who have not yet made their First Holy Communion from Year 4 upwards, a letter was sent out on the app earlier this week with information from the With You Always team from St. John Vianney. If you wish your child to make their First Holy Communion please remember to attend the meeting for catholic parents/guardians to register your child for Reconciliation and Holy Communion at **St Mark's Catholic Church on Monday 1st November at 6pm.**

MR. HOWARD'S FUNERAL

On Wednesday some of our staff attended the funeral of our former Site Manager Mr. Howard. After school, all the staff also had a beautiful service to remember Mr. Howard as well. I am sure you will join us in keeping Mr. Howard's family in your prayers.

ATTENDANCE NEWS

The race for our Pizza Party is on!! Remember any class that gets 100% receives 2 green marks that week!! Attendance for this week from the 11th October to 15th October is as follows: No class had 100% this week and only 1 red! Come on children make sure your class gets in the green zone for your Pizza Party!!

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

Class	% score	Rating	Total amount of green won this term
Ms O'Neill (Yr6)	99%	Green	2
Mrs. Davies/Mrs Faulkner (Yr5/6)	96%	Yellow	3
Ms McCoy (Yr5)	97%	Green	5
Ms Monaghan (Yr4)	97%	Green	4
Ms Williams (Yr3/4)	96%	Yellow	3
Mrs. Davey (Yr3)	97%	Green	4
Ms Jones (Yr2)	96%	Yellow	6
Ms Donohue (Yr1/2)	93%	Red	2
Ms Wiggins (Yr1)	98%	Green	4
Ms Kendall (Rec)	97%	Green	5
Ms Mottram (Rec)	95%	Yellow	0

SCHOOL AUDIOLOGIST

The school health team's audiologist will be in school on Friday 22nd October to carry out hearing tests on the children from Y1. Letters were sent home to parents at the beginning of term with an 'opt out' form to complete if you don't wish your child to have the hearing test. As we have received no 'opt out' forms back in school, the audiologist will be carrying out the hearing tests on all Y1 children during the visit.

ROBERTS RECYLING

Please remember to bring in any bin bags of clothes, bedding etc to school on Friday 22nd October to be collected by Roberts Recycling organised by our PTA. All bin bags must be left under the oak tree next to the staff car park by 9.00a.m. on Friday 22nd October, please do not bring any bags into school before Friday as we do not have anywhere to store them. This is the ideal time to have a good sort out whilst changing from summer to winter wear!!

CRAZY HAIR DAY

All children can come to school with 'crazy hair' on Friday 22nd October for a donation of £1 for the PTA. Children must wear their school uniform on this day but accessorize with 'crazy hair'!

PTA ASDA GREEN TOKENS

Please remember to vote again for the Asda Green Tokens on Friday and each Friday until the closing date of midnight on Tuesday 30th November.

Please ask any family members and neighbours to vote for our school by visiting www.asda.com/green-tokens and selecting Hunts Cross from the drop down box.

We were in the lead at one point but have slipped to 2nd!

Please do try to vote!

AUTUMN TERM PTA EVENTS

• Roberts Recycling 22/10/2021

• Crazy hair day £1 donation 22/10/2021

• Santa Dash 10/12/2021

• Christmas sale Hot chocolate cones, reindeer food etc (Date to be confirmed)

• Christmas movie day with own clothes and sweets provided £1 donation (last week of term date tbc)

• Ongoing weekly PTA lotto

The PTA are raising funds for our 'Wellbeing Garden' amongst other things.

COVID 19 UPDATE

We continue to be vigilant for COVID 19 with our COVID 19 risk assessment as we are aware that this virus still has not gone away. You will already know that whenever we are informed of a positive case a whole class 'bubble' or family household no longer has to self-isolate as per government guidelines and schools do not have to complete track and trace for the NHS. Knowsley Council have asked all schools to send a warn and inform letter to a class if a positive case is reported to school. Children in that class and the rest of the school should continue to attend school but we would always ask you to monitor for any potential symptoms.

Of course, by choosing to send the warn and inform letter out to a particular class we are conscious that some parents may speculate and cause panic within the community. I would ask you to be sensitive to people's privacy and trust the school to do the best that we can.

PUPIL RECOGNITION AWARDS

This week, Halewood Town Council have held their annual pupil recognition awards. This year, staff have nominated Anya Foott - Year 5.

Anya is keen on raising lots of money for charity. She is a model pupil in our school and recently ran the 5K Race for Life to raise funds to help her cousin Teddy who has been in hospital having treatment for Leukaemia. She raised a staggering amount in excess of £1500.

Anya works so hard in school and always gives her very best. She is polite and well mannered and is always willing to help. She is preparing for her next challenge and wants to raise more money in the future.

FLU IMMUNISATION

Please see information received from Knowsley Immunisation team:

Could you please promote the flu link below to parent/carers weekly and include in your school newsletters to ensure we receive a good uptake to protect the children and families of Knowsley from flu. Once a parent/carer has completed an eConsent form it will not allow them to complete another, to make any changes they will need to contact our team on 0151 676 5141.

<https://forms.merseyscare.nhs.uk/flu-vaccination>

Included with the link could you please send communication informing all parents and carers of the following important information:

The eConsent form MUST be submitted 48hours prior to us coming into school otherwise we cannot guarantee the consent form will be processed in time for us to vaccinate their child in school.

This year we will be sending post immunisation advice to the email that was provided in the eConsent form. Anyone who has not provided an email address will receive a paper copy.

The immunisation team will be in school to administer the flu immunisation on Monday 8th November, therefore all eConsent forms must be completed no later than Friday 5th November.

LOST PROPERTY

If you are missing any items of uniform, please call into the school office to look at our 'Lost Property'. Please ensure all items of uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name as it is difficult in returning items to children not labelled.

FAMILY LEARNING

Please see a flier attached to the end of this week's newsletter from Family Learning regarding a free Reception Phonics Workshop.

Y5 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Well done to our Y5 football team who took part in the second round of the Halewood League football tournament on Wednesday 13th October, the boys played really well.

Thank you to the parents who helped transport the boys back to school.

DODGEBALL COMPETITION

Our dodgeball team will be in action on Monday 18th October in a competition after school in Kirkby, I am sure you will join us in wishing them the very best of luck!

FREE SCHOOLMEAL VOUCHERS

Knowsley Council are once again providing supermarket vouchers for means tested free school meal pupils. The vouchers have been ordered and will be sent to your email addresses on 20/10/21, please ensure we have the correct email address in school for you. The vouchers are for £3 per day - £15 for the half term week Monday to Friday with Farmfoods being added as a choice of supermarket this time. If you think your child is entitled to free school meals and you have not yet applied for them, please call into the school office to complete an application form.

CURRICULUM PACK FOR EVERY CLASS

Our 'Only the Best Curriculum' information is on our website under the Curriculum tab. Under each class page tab, you will see all the half termly Curriculum Packs that you can have a look at so that you know exactly what is being taught in each class. This is useful as then you can talk about the content and objectives that the children are learning in school. 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. Please take time to have a look at both Autumn Term 1A and Autumn Term 1B.

Don't forget to have a look at each class page as the teachers regularly update the gallery every fortnight with lots of photos of the children learning. Of course we post regular updates on our school Twitter page to give you a flavour of what the children are doing each week and also to celebrate all the learning that takes place.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Children from years 3 to 6 will be taking part in their swimming lessons week beginning 1st

November: The children will go swimming for 4 days each week for 2 weeks with year 5 and year 6 going on:

Tuesday 2nd November 2021 and on the following dates:

Wednesday 3rd November, Thursday 4th November, Friday 5th November and the following week on Tuesday 9th November, Wednesday 10th November, Thursday 11th November and Friday 12th November 2021. All sessions for Y5 & Y6 will be from 10.30 to 11.30a.m.

Year 3 and Year 4 will be going on:

Tuesday 16th November 2021 and on the following dates:

Wednesday 17th November, Thursday 18th November, Friday 19th November and the following week on Tuesday 23rd November, Wednesday 24th November, Thursday 25th November and Friday 26th November 2021. All swimming sessions for Y3 & Y4 will be from 9.30 to 10.30a.m.

A letter with more information will be sent out on the app before we finish for half term, the permission must be completed on the app.

HALF TERM

It has been a long but action packed half term. We finish for the half term holidays at 3.15p.m. on Friday 22nd October and return to school at the usual times on Monday 1st November.

CLOCKS GO BACK

Please remember to change your clocks! The clocks go back one hour at 2.00a.m. on Sunday 31st October.

Turn the clocks back



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 4 sessions for you to pick from. You only need to attend 1 of them.

Monday 1st November 2021, 1-2pm with Sharon

Tuesday 2nd November 2021, 10-11am with Ann

Wednesday 3rd November 2021, 1-2pm with Ann

Thursday 4th November 2021, 10-11am with Sharon

For more information and the Zoom code please contact:

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