



Holy Family School Newsletter - 2

Friday 17th 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'

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.

PLAYGROUND PLAY EQUIPMENT

Can we please remind all parents that the children are not allowed to use the play equipment on the playground before or after school. All children should be dropped off at the designated doors and collected and left immediately to ease congestion. We have now opened the green double gates and yellow gates leading onto the car park for KS2 parents to use to leave school after collecting your child to help the congestion building up at the green gate at the top of the playground, please do use this as an exit route.

Thank you for your support

CLC VISIT

Knowsley CLC will be in school on Monday 20th September to work with Y6 O'N, the children always enjoy these sessions! We will let you know next week what they covered during their session.

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 13th to 17th September is as follows: Oh no! How disappointing to see so many yellows - and a red!! 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)	93%	Red	0
Mrs. Davies/Mrs Faulkner (Yr5/6DF)	96%	Yellow	0
Ms McCoy (Yr5Mc)	96%	Yellow	2
Ms Monaghan (Yr4M)	96%	Yellow	1
Ms Williams (Yr3/4W)	97%	Green	1
Mrs. Davey (Yr3D)	99%	Green	2
Ms Jones (Yr2J)	97%	Green	3
Ms Donohue (Yr1/2D)	95%	Yellow	0
Ms Wiggins (Yr1W)	99%	Green	1
Ms Kendall (Rec K)	98%	Green	2
Ms Mottram (Rec M)	96%	Yellow	0

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.

S.F.X OPEN EVENING

Year 6 parents please see a letter attached to the end of the newsletter from Mr. Hayes - Headteacher at S.F.X with information regarding the open evening next week.

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.

FLU IMMUNISATION

We recently sent out an app about the flu immunisation.

The immunisation form is to be completed by Reception to Year 6 children only and needs to be completed as soon as possible.

ASPIRE DAY ONE

Next week, all children across the school will take part in our first Aspire Day of the year. As most of you will know, our Aspire Teams have been in place for a number of years now. In Key Stage Two, each class is allocated a different Aspire Patron. These are people for people to aspire to for their qualities and values. In day one, the children will study their patron; their life, what they stood for and ways in which we can be inspired by them. Over the year, in EYFS and Key Stage One, the children will study the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph who, as a Catholic community, are the first people we look to aspire to. For this term, their focal person will be Joseph the father of Jesus.

By the end of the week, all children will have studied in detail their patron and completed some work. Why not ask them all about what they have learned?

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.

LOST PROPERTY

We have already received a few items of school uniform in lost property! Can we please remind parents to clearly label all items of uniform and coats. We know that school uniform is quite expensive to purchase and not always easily replaced once lost. We currently have in lost property:

2 jumpers - size 28 and size 32

4 cardigans - 1 size 30, 2 size 30 and 1 size 28.

We also have a blue Benetton jacket size medium. If your child is missing any of these items and you have not labelled them, please call into the school office to collect them.

FAMILY LEARNING EVENTS

Please see attachments at the end of this week's newsletter regarding the many various courses held for parents by Vicky Powell from Family Learning. These courses have proven to be very popular in the past so please do take a look at what is on offer!

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

All children will have taken the proof school photograph home this evening. The photographer will be collecting all the orders on Friday 24th September at 9.30a.m. Can we please ask that you put the correct money in the plastic wallet with the order as no change will be given.

PTA LOTTO

CALLING ALL PARENTS!! Help our school PTA raise funds for our children. Sign up to our school lottery and be in with the chance to win £250 worth of Lego. Please click the link to join today <https://t.co/L99nEwjy42>

SFX.

14th September 2021

Dear Year 6 Parents

I am writing to introduce myself as the new Head Teacher of Saint Francis Xavier's College. I joined the College at Easter, and since then, it's been a very busy but enjoyable time preparing for the new school year.

Following the lifting of Covid restrictions, I am delighted to be able to invite you to our on-site open evening on **Thursday 23rd September, between 5pm and 8pm.**

We are not operating a booking system this year; instead, you are free to attend at a time to suit you on the evening. The evening will consist of a tour of the college and a presentation.

The timings are:

5.15pm First Presentation
6.30pm Second Presentation (this is a repeat)
7.30pm Last admission

You may be aware that SFX has experienced some leadership turbulence in recent years, with several Head Teacher changes. I appreciate that this may be unsettling for some families and, therefore, may not consider us as a school in the future. Should you have any concerns, I just wanted to take the time here to reassure you that SFX's future success is at the core of who I am as a leader. I will touch on this during my presentation on the evening, but as an Old Xaverian myself, SFX is part of who I am, and my experiences as a boy have led me to be its Head Teacher today.

Before the open evening, I would like to draw your attention to our welcome video, which you can access [here](#).

I hope you can join us on the evening, and I look forward to meeting you in person then.

Yours sincerely



Mr D Hayes
Head Teacher

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:

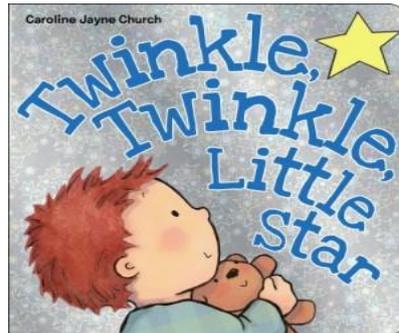
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Rhyme Time with Knowsley Family Learning



We would like to invite parents and carers of babies age 0-1 to join in with our **FREE** Rhyme Time sessions. You will receive ideas and activities that will help you to share nursery rhymes with your baby.

The sessions will be fun and informal and will:

- Include a range of nursery rhymes for you to enjoy with your baby
 - Give parents ideas for how to engage their baby with the rhymes
 - Each week you will make a prop to bring the nursery rhyme to life
 - Show parents how singing and talking to your baby can aid their development
 - Look at how children learn through play
 - 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**

This is a 3 week programme and sessions will take place via zoom.

To find out more or to book your place please contact:

Monday 1-2pm starting 27th September

Vicky Powell 07825 117 487 or email Victoria.powell@knowsley.gov.uk

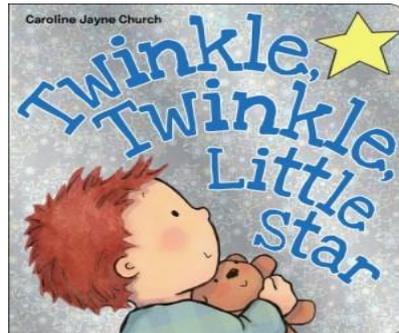
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Story Sacks for 0-3's



This 3 week course will be delivered remotely. You will receive a book and all the resources you need, then meet as a small group via zoom to discuss the activities.

What are Story Sacks?

A story sack is a large cloth bag containing a good quality storybook with supporting materials, such as puppets, soft toys and a game to stimulate reading and language activities.

Story Sacks are designed to help adults share books with children in a way that is positive, theatrical, special, interactive and fun.

The Story Sacks course runs for 3 weeks, and all resources are provided free of charge.

To book a place, choose the session you would like to attend and ring, text or email:

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Website: www.holyfamilyhalewood.org.uk Twitter: @HFHalewood Parent App: Contact school for more information

FREE – 3 week course

Story Sacks



This 3 week Zoom course is for parents/ carers of children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Starting
Wednesday, 29th September, 1-2pm

You will be provided with books and resources to make all the items for your Story Sack which will be yours to keep at the end of the course. Within the Zoom group you will make the resources week to week then use them with your child at home.

During the session we will discuss the benefits of sharing books and will make the various parts of your Story Sack.

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