



Holy Family School Newsletter - 8

Friday 5th November 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'

Y4M CLC

Y4M loved computing with Kitty from the CLC this week. They learnt about Endangered Animals using technology to research endangered species and changes to habitats. Pupils used 'Scratch' to design their own 'Sprite' to look like an endangered animal and a background to resemble their habit! They had great fun!

SWIMMING LESSONS

Year 5 & 6 will continue with their swimming sessions next week

Year 3 and Year 4 will begin their sessions on: Tuesday 16th November 2021 until

Friday 26th November 2021. All swimming sessions for Y3 & Y4 will be from 9.30 to 10.30a.m.

A letter has been sent to the parents of Y3 & 4 pupils this week.

Y5/6 GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM

Congratulations to our Y5/6 girls football team who played their first match on Thursday 4th November and came 5th overall. Well done girls!!

POPPIES

We are as usual selling poppies and accessories in school to commemorate Remembrance Day. Please see below a picture of the items on sale that the school council are taking to all classes each day for the children to purchase.



Once again thank you for your wonderful support for this worthwhile cause.

FLU IMMUNISATION

Just a reminder that the immunisation team will be in school to administer the flu immunisation on Monday 8th November.

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 1st to 5th November is as follows: NO REDS THIS WEEK - WELL DONE!!

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

Class	% score	Rating	Total amount of green won this term
Ms O'Neill (Yr6)	97%	Green	4
Mrs. Davies/Mrs Faulkner (Yr5/6)	94%	Yellow	3
Ms McCoy (Yr5)	98%	Green	6
Ms Monaghan (Yr4)	98%	Green	5
Ms Williams (Yr3/4)	98%	Green	5
Mrs. Davey (Yr3)	96%	Yellow	4
Ms Jones (Yr2)	97%	Green	8
Ms Donohue (Yr1/2)	97%	Green	3
Ms Wiggins (Yr1)	97%	Green	6
Ms Kendall (Rec)	99%	Green	6
Ms Mottram (Rec)	98%	Green	2

ATTENDANCE

Please see below information received from the DFE:

School attendance from DFE to all schools As the new Secretary of State for Education has made clear, young people regularly attending school is a national priority and is important for their education, wellbeing, and long-term development.

This is particularly true for children who were persistently absent before the pandemic or who are at risk of becoming persistently absent.

Attendance continues to be mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age and schools should communicate clear and consistent expectations about attendance.

PARENT'S EVENING

We will again be holding our parent's evening by telephone this term. The parent's evenings will take place for Reception to Year 6 over 3 evenings - Tuesday 16th November, Wednesday 17th November and Thursday 18th November. The sessions will be 10 minutes each and will run from 3.20 to 5.20 on each of the 3 evenings, **please remember to put the phone number you wish to be contacted on, on the notes section of the booking form.** The parents evening booking system will go 'live' on the App this evening and will close on Friday 12th November. Please remember to only book 1 appointment for each child. If you have any trouble booking your appointment or you have booked more than 1 in error, please contact the school office who will be on hand to help.

Nursery parent's evenings will not take place until the spring term.

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!

Well done and thank you for our recent fundraising, we raised £170 for Crazy Hair Day and £87.50 from Roberts Recycling!

AUTUMN TERM PTA EVENTS

- 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.

PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Can we please remind everyone to be careful when parking outside school. We have had an incident with a car being parked half on the pavement with the door wide open while parents are chatting, this has resulted in a child having to go on to the road to get around the parked car, tripping on the pavement and ending up with a very nasty black eye.

Thank you for support

COATS/JUMPERS AND CARDIGANS

Now that the weather is getting colder can you please ensure your child is wearing a coat and jumper/cardigan when arriving at school.

Thank you for your support.

KNOWSLEY COUNCIL CHILDCARE

Please see below information received from Knowsley Council:

Dear Parents/Carers

In order for us to ensure we have enough childcare in the borough it would help us if all parents/carers would complete the Knowsley Childcare Sufficiency Survey- <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/K38GFGB>

The information you provide will help us to make plans for future childcare and inform current childcare providers about what parents need. Thank you for taking the time to complete.

Knowsley Early Years Team

FAMILY LEARNING

Please see the flier at the end of the newsletter from Family Learning regarding a free Story Sacks Course.

SAD NEWS

We received some very sad news over half term, Mrs. Owens - teaching assistant in Y4M and Mrs. Heague - Y3/4 midday supervisor have sadly lost both their mums. I am sure you will join us in sending our deepest condolences to both Mrs. Owens and her family and Mrs. Heague and her family.

MRS. ANN DAVIS

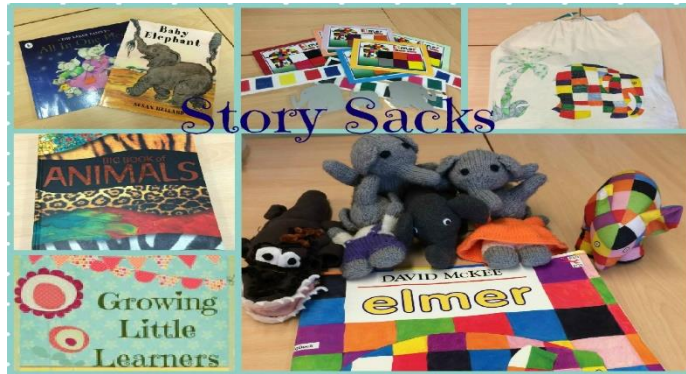
As many of you may already know, Mrs. Ann Davis sadly passed away during half term. Ann has been a proactive supporter of our school for many, many years with her own children and grandchildren attending Holy Family School. She was always a regular at every PTA event and always supported our school in every fundraising activity held. We were deeply touched to have received a telephone call from one of Ann's daughters to inform us that instead of friends and family sending flowers to express their sympathy, they have asked for any donations to be raised for our school to help with the cost of our Mental Health and Wellbeing Garden. What a wonderful touching tribute to Ann who still has a great niece and 2 great nephews attending our school.

Ann's funeral took place today at 12.15p.m. at Holy Family Church and a couple of staff attended to represent our school.

Thank you and God Bless Ann.

FREE – 3 week course

Story Sacks



We would like to invite parents and carers of children age from Nursery to Year2 to join in with our **FREE 3 WEEK** Storysacks course.

The sessions will be fun and informal and will:

- Give parents ideas for how they can ensure learning activities are successful;
- Give parents ideas about how to engage children with reading and bring books to life;
- Give parents an opportunity to make and play fun activities with their child;
- Show parents how to make puppets and props to support story telling.

All resources will be provided **FREE OF CHARGE**
Sessions will be for one hour per week via Zoom, starting week of 8th November

To book a place, choose the session which suits you best and contact the relevant person.
Please include your name, your child's name and school and a contact number

Sharon Fitzgerald - 07825 117 499 Sharon.fitzgerald@knowsley.gov.uk for
Tuesday sessions 10-11am starting 9th November

Vicky Powell - 07825 117 487 victoria.powell@knowsley.gov.uk for
Wednesday sessions 1-2pm starting 10th November

Ann Curley - 07825 117 482 ann.curley@knowsley.gov.uk for
Thursday sessions 10-11am starting 11th November