



Holy Family School Newsletter - 19

Friday 4th February 2022

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'

LUNAR NEW YEAR

Foundation Stage have had such a fantastic week exploring and celebrating Chinese New Year and the Year of the Tiger. We have learnt all about the story of the Great Race and the animals who took part. We enjoyed exploring all the special Chinese traditions that take place during Chinese New Year and how it is such a special celebration. We have made Chinese dragons, lanterns, painted Chinese symbols and used chopsticks as one of our 'Funky Fingers' activities. We finished our week of celebrations by having a Chinese dragon parade, helping the dragon to move and dance by playing lots of musical instruments and LOVED our huge Chinese banquet, tasting a variety of different Chinese food.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

The school photographer will be in school on Monday 7th February to take nursery children's photographs only. The nursery children will take part in their wellbeing walk on Tuesday 8th as highlighted in the letter from Mrs. Davey at the end of the newsletter.

VISIT IN THE LOCAL AREA

As you will read on the letter from Mrs. Davey at the end of the newsletter, the children will be taking part in a walk on Monday 7th February. As the walk will only be around the local area, there is no need for parents to complete a permission slip as this consent was given when completing the data information sheet each year. If you do not wish your child to take part in the wellbeing walk, please contact the school office.

SAFER INTERNET DAY

Safety Internet Day is on Tuesday 8 February, which is a day recognised globally each year to promote safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. This year the theme is 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online. Each class will be focussing how to use technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively.



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 31st January to 4th February is as follows:

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

Class	% score	Rating	Total amount of green won this term
Ms O'Neill (Yr6)	96%	Yellow	2
Mrs Macaulay/Mrs Faulkner (Yr5/6)	89%	Red	2
Ms McCoy (Yr5)	97%	Green	1
Ms Monaghan (Yr4)	96%	Yellow	2
Ms Williams (Yr3/4)	95%	Yellow	3
Mrs. Davey (Yr3)	96%	Yellow	1
Ms Jones (Yr2)	96%	Yellow	2
Ms Donohue (Yr1/2)	99%	Green	1
Ms Wiggins (Yr1)	97%	Green	4
Ms Kendall (Rec)	98%	Green	4
Ms Mottram (Rec)	93%	Red	5

ATTENDANCE

We are continuing to hold attendance meetings in school every fortnight and will be closely monitoring any child's attendance if it drops below 95% or who appear to have a pattern of absences. Each day your child misses from school is equal to 2 sessions so even if they are ill in the morning, please send them in in the afternoon, this applies to medical appointments, please try and bring them in before or after a medical appointments. If you are experiencing any difficulty in maintaining your child's good attendance, please do contact school to discuss this, we are here to support you and your child.



PTA ROBERTS RECYCLING

The PTA have once again arranged for Roberts Recycling to come into school to collect bin bags of items for recycling. The bags will be collected on Friday 18th February at 9.00 a.m. As usual, the bags will need to be left under the oak tree on the staff car park, please try to drop them off on the day before 9.00a.m. This is an ideal time to have a good clear out following the Christmas holidays and leave you 'clutter free' to enjoy the February half term. There is a list of what items can be collected at the end of the newsletter. This is always a great way of raising funds for our school.

PTA LOTTERY

Who wants a holiday? Support our lottery for your chance to win a forest holiday on one of 11 UK locations!
<https://t.co/uF4ekJ3AAz> #YourSchoolLottery.

Y2 COHORT MASS

Fr. Matthew will be in school on 16th February to celebrate mass with our Y2 cohort. I am sure the children will enjoy taking part in this service in school.

ST. JOHN VIANNEY

<https://www.parishofstjohnvianney.co.uk/newsletter>

KEEPING IN CONTACT

We know that parents change mobile or house telephone numbers and may even move house. Can you please ensure you contact school with any change in details especially any medical changes your child may have had.

MONEY FOUND

A sum of money was found on the nursery/reception playground on Thursday 20th January. If you think it belongs to you, please give the office a ring.

P.E. KITS

Can we please remind you that the school P.E. kit must be worn for all P.E. lessons. If your child is wearing tracksuit bottoms or leggings to come to school in, they must be black.

Thank you for your support.

FAMILY LEARNING

Please find at the end of the newsletter the Family Learning timetable for this half term. Can you please ensure when you book onto a session you include **your name, your child's name, class and school and a CONTACT NUMBER**. This saves lots of time chasing learners who send emails saying, 'Can I do the course please?' without any more details.

BIKEABILITY

The children in Y6 had a fabulous time taking part in the bikeability sessions

Y3 & Y4

An opportunity has come up to offer free 'learn to ride' bike sessions on the school site from 14th Feb 2022 to 18th Feb 2022 and also 15th and 16th March. As the training takes place on the school site, we do not need permission. If your child doesn't want to take part, please phone the office or get your child to tell the teacher on Monday. Your child can bring in their own bike into school or use a bike provided from the instructors. Just so we have an idea on numbers of bikes to get delivered, please give the office a ring if you need a bike so we can collate numbers or get your child to let their teacher know on Monday. The course consists of 12 children per day on a 2 hour course so they would only need to bring their bike into school for one day. We will send out a separate app with your selected day. Look out for the app message on Monday for your child's designated day.

DOGS ON THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

We have had a few queries to school this week regarding some families bringing dogs on to the premises and congestion on the path outside school. Can we remind all families that dogs are not allowed on the premises - either walking or carried - for health and safety reasons. Some children have allergies and many children are frightened of dogs too. Added to this, we have had to remove dog muck from the path leading to our Yr3/4, Reception and Nursery classes recently which is really unfair too. Can we ask that you also do not congregate near the top gates on the path outside school as parents are struggling to get by. Please aim to leave the premises as quickly as you can and if you need to have a conversation with another parent, could this be done on the opposite side of the road at the front of the school where it appears to be less congestion or an area further away from the main gates and school playground. Children should not be on our outdoor playground equipment unsupervised and for those children who ride or scoot to school, they should not be riding around on the playground just in case they bump into other children/families which unfortunately has happened in the past.

Children's Mental Health Week
7th - 11th February 2022



Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you are aware, next week we will be marking Children's Mental Health Week, and as promised, here is the outline of how the week will look.

On Monday 7th February, all the staff and children will come into school in clothes that express something of themselves. See last week's newsletter for more details. For **Nursery**, this will take place on **Tuesday 8th February**.

During the day, the children will take part activities that are linked to the '5 ways to Well-Being'.



To '**CONNECT**', the children will play games with each other. Depending on the class, these could include bingo, board games or a 'Getting to Know You' game. There will be no games on I pads- it will be a definite no-device day.

To '**KEEP LEARNING**', the pupils will learn a brand-new skill. Again, depending on the age of the children, this could include learning to count in a non-European language, origami, or learning sign language.

To '**GIVE**', the children will design and make gratitude cards.

'**BE ACTIVE**' and '**TAKE NOTICE**' will be merged together, and the children in KS1 and KS2 will go on a walk in the triangle. As they walk around, they will try to spot key items pre-prepared and put up by the staff. EYFS children will partake in a walk on the school grounds.

On this day, the children will also be given a card with key activities on, linked to well-being.

These will be very simple activities to do at home for example, 'get 8 hours of sleep'. The children can bring their card back in on the Friday. If they have managed to tick most of them off, they will receive a chocolate and certificate at the end of the week; Friday 12th February.

Please feel free to tweet any activity you do, we'd absolutely love to see them and celebrate! All the staff are looking forward to a fun day and marking this really important week with the children.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Davey, Assistant Head and Well-Being Lead.

ROBERTS RECYCLING

WHAT WE WILL ACCEPT

 SHIRTS	 TROUSERS	 SHORTS	 T-SHIRTS	 JEANS
 JACKETS	 JUMPERS	 HOODIES	 POLO SHIRTS	 JOGGERS
 BAGS	 BELTS & TIES	 BOOTS	 HATS	 GLOVES
 SHOES	 TRAINERS	 CLEAN/NEW UNDERWEAR	 SKIRTS	 DRESSES
 VEST TOPS	 JEWELLRY	 SWIMWEAR	 LINGERIE	IF UNSURE AS TO WHETHER WE WILL ACCEPT YOUR ITEMS, GET IN TOUCH TO FIND OUT

WHAT WE WON'T ACCEPT

 RIPPED/STAINED	 SOCKS	 DIRTY UNDERWEAR	 BATH ROBES	 SLIPPERS
 PYJAMAS	 WORKWEAR	 UNIFORMS	 DAVE'S STAG 2008 PRINTED ITEMS	 OLD FASHIONED

Knowsley Family Learning

Happy New Year everyone. Here at Family Learning we would still like to offer parents and carers workshops and courses to support your child's learning. Please find below a timetable of sessions that I will be delivering on **Zoom** over the coming weeks. You are welcome to book onto as many sessions/ courses you would like to attend.

You can contact me on the details below. Please remember to include **YOUR NAME, YOUR CHILD(REN)'S NAME(S), CLASS AND SCHOOL AND A CONTACT NUMBER**. I will need to call you to complete a short enrolment form with you, which will take about 5 minutes.

Week Beginning	Mon AM	Mon 1-2pm	TUES 10-11am	TUES 1-2pm	Wed 10-11am	Wed PM	THUR 10-11am	THUR PM	FRI 10-11am	Fri PM
17th January 2022							10-11am Connect 5 Week 1			
24th January 2022	No session	1-2pm Nursery and Reception Phonics	10-11am Year 1 and 2 Phonics	1-2pm Year 3,4,5+6 Reading	No session	No session	10-11am Connect 5 Week 2	No session	No session	No session
31st January 2022	No session	1-2pm Nursery and Reception Reading	10-11am Year 1 and 2 Reading	1-2pm Year 3,4,5+6 Writing	10-11am Nursery/ Reception/ Year 1/ Year 2 Making games for learning course Week 1	No session	10-11am Connect 5 Week 3	No session	10-11am Nursery/ Reception/ Year 1/ Year 2 Making games for learning course Week 1	No session
7th February 2022	No session	1-2pm Nursery and Reception Writing	10-11am Year 1 and 2 Writing	1-2pm Year 3,4,5+6 Maths Week 1	10-11am Nursery/ Reception/ Year 1/ Year 2 Making games for learning course Week 2	No session	10-11am Connect 5 Week 4	No session	10-11am Nursery/ Reception/ Year 1/ Year 2 Making games for learning course Week 2	No session
14th February 2022	No session	1-2pm Nursery and Reception Maths	10-11am Year 1 and 2 Maths	1-2pm Year 3,4,5+6 Maths Week 2	10-11am Nursery/ Reception/ Year 1/ Year 2 Making games for learning course Week 3	No session	10-11am Connect 5 Week 5	No session	10-11am Nursery/ Reception/ Year 1/ Year 2 Making games for learning course Week 3	No session

Making games for learning course - This 3-week course will give you ideas and resources for making games at home that will help with your child's maths and English.

Connect 5 - This 5-week course aims to support you to support their child's emotional wellbeing, help them to deal with stressful situations and help them to bounce back when life gets tough. For more information, please get in touch.

If you haven't used Zoom before, don't worry, it's easy. I can support you to get online and access the sessions.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Take care

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