



# Holy Family School Newsletter - 25

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 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'*

### PARENT'S EVENINGS Y6

Thank you to all the parents who managed to come into school for their face-to-face parent's evenings appointments. I am sure you will have found them to be helpful and informative. It was lovely to be able to hold these appointments after lockdown stopped these evenings taking place.

The rest of the school will have theirs in May as usual, more details will follow.



### BIKEABILITY

Y5 will be having their Bikeability sessions from 4<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> April, parents will be notified next week of the day allocated for their child's session.

For those who missed their class session due to Bikeability cancelling a few weeks back, your new dates are 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of May. Parents have been informed of their child's date via the app.

### EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Our extra-curricular clubs have now resumed with the children all having a great time.

The clubs are:

Monday - Well-being Club (Yr 1 and Yr 2), Dance (£15 for Yr 3 and Yr 4) SATs Club (Y6)

Tuesday - Ninja Warrior (£15 for Yr 1 and Yr 2), Book Club (Yr 3 and Yr 4), Netball (Yr 5 and Yr 6), Well Being club (Reception)

Wednesday - Hockey (Yr 5 and Yr 6), Taekwondo (£15 for Yr 5 and Yr 6)

Thursday - Multi-Sports (Yr 1 and Yr 2), Reading Plus Club (Yr 5 and Yr 6)

Friday - Tag Rugby (Yr 3 and Yr 4), Football Tots (£15 for Reception)

Can we please remind you all that all after school clubs finish at 4.15p.m. this is especially important that the children are collected on time for the clubs taken by external providers.



### 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 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> March 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)	94%	Yellow	3
Mrs Macaulay/Mrs Faulkner (Yr5/6)	96%	Yellow	3
Ms McCoy (Yr5)	98%	Green	3
Ms Monaghan (Yr4)	92%	Red	4
Ms Williams (Yr3/4)	96%	Yellow	4
Mrs. Davey (Yr3)	97%	Green	3
Ms Jones (Yr2)	95%	Yellow	7
Ms Donohue (Yr1/2)	94%	Yellow	7
Ms Wiggins (Yr1)	98%	Green	9
Ms Kendall (Rec)	91%	Red	8
Ms Mottram (Rec)	93%	Red	7

### TENNIS TASTER SESSIONS

The children in Year 3-6 will be taking part in a taster tennis session with LFC Foundation.

The children will be completing the sessions in their uniform, but they will need to bring in appropriate shoes for this session.

Y3/4 will have their session on 29<sup>th</sup> March.

### GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

This year each class will be selling raffle tickets for 20p each from 4<sup>th</sup> April until 12<sup>th</sup> April for a prize of 2 large Easter eggs per class to be drawn on 12<sup>th</sup> April. All proceeds raised will be sent to the Good Shepherd Appeal. Come on children save all your 20p's!

### HOLIDAY AND FOOD ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME

The Department for Education's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is returning to Knowsley for the next three years from 2022 - 2025. The programme will fund the SNAP programme for pupils eligible for a Free School Meal. The programme is focussed on the Easter, Summer and Christmas Holidays. A range of activities are being finalised for the forthcoming Easter holidays and the full details are currently being finalised. The Holiday Activities and Food funded SNAP programme will return between the 11<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022 and further details will be released shortly. Please check <https://oneknowsley.org/snap-free-healthy-living-activities/> for more information.

### SWIMMING GALA

Our Y4, Y5 & Y6 swimming team will be taking part in a swimming gala on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March from 9.30 to 11.30a.m at Huyton Sports and Leisure Centre in Longview Drive, Huyton. This will be the first swimming competition held for over 2 years and we are delighted to let you know that parents can attend to support the team on this occasion. The children in the team have been notified today by Miss McCoy. Can you please complete the permission slip on the app by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March also advising if you are able to help with transport.



### EASTER HOLIDAYS FSM VOUCHERS

Knowsley Council are once again providing supermarket vouchers for means tested free school meal pupils to cover the Easter holidays. The vouchers will again be for £3 per day for the days we are absent from school for the holidays and will include the 2 bank holiday days of Good Friday and Easter Monday and will be for a total of £21.00 and will be sent to your email addresses on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

If you think you may be entitled to free school meals, please call into the school office and complete an application form for Mrs. Wall to send off to Knowsley Council to check your eligibility.

### FAMILY LEARNING

Please see the flier attached to the end of the newsletter from Family Learning with information for free parenting courses.

### SCHOOL TRIPS

If you haven't yet signed the permission slip for your child attending the Y5/6 trip on 29<sup>th</sup> March on the App or made a payment on ParentPay, please do so as soon as possible.

Y3&4 will be visiting the Catalyst Museum in Widnes on 26<sup>th</sup> April, more information will be sent out nearer the time.

All key stage 2 children will be going to the Empire Theatre on 17<sup>th</sup> June to see David Walliams' Billionaire Boy. More details will follow.

### ABSENCE REPORTING

Can we please ask you not to call school to let us know if your child is absent or has an appointment **if you have already sent it in on the App**. This helps to free up school telephone lines. All Apps are opened as soon as they arrive informing office staff of any absences or appointments booked. Thank you for your support.

### MARIE CURIE DAFFODILS

Mrs. Reeves and our school council are currently selling the yellow Marie Curie daffodil badges for a donation of 20p. If you would like to purchase a badge, please send in 20p with your child. All monies raised will be taken to Marie Curie. Thank you for your support.



### GREAT BIG SCHOOL CLEAN 2022

Y3/4W are campaigning to help keep Britain tidy as they will be taking part in the Great British Spring Clean, due to showing a great interest in looking after our environment.

The children will be completing lots of different activities from the 28<sup>th</sup> March - 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 in school and around our local area, joining in with the #BigBagChallenge. As a class, we are pledging to pick up as much litter as we can and organising recyclable/non-recyclable waste in school. Knowsley Council are providing the children with rubbish bags, litter pickers and gloves to use for the duration of the campaign.



## **AID TO UKRAINE**

To donate or to help the people of Ukraine please use the following link for Red Cross supporting Ukrainians in war crisis:

[https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-crisis-appeal?c\\_code=175151&c\\_source=google&c\\_name=Ukraine%20Crisis%20Appeal&adg=pure%20brand&c\\_creative=brand&c\\_medium=cpc&gclid=CjwKCAiAJoeRBhAJEiwAYY3nDHBXfBZuRkuPL7yWfHOa2CZtY5SOCDndw8H33CDkoVUgs\\_43h2YVvhoCROQQAvD\\_BwE](https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-crisis-appeal?c_code=175151&c_source=google&c_name=Ukraine%20Crisis%20Appeal&adg=pure%20brand&c_creative=brand&c_medium=cpc&gclid=CjwKCAiAJoeRBhAJEiwAYY3nDHBXfBZuRkuPL7yWfHOa2CZtY5SOCDndw8H33CDkoVUgs_43h2YVvhoCROQQAvD_BwE)

Or just this one for donations to Ukraine is in the first page:

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/>

Please see information at the end of the newsletter sent to all schools by the Archdiocese of Liverpool requesting your help at this distressing time for the people of Ukraine.

Thank you for your support.

### **A Prayer for Ukraine**

Loving God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine,  
for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their  
choices.

We pray for the world  
that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity  
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways  
so that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people of Ukraine  
and for all the world.

Amen.



## **BIG WALK AND WHEEL WEEK CHALLENGE**

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is the UK's largest inter-school walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge and a great campaign to be involved in.

The events aim is to encourage more families to travel to school actively helping to create healthier and happier communities. On each day of the challenge, schools compete to see who can record the greatest proportion of their pupils walking, using a wheelchair, scooting or cycling to school. We have decided to enter this competition and there are prizes to be won each day.

This year's challenge will run from 21 March- 1 April. It's more important now than ever to travel actively. Active travel is a great way to build physical activity into children's daily routine. It helps them arrive to school more relaxed and alert and is great for their mental wellbeing too. [A 2021 YouGov study](#) showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school and that children thought active travel was the best away to bring down these pollution levels. Taking part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel and travelling actively instead of driving is a great and fun way to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. For those of you who need to travel in a vehicle, the challenge is for you to park away from school and complete at least a 10 minute active travel to school.

Please see additional information at the end of the newsletter.



### **PARISH OF ST JOHN VIANNEY LINK** **ST. JOHN VIANNEY**

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





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# BIG WALK AND WHEEL

21 March - 1 April 2022

**Go on an amazing journey every day**

- Be active and feel more energised
- Help the environment by replacing a car journey
- Help your school win some fantastic prizes

Are you taking part in the UK's biggest walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling to school competition?

**21 March - 1 April 2022**

[www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk](http://www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk)

Headline sponsor:



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2. Understanding your baby (postnatal)
- 3a. Understanding your child (0-19+ yrs, main course)
- 3b. Understanding your child with additional needs (0-19+ yrs, main course)
4. Understanding your teenager's brain (short course)
5. Understanding your brain (for teenagers only!)
6. Understanding your child's feelings (a taster course)
7. Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing (accompanies 3a and/or 3b)
8. Understanding your relationships (coming soon!)

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