



Holy Family School Newsletter - 30

Friday 13th May 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'

Y6 SAT'S

Y6 children have finished their SATs working extremely hard throughout the week. The children have been amazing and have done their best with the support of their teachers. I know they will all have done fantastically well! Well done for all your hard work! Thank you to all the staff and helpers that helped during this week and for the help in organising the breakfast club for the 2 weeks.

BIKEABILITY

The bikeability team were in school to finish this year's bikeability sessions. The children have really learnt a lot and have all enjoyed their sessions this year.

PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

We received a telephone call during the week from one of the residents of Ashton Close, the close across the road from school. The resident said she had witnessed a crash between 2 cars belonging to parents/carers of pupils in our school outside her driveway almost crashing into her car. She was very concerned about this and said the close is not large enough to speed into to turn around and she would not like to see one of our children hurt by these actions. Can we please ask you all to be more careful when parking around school and do drive slowly.

Thank you

GOAL BALL COMPETITION

Good luck to the 4 children will be representing our school in a goal ball competition on Monday 16th May, the parents of the children have already been notified via the app. Can you please make sure you sign the consent form before Monday morning.

TRI-GOLF COMPETITION

Good luck to the 6 children will be representing our school in a tri-golf competition on Monday 23rd May, the parents of the children will be notified via the app.

KWIK-CRICKET COMPETITION

Good luck to the kwik cricket team who are taking part in a competition on Tuesday 24th May 2022. The parents of the 8 children chosen for the team will be notified via the app next Thursday.

ATTENDANCE NEWS

The race for our Pizza Party has now started for this term!! Remember any class that gets 100% receives 2 green marks that week! Congratulations to Y6O'N and Y2J who both had 100% attendance this week! Attendance for this week from the 9th to 13th May 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)	100%	Green	4
Mrs Macaulay/Mrs Faulkner (Yr5/6)	99%	Green	3
Ms McCoy (Yr5)	94%	Yellow	
Ms Monaghan (Yr4)	98%	Green	2
Ms Williams (Yr3/4)	94%	Yellow	1
Mrs. Davey (Yr3)	95%	Yellow	
Ms Jones (Yr2)	100%	Green	3
Ms Donohue (Yr1/2)	98%	Green	1
Ms Wiggins (Yr1)	94%	Yellow	
Ms Kendall (Rec)	92%	Red	
Ms Mottram (Rec)	99%	Green	4

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The class photographs have been sent home this afternoon with all the children. The photographer will be back to collect the orders on Monday 23rd May. Please make sure the orders are returned to school no later than 9.00a.m that day as any late orders will incur additional charges.

MAY PROCESSION

We will hold our May Procession on Wednesday 25th May 2022 at 10.00a.m. at Holy Family Church. All the children from years 2 - 6 will process to church and as in previous years. Rec and Yr 1 will have their procession in school. More information will follow.

KNOWSLEY COUNCIL £1 LUNCH DAY

Knowsley Council are once again holding a £1 school lunch day on 27th May, our last day in school before half term.

The £1 theme this time is for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. They have dropped off bunting, activity sheets and a crown for the children having a lunch on this day.

As usual, Mrs. Corker will add your child's lunch on ParentPay on the day in order for you to pay for the lunch via ParentPay. If your child usually has a school lunch this amount will be reflected on the amount you pay for that week's lunch. If your child has a free school meal, either universal infant free school meals or means tested free school meals you do not need to pay for this lunch.



LATES

Can we thank you for making a huge effort in getting your child into school, keep up the great work with the punctuality. School doors open at 8.45a.m. with registration at 8.55a.m.

Being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing two weeks of school over an academic year?

lost minutes = lost learning	
5 minutes late	3 days lost
10 minutes late	6.5 days lost
15 minutes late	10 days lost
20 minutes late	13 days lost
30 minutes late	19 days lost

Every school day counts but every minute is equally important.

Thank you for your support in getting your children to school on time.

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2022

All parents of the children who have been offered a place in our Reception classes for September 2022 have received an email from Mrs. Wall on 27th April. The email included a letter requesting acceptance of the offer by reply of the email, as well as asking for the proof documentation of your home address and your child's date of birth. The closing date for all this information was today, if you haven't already brought in your documentation, can you please bring this in as soon as possible.

Thank you.

ATTENDANCE

At Holy Family Catholic Primary School, we believe that poor school attendance, and/or regular late arrival, break the continuity of a child's learning and consequently limits their academic and social progress in school. We aim to encourage and assist all pupils to achieve excellent levels of attendance and punctuality. Therefore, our target for all pupils is to achieve at least **97%** attendance over the course of a school year, with taking into consideration that children will become ill at some point with no unauthorised absences. Persistent or long-term absence has a negative impact in all areas of school life, not just on academic achievement but also on the development of key skills and friendships. Interrupted attendance makes teaching and learning difficult and undermines the educational process leading to educational disadvantage. Added to the impact that Covid has had on children's education, it is even more vital that good attendance and punctuality remain a key priority for your child/children.

We aim to encourage and assist all pupils to achieve excellent levels of attendance and punctuality. The school is obliged by law to differentiate between authorised and unauthorised absence. A Parent App or telephone message from a parent does not in itself authorise an absence. Only if the school is satisfied as to the validity of the explanation offered by the parent app/message will the absence be authorised. In cases of on-going absences, medical evidence will be requested especially for any child whose attendance is a cause for concern.

We are confident that you want the best for your child and would want them to reach their potential. Therefore, it is imperative that good attendance and punctuality remain at the forefront of both our expectations to ensure that no learning is ever missed.

READING AT HOME

As parents you are your child's first educators. You play a crucial part in helping us to get your child where they need to be in reading. Reading is a fundamental part of your child's learning and reading gives them the skills to access all lessons.

We have invested a lot of money in reading materials both on-line and a book scheme. We need your support by reading regularly with your child. Teachers will continue to monitor home reading and have full access to who is reading the eBooks allocated on the Oxford Owl reading portal for KS1 and Reading Plus for KS2.

SUMMER UNIFORM

Can we please remind you what our summer uniform is. The girls summer uniform is a pale blue and white gingham dress, school cardigan or jumper and black school shoes, the girls in our nursery classes can wear the pale blue and white gingham dress but must wear the nursery sweatshirt and not a cardigan please. The boys summer uniform is short grey trousers with a white polo shirt - a tie does not need to be worn with the polo shirt but must be worn if a school shirt is being worn, school jumper and black school shoes, the boys in nursery classes can wear short grey trousers with their white polo shirt and nursery sweatshirt.



BOOK SWAP

We are re-launching our 'Take a book, leave a book' initiative starting next week. The bookcase will be on the corridor outside Mrs. Davey's Y3 class and will encourage the children to bring a book that they would like to donate on the shelf and then take another book that they haven't yet read. The main aim is to continue to promote reading for pleasure across the school.



FAMILY LEARNING

Please find 2 leaflets for the Family Learning Zoom offer this half term at the end of the newsletter.

Family Learning Courses/Workshops for parents of children in Years 3-6

All sessions are free and available to all!

Understand the teenage brain This 1 off workshop explores changes to the brain which effect how our young people behave. Be prepared and receive ideas on how we can support our young people. The session will be delivered via zoom and last for one hour. See the timetable below.

Connect 5 – A 4 week course which helps to build resilience in families. Explore how to recognise and support our young people experiencing stress. Gain ideas to support the whole family to have positive emotional health and wellbeing. The course is delivered once a week for one hour via zoom.

Key Stage 2 Maths course

Key Stage 2 maths is a 2 week course for parent/carers of children in Y3 to Y6. Throughout the workshops you will be given ideas of how you can support your child to develop their maths skills. Sessions will cover the 4 areas of number. The sessions will be delivered via zoom and last for 2 hours.

All resources will be provided FREE of charge.

If you are interested in any of these courses/workshops, please choose the day and time that best suits you and contact the relevant tutor.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Teenage Brain 3 rd May 10-11am Sharon Fitzgerald			
	KS2 Maths 10 th and 17 th May 10am-12pm Annmaria Miller			
Teenage Brain 16th May 1pm-2pm Sharon Fitzgerald		KS2 Maths 11th and 18 th May 12.30-2.30pm Annmaria Miller	Connect 5 5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th May 1-3pm Sharon Fitzgerald	

Family Learning Courses/Workshops for parents of children in Nursery and Reception

All sessions are free and available to all!

Letters and Sounds one off workshop

This one off workshop introduces you to phonics. Find out how your child is being taught phonics in school and how you can help them at home. The session will be delivered via zoom and last for one hour. See the timetable below.

One off parenting workshop

This workshop will explore positive parenting strategies, support you to put boundaries in place and give you suggestions of what you can do when your child misbehaves. A two hour workshop delivered via zoom.

Ready to Learn one off workshop

Ready to Learn is a one- off workshop for parent/carers of children in Nursery and Reception. Throughout the workshop you will be given ideas of how you can support your child to learn. How to give praise and make learning fun. The session will be delivered via zoom and last for one hour.

Making Games for Learning

Making Games for Learning is a three-week course and will be delivered via zoom and will last for one hour. Throughout the course, you will make simple, fun learning games/activities to develop and support your child's English and Maths. All resources will be provided FREE of charge.

If you are interested in any of these courses/workshops, please choose the day and time that best suits you and contact the relevant tutor.

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