



Holy Family School Newsletter - 28

Friday 29th April 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'

WELCOME BACK

It was lovely to see the children return to school happy and refreshed after the Easter break. A lot of children have returned in their summer uniforms, 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.



SCHOOL TRIP - CATALYST MUSEUM

Our Y3 & Y4 cohort went on their school trip to the Catalyst Museum in Widnes on Tuesday 26th April. The children had a wonderful time and thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the workshops.



ASSESSMENTS

Can we please remind all parents of the national assessments that will be taking place over the next month or so. Y6 & Y2 will be sitting their SATs, Y1 will be sitting their Phonics tests and Y4 will be taking part in the DFE times tables tests. Please ensure the children attend school and are on time each and every day going forward.

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 RM who had 100% attendance this week!

Attendance for this week from the 25th to 29th April is as follows:

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

| Class | % Score | Rating | Total amount of green won this term |
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| Ms O'Neill (Yr6) | 93% | Red | |
| Mrs Macaulay/Mrs Faulkner (Yr5/6) | 97% | Green | 1 |
| Ms McCoy (Yr5) | 95% | Yellow | |
| Ms Monaghan (Yr4) | 98% | Green | 1 |
| Ms Williams (Yr3/4) | 98% | Green | 1 |
| Mrs. Davey (Yr3) | 91% | Red | |
| Ms Jones (Yr2) | 96% | Yellow | |
| Ms Donohue (Yr1/2) | 94% | Yellow | |
| Ms Wiggins (Yr1) | 96% | Yellow | |
| Ms Kendall (Rec) | 95% | Yellow | |
| Ms Mottram (Rec) | 100% | Green | 2 |

LFC FOUNDATION ATHLETICS SESSIONS

These sessions have unfortunately been cancelled by LFC. We will update you of any further bookings we are able to get.

BIKEABILITY

The Bikeability team will be back in school next week 3rd to 6th May and 9th of May to finish off our training sessions with Y3 and Y4 pupils who have not yet had their sessions. Parents have been notified on the app today of their child's session day. The Y5 children who did not get to finish their training due to the poor weather will have their final session on 10th May, the parents of these pupils have been notified today via the app.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS AFTER EASTER

All extra-curricular clubs have now been booked on the app. If your child is attending a session provided by one of our external providers and needs payment, can you please make the payment as soon as possible via Parentpay. If you have booked a club for your child, can you please ensure that they do attend the club for all sessions as places are limited with us having waiting lists for many of them.

All clubs finish at 4.15p.m. please collect your child at this time, this is very important for clubs held by external providers.

SATS CLUB

As Monday 2nd May is a Bank Holiday, Y6 SATs club will take place on Tuesday 3rd May.

PARENT'S EVENINGS

The parents' evenings for Nursery (2 - the children who move to a reception class next year) to Yr5 will take place in person on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th May.

Appointments were launched on the app yesterday morning from 9am onwards. Timings will range from 3:30pm till 6:10pm on both evenings. Nursery (1) - children who will be in Nursery again next year, will have their meeting at the end of the year as normal. During the Parent's evening, access will be through the main office area. Parents will have the opportunity to go to your child's classroom and look through your child's work. When it is your time to chat to the teacher, you will be allowed to enter the hall and meet with your teacher for the 10 minute slot. It is imperative that we stick to the 10 minute slot in the hall and not longer as this results in parents having to wait around in classrooms and causes delays. There will be no waiting allowed in the hall for other parents as in previous years to limit the amount of people in the hall and reduce noise levels and we are asking you to only bring your child/children along if you have no other alternative childcare in order to keep numbers on site manageable. We are asking parents to arrive earlier than their appointment time so that you have enough time to look at the children's work and we can keep to the strict running order of timings. If you book an appointment at 6:00pm and do not arrive before your appointment, you will have no time to look at the books as the school premises will be closing at 6:15pm on both evenings.

WELLBEING GARDEN

Can we please ask all parents to ensure their children do not walk on the plant area of our wellbeing garden. As you know this is a newly built garden area with many plants needing time to establish themselves.

Thank you for your support.

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.

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 | |
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| 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.

PARISH OF ST JOHN VIANNEY LINK

ST. JOHN VIANNEY

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

PARKING

We have received a telephone call from a resident who lives in Ashton Close - the Close opposite our school entrance. The resident was very upset about some of our parents parking inconsiderately across the driveways of the houses. The resident has said they will be contacting the police to issue fixed penalty notices for any car blocking a driveway.

Please do be mindful when parking your car when dropping off or collecting your children.

FAMILY LEARNING

Please find 2 leaflets for the Family Learning Zoom offer this half term at the end of the newsletter. They are focusing their provision at Foundation Stage and Key Stage 2 this half term.

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 |
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| | Teenage Brain 3 rd May 10-11am Sharon Fitzgerald | | | |
| | KS2 Maths 10 th and 17 th May 10am-12pm Annmaria Miller | | | |
| Teenage Brain 16 th May 1pm-2pm Sharon Fitzgerald | | KS2 Maths 11 th 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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