



Holy Family School Newsletter - 10

Friday 17th November 2023

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'

PTA UPDATE

Mr Quigley met with the School Council and Mrs Eccleston (a volunteer parent on the PTA). Mr Quigley highlighted the issue of coach transport to take children out on school trips currently and asked if the PTA could subsidise the cost of coaches to take the children to our Christmas pantomime. Each year, parents have expressed a desire to keep trips going but the costs are so high at times and so hard to subsidise.

We know how much enjoyment the children get when going on school trips too.

Unfortunately, the PTA funds are extremely low with only £500 in the bank. We were looking for £1500 to contribute to the cost so that we could subsidise the pantomime further for parents. Our recent PTA initiative of Crazy Hair day only made £120 when we should be looking at least £350 if every child brings a £1 in.

In the past, we had a thriving PTA with lots of members here at Holy Family and we would have had lots of funds in the PTA account. This money was then spent on the children immediately.

The problem we continue to have is we have so few members who can only do so much. The problem we also have is parents not on the PTA will often suggest lots of great ideas such as a summer fair but then don't put themselves forward to launch this or help out and therefore the ideas stop.

We would love to have a summer fair but we need lots of people to jump on the PTA bandwagon and get this launched as it takes a lot of people, time and effort to do something like this. Other schools do it, so we can't we.

We need people to put themselves forward, bring new ideas to the table, put the effort in to see these ideas through whilst also being mindful of not asking for too much money throughout the school year. It's a fine line as the cost of living continues to have an impact and you can't always please everyone!

If you had read this and have been inspired to help the current children in our school and help to raise funds for the PTA, please drop the PTA members an email to:

holyfamilyhalewoodpta@yahoo.com



ATTENDANCE NEWS

The race continues for our Pizza Party competition for attendance. Remember any class that gets 100% receives 2 green marks that week!!

Attendance for this week from the 13th to 17th November is as follows: Come on children make sure your class gets in the green zone for your Pizza Party!!

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

Class	% score	Rating	Total amount of green won this term
Year 6	87%	Red	4
Year 5D	99%	Green	3
Year 5Mc	96%	Yellow	9
Year 4	98%	Green	7
Year 3/4	98%	Green	7
Year 3	96%	Yellow	13
Year 2	99%	Green	14
Year 1/2	99%	Green	12
Year 1	98%	Green	7
Rec K	99%	Green	5
Rec M	100%	Green	10

PARENTS EVENING

It was great to see so many families come along to Parents' evening this week and take a keen interest in their children's learning. We hope you liked the new target sheets that were completed alongside the children before sharing with you. These will be reviewed by the next Parents' evening later in the year so any support and help you can do to help your child's development will be most appreciated.



CHILDREN IN NEED - 17th NOV 2023

Well done to the children in Yr 4 class who performed an excellent assembly on Children in Need followed by our Superstar assembly in front of their families. It was lovely to see so many of you come along and enjoy the show! The children read and entertained the audience extremely well.



LIVE SIMPLY - CHRISTMAS JUMPER, WINTER COAT AND TOY SALE - 1ST DECEMBER 2023

We invite all families to join us for a pre loved Christmas Jumper, Toy, and Winter Coat Swap as part of our live sustainably initiative for Live Simply.

This is not only an opportunity to embrace the spirit of giving and sharing, but also a fantastic way to promote sustainability.

In the week beginning **Monday 27th November**, please bring any used Christmas jumpers, toys, or winter coats in good condition that your family no longer needs to give to our donation station.

Then on Friday 1st December, you are invited after school to take any item/s from our donation station. We would ask that you make a small donation to the collection for what you take. All money will be donated to Shelter, a homeless charity who urgently need help this winter. Let's come together as a community to recycle, reduce waste and help the environment, whilst helping some of the most vulnerable in our community.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting for the School Council members will be 30th Nov at 8:30am.



TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS



This morning, we revealed the results of our first 'Battle of the Bands' competition.

The competition winners this week were

Year 5M v Year 5D = **Year 5D**

Year 6 v Year 2 v Year 4 = **Year 6**

Year 1 v Year 3 = **Year 3**

Year 3/4 v Year 1/2 = **Year 3/4**

The new fixtures are:

Year 4 v Year 3/4

Year 1 v Year 2

Year 1/2 v Year 3

Year 5D v Year 6 v Year 5Mc

To take part, children need to log in to their TTRockstars account at home and answer as many questions as possible, in any game type. The competition will run over the half term until 7pm on Thursday 16th November 2023 and the winning class will receive extra play!

*** ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE *
PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE * THE WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE
THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUP**

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK.

The children took part in lots of activities this week to raise awareness of this very important issue. Children and staff completed sheets to say who they would report bullying to. The children looked at what bullying is, and it can be verbal, physical, emotional and cyber. Classes designed odd socks to show how we are all different and to celebrate these differences. Children also completed a helping hands activity and wrote down who they have to help them if they were worried about bullying and also completed compliments to their classmates too.

