



# Holy Family School Newsletter - 8

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 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'*

### BE BRIGHT BE SEEN COMPETITION

You will be aware that the clocks will go back an hour on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October signalling the end of British summer time. The children will have a lesson on the be bright be seen initiative. In addition, each child from Reception to Year 6 have been provided with a letter and art competition to take home. The competition is to be returned to class by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November and a prize will be given to the winning children.



### LOST PROPERTY

We have a few items below that have been in the school office for a few weeks now. Unfortunately, there are no names on these items so we can't locate the owners. If you recognise these, please collect from the office. The cardigan is size 26. The jumpers are size 28, 30 and 32. The size 32 jumper has T written on the label. We have asked all children in assembly to start looking after their own belongings and to put their jumpers/cardigans on their chair if they take them off. We are asking parents to please label all childrens clothing so we can pass back to the children. The staff are not responsible for constantly monitoring where the children are putting their items therefore we must encourage the children to be more responsible themselves especially the further they progress up the school.



### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> October 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	98%	Green	4
Year 5D	98%	Green	1
Year 5Mc	100%	Green	8
Year 4	96%	Yellow	5
Year 3/4	96%	Yellow	5
Year 3	100%	Green	12
Year 2	99%	Green	11
Year 1/2	99%	Green	10
Year 1	98%	Green	5
Rec K	96%	Yellow	3
Rec M	96%	Yellow	6

### SCHOOL NURSE DROP IN - 9<sup>TH</sup> NOV 2023

The school nurse will be offering drop-in sessions in school for parents and carers who wish to discuss any health and wellbeing concerns about their child. School nurses can support with a range of health issues including healthy eating, sleep issues, continence, additional support for long-term conditions and signposting to other services if needed.

No appointment is required. The timings are from 2:45pm till 3:45pm

### PTA CRAZY HAIR DAY

Wow! It was amazing to see so many different and original 'crazy hair styles' today and at the same time raising funds for our PTA!

Thank you very much for all your efforts with this. The children and staff had a great day looking at all the creative designs.

### AUTISM FREE WORKSHOP - COFFEE/TEA MORNING

**7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 9am till 10:45am**

Just a reminder to book on to the app if you would like to come along to this event. If you are a parent/carer of a child with Autism, or whose child is currently on the Neurodevelopmental Pathway or you would simply just like to learn more about Autism then come along and join us for a relaxed opportunity to meet other parents/carers over a cup of coffee/tea and to get some advice from our ASC Specialist - Stephanie Hull. This event proved a success earlier in the year. It provides a brief guide to Autism, challenging behaviour and demand avoidance. It will also cover awareness of the key features of Autism, challenging behaviours associated with ASC and strategies to minimise these.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting for the School Council members will be 16<sup>th</sup> Nov at 8:30am. The Council are currently meeting with reps from our PTA to discuss funding projects they would like in school this year.

### PARENTS EVENING

Just a reminder that Parents Evening for all classes - Nursery to Year 6 will take place across two evenings on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023 from 3:20pm till 6:20pm. Parents will be able to book appointment times from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 during that morning. We are unsure of a time but please look out for the message update when it arrives.

**Please note that following the release of the clubs on Wednesday, we have realised that there will be no after school clubs taking place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023.** This means a change to the costs for the paid clubs. The Fun Fusion Yr3/4 club on the Wednesday and the Yr 4, 5, 6 Basketball on the Thursday that was originally costing £12.50 will now reduce to £10.



### WATER BOTTLES

We have had a small number of pupils bringing in Prime bottles, Lucozade, isotonic sports drinks and fizzy drinks as their water bottle. As you know, these types of drinks and bottles are not allowed in school.

All children need to bring in a water bottle daily filled with water, and they need to take this home each day. Ideally this bottle will be a reusable one instead of one-off bottles of water to reduce plastic use. We understand that some children do not like water so therefore we do allow children to have dilute orange/blackcurrant etc or flavoured water. We will leave that choice up to parents however please be aware that water is the best option for the children's teeth. For those children who own an air up bottle - these are allowed too.

### TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS



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

The winners were:

Year 3/4 v Year 5Mc = **Year 5Mc**  
Year 2 v Year 1/2 = **Year 2**  
Year 6 v Year 4 v Year 5D = **Year 4**  
Year 1 v Year 3 = **Year 3**

The new fixtures are:

Year 4 v Year 5D  
Year 5Mc v Year 3  
Year 6 v Year 2 v Year 3/4  
Year 1/2 v Year 1

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 9<sup>th</sup> 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**

### NEW SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

We have received the new lunch menu for next term. This will be uploaded on to the school app.

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

As you are all aware, October is Black History Month in the UK, an event that has been celebrated for more than 30 years. This week the children have been 'Saluting our Sisters' and researching facts about lots of influential black women who have made an impact throughout the centuries. In the Foundation Stage, the children have been learning about Nicola Adams and her amazement contribution to sport. In Key Stage 1, the children have been learning all about Floella Benjamin and her amazing journey, arriving in Britain on The Windrush.

Years 3 and 4 have been learning all about Hatshepsut who was the first female Pharaoh in her own right - 14 centuries before Cleopatra.

Years 5 and 6 have been researching an influential woman from Liverpool called Lilian Bader who often spoke out about the inequality that was evident in Britain in the 1940's and after the war.



### FOOTBALL TRIALS (KS2)

In November, the children in Year 3 and Year 4 will have the opportunity to represent the school in some football competitions. These particular cohorts are really strong so picking the team will be a challenge. The PE teacher will be observing children at either lunchtime football clubs, after school football clubs and during PE lessons. Following this a team will be selected and as we can't pick everyone, we will be expecting some excitement and some disappointment.

### POPPIES FOR SALE

The School Council will be selling poppies and various other items for Remembrance Day. Children can bring in a donation for the appeal if they would like these. The paper poppies can be a donation of 20p or more and the other items can be a donation of 50p or more.



### NHS Healthy Knowsley Service – see below poster for further information

**If parents of children aged between 7 - 11 are interested in the below information please phone the school and we will send the below permission slip out to the parents.**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The NHS Healthy Knowsley Service are looking for families who would love to work together to make some healthy lifestyle changes, all whilst exercising, learning, and having fun! We are delivering a **5-week course**, starting **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November**. The sessions will **2-3pm at Holy Family Primary**. Our Sports Coaches will cover a range of healthy eating topics each week, whilst engaging your family in fun physical activities. The course will also include a cooking session (ingredients provided). Each family will also receive a range of resources, including sticker and reward charts to make being active and eating healthier that little bit easier! This is a great opportunity for families to take part in a club together and hopes to bring more conversations around exercise and healthy eating into your day-to-day lives.

If you would like to sign up, please ask for the paper permission slip from the school office, fill out your information below, and return to your teacher. A Parent App reminder will be sent the day before the course commences.

We will look forward to seeing you there!

## Join our 5-week course designed to support families to make healthy lifestyle changes together!

For families with children aged 7-11 years.



### Physical Activity

Each week families will play fun, interactive games.



### Healthy Eating

Each week learning about a new healthy eating topic.



### Resources & Recipes

Weekly resources to support lifestyle changes.



### Cooking Session

Develop new cooking skills and create low-cost tasty meals.