



Holy Family School Newsletter - 11

Friday 24th November 2023

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'Only the best is good enough'

DISABILITY AWARENESS DAY 2023

Next week, we will once again be marking Disability Awareness. Each year, we aim to explore different disabilities with our children, and therefore raise awareness, understanding and compassion for those affected in our community. You may remember last year, our focus was on MND. This year, our focus will be visual impairment and blindness. Across the week, children will take part in assemblies led by Holy Family staff to help the children explore the various issues and challenges and celebrate equality and diversity.

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

Just a reminder that from **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. Children to take all belongings to the classroom each day.

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.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

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



AFTER SCHOOL CHILDCARE - LITTLE SEEDLINGS (FORMERLY SPRING CHERRY)

Just in case you are unaware, a company called Little Seedlings have taken over the Nursery site right next to our school since September. They offer 2 and 3 year old provision and support with wrap around care for our part time Nursery children. They also offer after school care club from 3:15pm till 6pm. Since taking over, the management have reduced the after-school care club price from £16 to £10 which includes food. This service may help those families who need extended childcare up until 6pm. Please contact them on 0151 428 0108 if you need further information.

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 20th to 24th 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	96%	Yellow	4
Year 5D	97%	Green	4
Year 5Mc	96%	Yellow	9
Year 4	95%	Yellow	7
Year 3/4	99%	Green	8
Year 3	91%	Red	13
Year 2	98%	Green	15
Year 1/2	94%	Yellow	12
Year 1	99%	Green	8
Rec K	94%	Yellow	5
Rec M	94%	Yellow	10

ANNUAL HALEWOOD CHRISTMAS CONCERT

We have been asked to promote this event. Please see a poster at the end of the newsletter. Members of our choir perform at this event every year and it is a local occasion for the community to attend. We have now received the tickets for this year's Annual Christmas concert. Tickets have been distributed to all schools in the Halewood area. Tickets are £5.00 each. Tickets are also available from Halewood Town Council Offices up until Tuesday 12th December.

PTA UPDATE

Following last week's plea for more PTA committee members, we are pleased to hear a further four parents have emailed to offer their help and support. This is fantastic news. If you think you can 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

MEET THE PTA OFFICIAL MEMBERS

The official roles for the PTA are -

Mrs Lawrenson (Parent of Mark - Yr 5Mc) & Mrs Kennerley (Parent of Ava - Yr 4) - co chair
Mrs Lawrenson & Mrs Kennerley co trustee
Mrs Eccleston (Parent of Maisie - Yr 1/2) - secretary & school liaisons

Official trustees (charity commission register) Mrs Lawrenson, Mrs Kennerley & Mrs Smith (Parent of Annie - Yr4)

The PTA also have a large number of volunteers (21 in total) including the official committee, but we understand and recognise that everyone is so limited with time so any help along the way is always most appreciated. The PTA have 4 volunteers for each Christmas performance to sell tea/coffee/etc & raffle tickets with some great prizes which is brilliant.

PTA FUND - NEXT FUNDRAISING GOAL

The annual sponsored PTA Santa Dash will take place on 8th December. With only £500 in the PTA fund at present, we are hoping the PTA can contribute £2000 towards the cost of transport for the children to attend the pantomime this year and reduce the cost for parents. We are also asking the PTA to pay the coach transport costs for the Yr 6 residential later in the year which is £1150 so that this additional cost isn't passed to the parents.

Fingers crossed we have a really positive sponsored PTA Santa Dash so please look out for the sponsored sheets which will be sent out closer to the time.



ROAD SAFETY WEEK

The children in Year 1 and Year 2 took part in their annual road safety lessons this week. The children in Year 6 also completed a session on the importance of road safety and being safe. Huge thanks to the staff from the Knowsley Road Safety team for coming into school and working with the children.

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS



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

The competition winners this week were
Year 4 v Year 3/4 = Year 3/4
Year 1 v Year 2 = Year 2
Year 1/2 v Year 3 = Year 3
Year 5D v Year 6 v Year 5Mc = Yr 5D

The new fixtures are:

Whole school Champions league competition. All classes competing against each other. Who will win the Champions league?

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 until 7pm on Thursday 30th November 2023 and the winning class will receive double 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**

BELLWAY 'DESIGN A FLAG' COMPETITION

We have sent home a flag template today for any child who would like to enter this competition. There are some fantastic prizes to be won along with the opportunity to see your flag made up and flying at both Halewood Oaks and Plummers Meadow:

- 1st place - £200 gift voucher and your flag designed
- 2nd place - £100 gift voucher
- 3rd place - £50 gift voucher

The flag can be absolutely anything - they want the children to use their imaginations. It could be an abstract flag design, a drawing of a local landmark, a family group, a self portrait, a drawing of the school, a playground, their favourite thing to do - running, swimming, bike riding, their pet etc. Absolutely anything - good luck and thank you. Once the flag is complete, please drop it off at the two Bellway developments as mentioned in the flag template poster.

SCHOOL TRIPS SUCCESS

It was lovely seeing the children out and about and taking part in some class trips this week. Yr 3 and Yr 4 went to the Catalyst Museum, Yr 5 and Yr 6 attended the Knowsley Safari Park and Reception classes went to Imagine That. We have received excellent reports on the children's behaviour, enthusiasm and love of learning so we are delighted to hear such good news.

Nursery have booked a special visitor, 'Birds of Prey' to come into school as part of their school trip.

SPORTS NEWS

Well done to the Yr 3 football team, Yr 4 football team and the swimming gala team who represented our school so well throughout this week. Special mention to the Yr3/4 girls team won both medley and freestyle relay and the Yr 3/4 boys team won freestyle relay. Individual awards went to;

Evie who won 5/6 girls 25m breaststroke race
Jaden who won 3/4 boys 25m breast stroke race

Summer who won 3/4 girls 25m Butterfly and freestyle race

Lewis who won 3/4 boys 25m freestyle race

Advent 2023



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Due to its successful Advent Giving Project each year, we have once again decided to launch it again this Advent. At Holy Family, part of our Mission is to *reach out to all*. Therefore, it is only right that as a school community, we reach out to those who need our help this Christmas. For that reason, Advent at Holy Family will be just as much about giving as it will be about receiving.

At the start of next week, every pupil and staff member will receive a number. The number will equate to the day of month i.e. if you receive 1, that's the 1st December, 2 is the 2nd December and so on. On that day, if you have the means to, we would ask that your child bring in one item that we could donate to the food bank. In return for this kind gesture, your child, then will open the Advent Calendar for that day and receive their chocolate. The scheme will **begin next Friday on 1st December**.

Items for the Food Bank can include tins, packets, boxes (cereals etc), toiletries, sanitary products or Christmas items (e.g crackers). At the end of term, all items will be donated to our local Food Bank.

In addition, we will be holding an Advent Service in school. This is a Stay and Pray, and therefore all families are welcome to stay and pray with us. This service will take place on **Monday 4th December**.

Futhermore, we will be taking part in the 'Posada'; our chance for our children and families to welcome the holy Family into their homes during Advent. More about this will be on next week's newsletter.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and generosity. We look forward to a very fruitful, reflective and prayerful Advent.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Davey (Assistant Head and RE Coordinator)



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**Featuring
the School Choirs of
Halewood Academy
YewTree Primary
Plantation Primary
Halewood C of E
St Mark's
St Andrew The Apostle
Holy Family**

**With Guest Artist
Asa Murphy
'The King of Swing'**



**Wednesday
13th December 2023
7pm**

**Halewood Academy,
The Avenue, Halewood L26 1UU**

Tickets £5 Available from all schools and Halewood Town Council

