



Holy Family School Newsletter - 16

Friday 12th January 2024

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 - HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome back to another new term and we hope you had a lovely Christmas period with your family and friends and had a wonderful new year. Just a reminder to keep an eye on all the dates via the events tab within the app so that you are fully aware of what is taking place.

We have added some additional dates this week for:

31.01.24 at 9am - Yr 6 Parents SATS meeting

23.05.24 at 10am - May Procession Mass at Holy Family Church

03.07.24 at 9.30am - Holy Communion Celebration Mass in hall for any child who has made their communion this year.

18.07.24 at 10am - Yr 6 Leavers Mass at Holy Family Church



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Just a reminder of the preparation programme organised by the catechists at Holy Family church.

Preparation Programme

Any child in Year 4 or above is very welcome to take part in the programme. There is no time limit to completing the programme so families can start when they are ready and work through it at their own pace. **Registration forms are available from a catechist at the end of every Mass of the last week of the month.** Please note you must produce your child's baptism certificate.

CONGRATULATIONS - BABY NEWS

Mrs Macaulay (Yr 4 Class teacher) shared some lovely news with her class on Wednesday when she announced that she is expecting her third baby following her 20-week scan recently. We are delighted for Mrs Macaulay and her family and let the countdown begin.



ATTENDANCE NEWS

The race begins 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 8th Jan to 12th Jan 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	94%	Yellow	
Year 5D	96%	Yellow	
Year 5Mc	100%	Green	
Year 4	98%	Green	
Year 3/4	98%	Green	
Year 3	91%	Red	
Year 2	89%	Red	
Year 1/2	99%	Green	
Year 1	98%	Green	
Rec K	98%	Green	
Rec M	95%	Yellow	

SPRING TERM ATTENDANCE LEAGUE

Our Spring term attendance league has now started, and the winning class will win a dominoes pizza party at the end of this term. We hope to see lots of greens on the scoreboard and ask for your support in maintaining good school attendance for your child. Any child who achieves 98% and above will be rewarded with our Spring term attendance certificate and prize. So, if your child missed out on Autumn, please aim high and try to win this reward for the Spring term.

RECEPTION INTAKE 2024 - CLOSING DATE

REMINDER

Just a reminder that the Primary School Admission closing date for the September 2024 reception class intake is Monday 15th January 2024. This is the main link to the On-Line Parent Portal -

<https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/residents/education-and-schools/apply-for-a-school-place/annual-school-admission-procedures>. Liverpool residents must apply through Liverpool Council website,

APPLYING FOR A CATHOLIC PLACE

Just a reminder that in addition to applying to the local authority for a school place in September 2024, if you are applying for a Catholic place within the admissions policy then you must also complete a supplementary faith form and return this in person to the school office by the 15th January 2024. One of the key points being made is that your child must be baptised ahead of the closing date, 15th January rather than the starting date in September 2024.

ASPIRE DAY TWO

This week, all pupils across the school have taken part in our second Aspire Day of the year.

Over the academic year, our EYFS children study the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph who, as a Catholic community, are the first people we aspire to. For this term, their focal person is Jesus.

In Key Stage One, they study a variety of jobs that are crucial to a successful society. Year 1 have looked at dancers. Year 1/2 have explored the job of a supermarket worker and Year 2 have studied the role of a police officer.

In Key Stage Two, each class have studied an inspirational British campaigner. Between the classes, they have explored the lives of; Elizabeth Prout, Monsignor James Nugent, Dr Mya Rose Craig, Emmeline Pankhurst, and Baroness Doreen Lawrence

Our Aspire work always creates great discussion and debate with our children. Why not ask them all about their learning?

You can find out more about our Aspire programme on our school website.

WALK TO SCHOOL SCHEME

To assist with less transport around the school and the chaos it causes with people trying to park and also to promote a healthy lifestyle, we are encouraging all children to get involved in this scheme this term. We are encouraging the children to try and walk to school, cycle, scoot or for families to park further away from the school and walk a distance. This encourages a healthy lifestyle and those children who can do this will receive a medal at the end of the block for their uniform.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

As promised all extra-curricular clubs were launched yesterday morning and will begin next week for those who have successfully booked a place.

There are still places left in many clubs except for;

Drawing Club (Y1/2) - we watched the booking online live yesterday morning and 35 of you applied all at once at 9am but of course not all 35 can get a place so the system has captured the people who have booked a millisecond before someone else and placed others on a waiting list. Those with a confirmed place will have received a confirmation email from the system.

Ipad Learning Club (Y3,4,5,6) - This was also a popular club with the last booking being secured at 9:08am yesterday morning. There is a waiting list and if a child pulls out of this club, then your child will move up the waiting list just like the drawing club above.

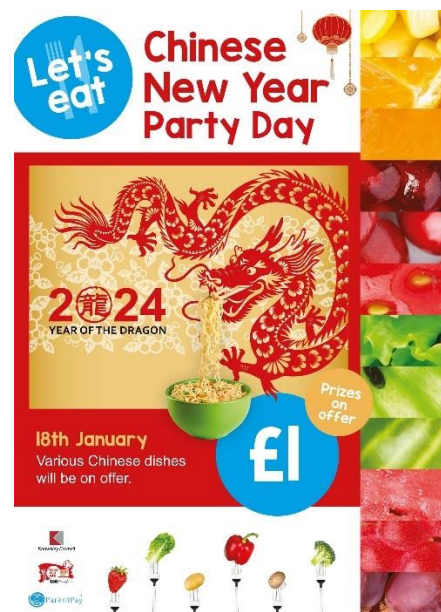
CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION LUNCH

We have been informed that in preparation for the Chinese New Year celebration, the catering team will be offering the £1 lunch offer on Thursday 18th January. Meals are free for all Rec/KS1 pupils as per usual and the price for paying Junior pupils will be £1 for this day. If your child usually has packed lunch, but would like this option on this day, then your child just needs to inform the class teacher that morning.

Choice 1 - Crispy shredded chicken, noodles, spring rolls, and prawn crackers.

Choice 2 - Vegetarian option for above

Choice 3 - Usual sandwich meal option.



FREE HEALTH FAMILIES COURSE WITH THE NHS

This morning Harry and Steph spoke to the children in assembly to launch the course below for 10 families who would like to get involved with the children and take part. The course sounds really good and if you would like to take part, please give the school a ring, email the school if you cannot get through and/or call into the office and book your place. Places will be on a first come, first served basis.

HEALTHY FAMILIES COURSE

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.



Resources & Recipes

Weekly resources to support lifestyle changes.



Healthy Eating

Each week learning about a new healthy eating topic.



Cooking Session

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

Where **Holy Family Primary School**

When **Starting Tuesday 16th January, 2-3pm**

