



# Holy Family School Newsletter - 13

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 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'*

### LIFE-VAC DONATION TO SCHOOL

It was a pleasure to catch up with the family of Sophia (Reception class) who have purchased and donated a new Life-Vac device for our school. Sophia's aunt and uncle met with children and Mr Quigley yesterday afternoon. Sadly, they lost their son, Marty, last year tragically at the age of 26, due to him choking whilst out eating with his family and emergency services were unable to save him. Marty was a past pupil at Halewood Academy.

Marty's mum, Clare Weir, has been working with a company called Life-Vac who produce and supply anti-choking devices globally. She has already donated a number of these devices to local restaurants / cafes and a local primary school. These devices have now saved almost 1500 lives in choking emergency situations. The family contacted us to say that they would love to donate one of these devices to Holy Family. We were delighted to receive the device and would like to thank the family for this very kind gesture.



### FOODBANK APPEAL CONTINUES

Thank you so much to the children and staff who have already had their turn to open the advent calendar in their class and bring a food item in for our food bank table! The amount donated so far is overwhelming!

### POSADA

The children have started to take home the Posada this week. We have been very impressed with what the families are putting in the book so thanks for all your efforts with this.

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> Dec to 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 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	93%	Red	5
Year 5D	97%	Green	5
Year 5Mc	97%	Green	10
Year 4	97%	Green	9
Year 3/4	94%	Yellow	8
Year 3	99%	Green	15
Year 2	96%	Yellow	15
Year 1/2	97%	Yellow	13
Year 1	96%	Yellow	7
Rec K	95%	Yellow	5
Rec M	97%	Green	12

### PIZZA PARTY

The winner of our Pizza Party for this term is going right to the wire. With only two weeks to go; who will be the class to win the Domino's Pizza Party on the last day of term - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. We will let the winning class know on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

### CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY

It was brilliant to see so many lovely festive outfits worn by the children today whilst enjoying their Christmas lunch. A huge thank you to our kitchen staff who prepared so many lunches!

### PTA SANTA DASH

The children... and staff had a wonderful time taking part in the Santa Dash today! The children were given a Santa hat to run in as well as 'snowballs' given to staff and children to throw at each other around the course. The children were also given a chocolate lollipop when they completed the course from the PTA. We were also delighted to have beautiful balloon arch garlands, tinsel and Christmas props.

Thank you to all of you who have managed to send in your sponsor form and money and or donated straight into the PTA bank account. If you haven't yet sent it, please do so by next week. If you would prefer you can pay via bank transfer to the PTA bank: Details:

HOLY FAMILY PTA

Sort code: 20-51-08

Account number: 93753131

Reference - Santa Dash.

Thank you for your support!



### CHRISTMAS HAT COMPETITION

Well done to those children who entered our annual Christmas hat celebration. The quality and effort by the children and their families has been outstanding this year. The children from each class will choose the best two hats and those two children will receive a small prize next week.



### EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

All extra-curricular clubs have now finished for the term.

We hope to send out the bookings for the Spring term before we finish and will let you know in due course once we finalise them.

### CHRISTMAS MOVIE AND POPCORN

We have agreed a date for Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023 for the Christmas movie and popcorn. You may recall that this was the winning vote in our Democracy Day vote.

### FAMILY LEARNING - CHRISTMAS CRAFT

Thank you to everyone who managed to book onto the very popular Family Learning Art and Craft sessions this week for Yr1 & Yr 2 parents/relatives. The session was fully booked out for both sessions with lots of gluing, painting and sticking taking place!

The Family Learning service is a free service from Knowsley that we bring in each year. They restrict the sessions to 20 families, and we have to respect their decision on that.

As this seemed a very popular event with the Yr 1 and Yr 2 families and there was a waiting list on the app, we have made contact with the service, and they can come into school on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. This session will have to take place in the Yr 2 classroom as the hall is needed for Christmas practise time for other year groups. As I'm sure you can imagine, we have a lot of things going on in school in the lead up to Christmas. Please look out for the booking app. If you have already attended this week, you cannot book again as this is for families who missed out first time around.

### FAMILY LEARNING FREE COURSE

The NHS Healthy Knowsley Service are looking for KS2 children and their families who would love to work together to make some healthy lifestyle changes, all whilst exercising, learning, and having fun! They are delivering a 5-week course, starting Tuesday 16th January, at Holy Family Primary. The sessions are running 2-3pm. Their 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 hopefully bring more conversations around exercise and healthy eating into your day-to-day lives.

To sign up please scan the QR code and fill in the information. Their coaches will send a reminder text the day before the course starts!



# 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**

