



Holy Family School Newsletter - 20

Friday 9th February 2018

*With Christ at the centre, we live, love and learn together,
reaching out to all. Together, with Jesus, we can do it!*



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SAFEGUARDING WEEK

This week all classes took part in lessons related to 'Safeguarding Week.' The children have been discussing stranger danger and social media use. Last Tuesday 6th February was 'Internet Safety Day' where the children learnt how to safely access the internet. The children produced some amazing pieces of writing related to this. Can we please ask you to speak to your children about stranger danger and keeping safe in the busy world that we live in.

CHINESE NEW YEAR

This week we have been celebrating Chinese New Year as we are closed for half term on the actual day of 16th February.

Today the children in Foundation Stage came into school wearing something red and performed a wonderful song - complete with musical instruments - to the rest of the school in assembly. The children tasted different chinese food such as rice, spring rolls, sweet and sour chicken, prawn crackers etc in their very own chinese restaurant.



DEMOCRACY VOTE -BRITISH VALUES

Following on from our vote at the beginning of the school year when 'Chill Out Day' was the winner, we are having a second democracy vote. This term our School Council have asked if we as a school can have a 'pet'.

Therefore the vote this time will be;

VOTE for a

1. RABBIT and a GUINEA PIG
2. 2 x GUINEA PIGS
3. 2 x GERBILS
4. NO 'PET'

Once again we will be holding the vote in the same style as the elections with a polling station being set up in the school hall. I do have to say that Mr. Quigley will most definitely be voting a HUGE NO PET with his vote! However as we live in a democratic society, the school community will have their say and we will be calling everyone to come along to the Polling Station on Friday 2nd March 2018.

ATTENDANCE NEWS

No class had 100% attendance this week!
Attendance for this week from the 5th Feb to 9th Feb is as follows:

| Class | % score | Rating |
|-----------------------|---------|--------|
| Mrs Rigby (5/6R) | 98.4% | Green |
| Miss Barr (5/6B) | 90% | Red |
| Mrs Suhail (5S) | 98.6% | Green |
| Mrs Macaulay (3/4MAC) | 93.4% | Yellow |
| Mrs Davey (3/4D) | 88.88% | Red |
| Ms Monaghan (3M) | 96.9% | Yellow |
| Ms O'Neill (2ON) | 95.5% | Yellow |
| Ms Jones (1/2J) | 93.8% | Red |
| Ms Wiggins (1W) | 98.6% | Green |
| Ms Donohue (Rec D) | 87% | Red |
| Mr Hornby (Rec H) | 94% | Yellow |

Green - 97% and above

Yellow - 94% and above

Red - 93.9% and below

Please remember that it is '**good to be green**'.

Don't forget about our rewards system for classes achieving 100% each week.

Week 1 - 100% attendance - Winning classes will be awarded with our 'Feel Good Friday' extra playtime.

Week 2 - 100% attendance - Winning classes will be awarded with play but also a treat.

Week 3 - 100% attendance - Winning classes will be awarded with all of the above plus a pizza party.

HALF TERM

We break up today Friday 9th February at 3.15p.m. for half term and return to school on Monday 19th February at 8.55a.m.

Have a great time with family and friends!

SCHOOL MASS

Fr. Matthew was to hold a mass here in school on Wednesday 21st February 2018. Unfortunately due to other commitments this has had to be cancelled. We will let you know when it will be re-arranged.

THE VALUE OF RESPECT

We are going to be placing a big focus on the core value of **RESPECT** throughout the spring term. We will be looking out for the times when respect is being showcased in our school community. Mr Quigley has spoken to all the children and staff about this really important value. We are proud of our children and our school but sometimes some children's behaviour may slip and attitudes change for a short period.

In school, we will be looking out for lots of opportunities where respect can be showcased. We will be posing some of these questions to our children: How do children speak to each other and look after each other? Are children using manners, being polite and courteous? Are we respecting the school building, property and belongings? Are we showing respect to the adults who look after us in school and at home? Perhaps you could speak with your child over the weekend and beyond about what respect means to you as a family.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

As part of our Religious Education, each year we dedicate 2 weeks of the year to study another faith. This week, children across the school have been learning about the Muslim Faith. They have learned such a lot, asked interesting questions and have demonstrated great respect throughout.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Ash Wednesday, this year falls on Wednesday 14th February, during half term. This marks the beginning of Lent; a time when we're called to renew ourselves by doing more. We're particularly asked to dedicate more time for prayer, fasting and works of love for others. With this in mind, we will be dedicating extra time for prayer in school. Each Thursday morning during Lent, at **8.35am**, we invite all children, parents and families to join us for Stations of the Cross in the **hall** for 10 minutes or so. We hope lots of families are able to join us on our Lenten journey.

BUDDIES

The school council recently appointed 6 'Buddies' to help around school. The children chosen will help to organise games and activities for the younger children and look out for children who may need a special friend to play with.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS



The extra-curricular clubs for this term are as follows:

Monday - Dance - Y3 to Y5

Monday - SATS Booster - Y6

Monday - Reading/Writing Workshop - Reception

Tuesday - Lego Club - Reception

Tuesday - Netball - Same children as last term

Tuesday - Wellbeing Club - Yrs 3- 6

Wednesday - Multiskills - Y1 & Y2 - New children this term

Thursday - Basketball - Yrs 3 -6

Thursday - Choir - Same children as last term

Thursday - Phonics - Yr1

All clubs finish at 4.15p.m.

ONLY THE BEST IS GOOD ENOUGH - FAMILY PROJECT

As you will know, Mr Quigley's vision as Headteacher of our school is clear - '**Only the best is good enough**'. We have decided to organise a family project that can take place over the half term and beyond. We are inviting families to showcase this motto using your artistic and/or design and technology skills using the theme of '**Only the best is good enough**' at **Holy Family Catholic Primary School**. What does this motto mean to you and how is this lived out in our school community? What advice or message would you give using this motto? We are hoping to display the best concepts and ideas around the school. Your project could be a poster, collage, 3d sculpture of the motto, wooden sculpture, an ornament, motivational images, paper mache, etc - anything that will sit proudly on display in our school for others to see and respond to. Let your imagination run wild. It is hoped that when any visitor comes to school they will know that we want the best for every child in our school and the children must be the best they can be in all that they say and do. We are looking forward to seeing what the children produce and what will appear on our corridors after half term. Let the competition begin - who is going to be the best?



MEET YOUR MUSLIM NEIGHBOURS MOTHER'S DAY COMPETITION

This will be the third year we have taken part in this competition. The children can design a poster or write a poem about their mum, grandma or auntie. A celebration for the winners will be held in St. Helens in March.

MOTHER'S DAY ART AND CRAFT SESSIONS

Fliers have been sent home with information about the Mother's day art and craft session. Following feedback from parents we have decided to run these 2 sessions after school 3.30 to 5.00p.m. The sessions are on Tuesday 27th February and Tuesday 6th March 2018 and these sessions are filling up very quickly so please get in touch with the school office if you would like a place at either session.

THEATRE TOTS

Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) have organised their school trip this term. They have decided to bring a theatre company into school on Monday 26th February to perform a brilliant play for the children. This has really kept the cost of the trip down as it has eliminated the very expensive transport costs. Letters have been sent home today to all the children in Foundation Stage.

PRIMARY SCIENCE QUALITY MARK SILVER AWARD

Last week we received the good news that our school has been awarded the silver Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM). Gaining a Primary Science Quality Award is a significant achievement for our school. It shows that the profile and quality of science teaching and learning in our school is very high.

Jane Turner, The PSQM Director says Science subject leaders, their colleagues, head teachers, children, parents and governors should be very proud." Congratulations to all involved.

YEAR 6 SAT'S INFORMATION MEETING

We would like to invite you to a meeting on:

Wednesday 21st February 4:15pm- 5:00pm

The purpose of the meeting is to give you some insight into the tests your child will be taking this year. You will have the opportunity to see some of the test papers from previous years and talk about how you can support your child. At this meeting, you will also be able to collect homework books for your child to help them in their preparations.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2017/2018

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| Wednesday 21 st Feb | 4.15p.m. to 5.00p.m. | Year 6 SAT's Meeting |
| Thursday 22 nd Feb | 8.35a.m. | Stations of the Cross |
| Monday 26 th Feb | All Day | Theatre Tots |
| Tuesday 27 th Feb | 3.30p.m. to 5.00p.m. | Mother's Day Art and Craft Session |
| Tuesday 6 th March | 3.30p.m. to 5.00p.m. | Mother's Day Art and Craft Session |

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL PRAYER

Dear Lord,
This is our school.
May peace be here.
May love be all around us.

Love of one another, love of mankind, love of life itself and the love of God.
Let us remember that as many hands build a house so many hearts make a school.
At Holy Family we live, love and learn together and reach out to all.
Amen.

