

HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: APRIL 2017

Please be advised that all school documentation is available in different formats, on request.

NON UNIFORM DAY MONDAY 24 APRIL

On the first day back after Easter, Monday 24 April, we will be having non uniform day to celebrate St George's Day. Children are invited to wear red and white (if possible). We are not asking for any donations on this day.

AU REVOIR/WELCOME

Mrs Wright has left us for a while to prepare for the arrival of her baby. There is no news as yet. We welcome Miss Heaver who will be Class 1's teacher while she is off.

BOOSTER CLASSES AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Booster classes for Year 2 and Year 6 children finish this week along with any after school clubs run by the school. Out of Hours Club and any after school clubs run by sports coaches (Monday – Thursday) will continue to run in the summer term. We will send out information about which clubs the coaches will be providing at the beginning of the summer term.

SPONSORED BOOK READ

We would like to thank everyone who took part in the sponsored read and all those who donated money to this event. You have helped the school to raise approximately £1800 which will enable us to purchase some extra class reader books. We are grateful for your support and applaud your generosity. We apologise for any confusion about how the system works and we will ensure that any future events are made clearer from the outset.

SATS WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 8 MAY

This a very important week in school, especially for the Year 2 and Year 6 children. We ask that you ensure your children go to bed early so that they have enough energy in school are in school before 8.55 am.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

We are still below the Government target of 97% attendance. Please ensure your child attends school regularly in order that your child does not "miss out" on learning opportunities. Please remember that the odd Monday or Friday soon add up. Children who are absent for 10% or more are considered to be 'persistent absentees'. We are asked by the Local Education Authority to monitor these pupils and if it persists, the Education Welfare Officer will become involved which could lead to eventual prosecution. We therefore ask that you do not keep your child off school unless it is absolutely necessary. Furthermore, there are still too many children who are persistently late! The same few children arrive after the bell has gone nearly every day. The bell goes at 8.55 am, when the register is taken and after that lessons immediately start. If your child is late every day, the time missed from lessons soon adds up. Please try to ensure that your child is in school every day by 8.55 am at the latest. We open the doors at 8.45 am to help ease the traffic congestion to help make it easier to achieve this and your child can engage in some quiet reading. Thank you for your support.

FRIENDS OF HOLY NAME (PARENT, TEACHER & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION – PTFA)

The PTFA will be holding a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 17 May at 9.00 am in the hall to discuss the summer fayre which will be held on Friday 23 June. There will be a donation box out so people can choose to contribute towards costs. It would be great if parents/carers could come along to discuss ideas that could be incorporated and to discuss ideas for future events. The PTFA are always looking for support so even if you cannot commit to joining the PTFA, we would be extremely grateful if you could volunteer to help out at any events. We are in the process of taking photographs of the members of the PTFA and once this has been done, we will put them on the website so you can recognise them.

BOOK DONATIONS FOR SWAP SHOP AND LIBRARY

Thank you to any parents/carers who have donated books to our library and Swap Shop. We are very grateful but would ask that before sending in any books, you carefully check the suitability of the content if the books are for the children to read. The Swap Shop is now located in the top corridor near the junior exit door. Please see a member of staff if you would like to access it.

“EDIBLE PLAYGROUNDS” PROJECT

Mr. Radforth and Mrs. Cormack are still looking for volunteers to get involved with the edible playground so if you have any spare time, please let us know. Your time and energy would be greatly appreciated.

WEBSITE

Our school website is now updated so please check it regularly for updated information. If you have any ideas for information you would like to see that is not at present available, please do not hesitate to contact us. All reasonable requests will be considered. We try to update it as quickly as we can and all newsletters that are sent out are posted on the website

PARKING

Please continue to keep OUR children safe. Our School Council have made a video about their concerns. It is posted on the playground screens, the one in the entrance foyer and is now also on the Website.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY SUPPORT TEAM (Archdiocese)

This is offered by Jackie Brougham who can be contacted on
Tel: 0789 179 5145 or by Email: jackiebrougham@btinternet.com.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5.4.17 = Passion Play (in Church)

6.4.17 = Easter Bonnet Parade for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

7.4.17 = School closes for Easter at **1.15 pm**

24.4.17 = Non Uniform Day to celebrate St George's Day

1.5.17 = Bank Holiday – SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED

Wk beg 8.5.17 = SATS week

19.5.17 = Cultural Diversity Day

26.5.17 = Reception Stay and Play

26.5.17 = Non Uniform Day – bring an item for the Summer Fayre

26.5.17 = school closes for half term at 3.00 pm.

EASTER HOLIDAY

We wish you a happy and holy Easter. We are quite skilled at recycling unwanted items, so if you have any confectionery which requires disposing of correctly, you know where to come!

Thank you to Year 5 and Mr Morris for a wonderful Passion Play in church.

EASTER 2 weeks)

School closes Friday 7 April at 1.15 pm.

School re-opens on Monday 24 April at 8.45 am.