

HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: JULY 2017

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

FRENCH DAY THURSDAY 13 JULY

Children should come to school on Thursday 13 July dressed in red, white and/or blue. There will be no charge for this day. French activities will take place during the day.

WEAR FOOTBALL COLOURS FOR BRADLEY LOWERY FOUNDATION – FRIDAY 14 JULY

The tragic loss of six year old Sunderland fan Bradley has been felt all around the world. His funeral takes place this Friday and Bradley's family have decided on the theme, cancer has no colours, so everyone will wear football tops of their choice. School has decided to hold a non uniform day to raise money for the Bradley Lowery Foundation. Children to wear football tops or their own clothes and to bring in a 50p donation for this worthy cause. Thank you for your support.

“EDIBLE PLAYGROUNDS” PROJECT

Thank you to everyone who attended the official opening of our edible playground and who joined the children for lunch. I am sure anyone who witnessed it will agree that it was a great success. The children will all get the opportunity to work in the playground and lessons will continue to take place there. Some of the salad produce has been picked and children have been given the opportunity to taste the food they have grown at lunchtimes which has been fabulous. We have to thank Mr Radforth and Mrs Cormack for their continued effort with this project. It would not be possible without their commitment. They are still looking for volunteers to get involved so if you have any spare time, please let us know. Your time and energy would be greatly appreciated.

RHS CAMPAIGN FOR SCHOOL GARDENING

All our hard work in the Edible Playground seems to be paying off. The vegetables have really taken off in the last few weeks and taste delicious! We have even been rewarded Level 3 from the RHS Campaign For School Gardening! This is a great achievement for the school in our first year of being involved in this project.

PTFA

The PTFA have asked us to thank everyone who supported the school by attending the summer fayre or providing money for their child to spend and raise money for the school. It was a great success and over £900 was raised. They have already purchased some equipment that was used at the summer fayre such as the basketball game, Hoopla and Bean Bag Throw. They also provide the money to pay Glitterati so that all children have the chance to have face tattoos. They made a profit of £600 and are going to meet with Mr Radforth to discuss what school needs and the children would like. They also purchased ice pops for the children.

EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE (EYFS) QUALITY MARK

We had an assessor in from the LEA on Wednesday 5 July and after examining all the evidence and data and completing a learning walk in Nursery and Reception classes, we are pleased to announce that Holy Name School has been awarded the EYFS Quality Mark. Thanks must go to Mrs Doyle (EYFS Manager) for working hard to prepare all the necessary paperwork and leading the assessment. Thanks must also go to the teachers and teaching assistants in Early Years who work so hard to ensure the children are provided with the best education possible.

TESCO BAGS OF HELP SCHEME

Please start voting for our 'Wildlife Classroom' at the Tesco on Longmoor Lane. Just make a purchase of any item and ask for some tokens which can then be placed in the box for Holy Name. Spread the word to your family and friends via Twitter, Facebook or even by that good old fashioned way of telling them verbally! We need as many votes as we can to be given the chance of winning £4000! You can get the tokens from any Tesco branch, so even if you can't vote for us in some stores, you can still get your tokens and bring them to school and we will gladly drop them in the box at the Tesco branch on Longmoor Lane!

PE

Please be reminded that PE is a compulsory subject in school as it is part of the National Curriculum. The number of children who regularly 'forget' to bring their PE kit into school is concerning so we ask that you ensure that you provide your child with a PE kit which they can leave in school and take home at the end of each half term for washing. Thank you for your support.

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

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. 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 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.

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. We have noticed that there are still the same few parents/carers that park on the zig zag lines and this is selfish and unfair. Please park in safe areas. Thank you.

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

12.7.17 = Reception Assembly – school hall at 2.15 pm parents/carers welcome

12.7.17 = Guitar performance in Class 9 at 2.30 pm parents/carers welcome

13.7.17 = French Day

13.7.17 = Noah's Ark Opera – choir at Metropolitan Cathedral 7.00 pm

14.7.17 = Year 5 cycling proficiency training 2/2

14.7.17 = Leavers' Assembly 9.15 am in the school hall

19.7.17 = Year 6 Leavers' Mass and end of year Mass at 9.15 am Holy Name Church.

21.7.17 = End of year. School will close at 1.15 pm on this day