

HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: MARCH 2017

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

UNIFORM CHANGE

From September 2017, school will be replacing the light blue polo t-shirt with a white shirt/blouse and tie. We are negotiating with our suppliers at the moment and once we have agreed on the tie, we will send out further details and publish the information on the school website. Please note that the changes will not affect nursery pupils, only Reception to Year 6. Furthermore, as we did when we introduced the new jumper/cardigan, there will be a twelve month change over period when children will be allowed to wear either.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

We are aiming to achieve 97% Attendance but we are still below the target! 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. 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. 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.

LAUGHTER AFRICA – NON UNIFORM DAY FRIDAY 10 MARCH

James Tyrrell, a charity worker, based in Africa came into school to take an assembly where he explained to the children how different life is in Africa. Some of the children then took part in workshops. Mr Tyrrell praised the behaviour of the children. We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 10 March to raise money for this worthy cause and ask for a £1 donation of each child.

SPONSORED READ MONEY

The sponsored read has been a great success. Please send in any money due by Friday 10 March. Mrs Naylor from Osbourne Books will be in school on Monday to collect the money and children will be able to order any books they have earned through the sponsored read or wish to purchase. Thank you for your support.

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.

SCHOOL NURSE’S “DROP IN”

Our school nurse is available to meet with parents to discuss any concerns you may have about your child’s health at 9.00 am. No appointment is required. Dates are: 10 March, and 7 April. There appears to be a head lice epidemic at the moment around Liverpool so if you would like to discuss this with the nurse, please feel free to call into school on these dates once you have dropped your child off. In the meantime, we are sending out leaflets that have been provided by school health service. If you do find any trace of head lice, please remember that the ‘Care of the Chemist’ service (once you have registered your child) should provide treatment free of charge.

ECO INSPECTION 3 MARCH 2017

Our Eco Committee were excellent ambassadors on the day and we are proud of them and Mrs Lane for achieving the renewal of our Award. Thanks go to Mrs Lane and all the children for doing such an excellent job.

FAIR TRADE ACTIVITIES = FRIDAY 10 MARCH

This is for the children in school time. Sorry parents. We do not have sufficient space to invite you on this occasion.

“EDIBLE PLAYGROUNDS” PROJECT

Mr. Radforth & Mrs. Cormack are continuing to work very hard along with Y3 on growing our own produce and help them learn where our food comes from. Once the edible playground is up and running, all classes will get a chance to use this learning environment. We 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.

IRISH WEEK – NON UNIFORM DAY FRIDAY 17 MARCH

To celebrate St Patrick’s Day on Friday 17 March, children can come to school in their own clothes and wear something green.

PARISH MISSION = w/b MONDAY 20 MARCH

This will be taking place all week. Fr. Kevin has asked that we try to attend. Details will be sent out in the newsletters from Church.

RED NOSE DAY – NON UNIFORM DAY FRIDAY 24 MARCH

Children will be able to dress in their own clothes day on Friday 24 March, in return for providing a donation of £1 to this cause.

STAY AND PLAY FOR RECEPTION FRIDAY 24 MARCH

The rearranged Stay and Play session for Class 1 and Class 2 will take place on Friday 24 March from 9.00 am until 10 am.

CURRICULUM AFTERNOON THURSDAY 30 MARCH – EASTER ACTIVITIES

Please do your best to attend and work alongside your child in art and craft activities for Easter. A good time is had by all!

UK MILITARY SCHOOL PASSING OUT PARADE = 31 MARCH

Parents of those children engaged in this term’s Military School are invited to attend. Parents/carers need to be in the hall at 2.15 pm.

SPORTS ACTIVITY DAY FRIDAY 31 MARCH

This will be our fund raising for the Archdiocese’s charity of Nugent Care. It is also known as the Good Shepherd Collection. A variety of sports activities will be organised throughout the day. Children should come to school dressed in sportswear. On this occasion, children can choose to wear their school PE kit or other sports outfits. Children are asked to bring in £1 for the charity.

PASSION PLAY WEDNESDAY 5 APRIL (in Church)

All parents/carers are invited to join us at Holy Name Church on Wednesday 5 April at 1.30 pm as Y5 retell the Easter Story.

EASTER BONNET PARADE THURSDAY 6 APRIL

Children in Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 children are invited to make an Easter bonnet and bring it into school on Thursday 6 April and take part in the Easter Bonnet parade. Because of the number of children involved, we are not in a position to invite parents/carers into school for this event.

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.

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

w/b 6.3.17 = Fair Trade Week

8.3.17 = Parents' Evening = Appointments

10.3.17 = Fair Trade Games

16.3.17 = Class 6's Mass

17.3.17 = St. Patrick's DAY = WEAR GREEN

20.03.17 = Shakespeare Week

24.3.17 = Class 7's Assembly at 9.15 am

24.3.17 = Reception Stay and Play 9.00 am until 10.00 am

24.3.17 = Red Nose Day

26.3.17 = Mothers' Day

30.3.17 = Parents/Carers' Curriculum Afternoon at 1.30 pm

31.3.17 = Activity Day for Archdiocesan Good Shepherd Fund

31.3.17 = UK Military School Passing Out Parade for parents/carers of Y4 children

5.4.17 = Passion Play (in Church)

6.4.17 = Easter Bonnet Parade

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

EASTER (2 weeks)

School closes Friday 7 April at 1.15 pm.

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