

HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: MAY 2017

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

NON UNIFORM DAY FRIDAY 5 MAY

School will be holding a non uniform day on Friday 5 May to raise money for the Radio City Cash for Kids Superhero Day. This year, proceeds go to the incredible Zoe's Place in West Derby, a charity that provides respite and end of life care to babies and infants age from birth to five years suffering from life limiting or life threatening conditions. Children may come to school on this day in their own clothes or dressed as Superhero. In return, we ask for a contribution and all money raised will go directly to the charity.

SATS WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 8 MAY

This is 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 and get up in time to have breakfast so that they have enough energy in school. We will provide them with a snack in the morning. Please ensure they are in school before 8.55 am as we have strict times to adhere to. The tests will start soon after registration.

RE INSPECTION TUESDAY 23 MAY

We will have a team of inspectors from the Archdiocese in school on this day to inspect our school. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time. I am sure the children will perform well and make us proud of them.

YEAR 1 PHONICS SCREENING – WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 12 JUNE

Teachers will be undertaking the phonics screening check with Year 1 pupils. We ask that you ensure your child is in school and on time so that the checks can be completed. The results then have to be sent to the LEA and parents/carers will be informed about the results for their child.

UNIFORM CHANGE UPDATE

We have now chosen the tie which will be part of our uniform change in September. Once we have received a sample, we will send out further details and publish it on the website. The change will take effect from September 2017 when children will be expected to wear a white shirt/blouse and tie instead of the blue polo shirt. Please note that the changes will not affect nursery pupils, only Reception to Year 6. Nursery uniform will continue to consist of a round neck school sweatshirt, light blue polo shirt and jogging bottoms. There will be no change to the school PE kit.

NEW ARRIVALS

We have three new babies to welcome. Congratulations go to Mrs Wright, on the birth of her new baby son, Isaac, Miss Martin, on the birth of her new baby daughter, Maddie and to Mrs Lane, on the birth of her new baby son, Nathan. All are doing well and we look forward to meeting them.

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

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.

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.

“EDIBLE PLAYGROUNDS” PROJECT

Thank you to everyone who brought in plants/seeds etc for the garden. Mr Radforth and Mrs Cormack have been helping the children to plant them. However, they 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.

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

Wk beg 8.5.17 = SATS week
19.5.17 = Cultural Diversity Day
23.5.17 = RE Inspection
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.

Wk beg 12.6.17 = Year 1 Phonics Screening
15.6.17 = Good Shepherd Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral (Choir) 1.00 pm
16.6.17 = Non Uniform Day – Bring an item for the Summer Fayre
20.6.17 = Compact for Y5 (am)
20.6.17 = First Aid for Children (Class 10 and Class 11) pm
21.6.17 = Compact for Y6 (am)
23.6.17 = Summer Fayre
29.6.17 = First Holy Communion Thanksgiving Mass 9.00 am.
30.6.17 = Children’s University Graduation 9.15 am (University of Liverpool)

5.7.17 = Sports Day

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13.7.17 = French Day

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

14.7.17 = Leavers' Assembly 9.15 am in the school hall

18.7.17 = Year 6 Leavers' Mass 6 pm in the school hall

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

Half term break (two weeks)

School will close on Friday 26 May at 3.00 pm

School will reopen on Monday 12 June at 8.45 am