

HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: NOVEMBER 2017

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

CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Mrs Glennon has stepped down as Chair of Governors at our school. On behalf of the school and the governing body we would like to thank her for the excellent and dedicated way she carried out this role. She was our 'critical friend' and we are all grateful for the time and effort she put in throughout her time as Chair. I would now like to welcome our new Chair of Governors, Miss Frances Sibert. She has a background in Education and is a former high school Maths teacher. Frances spends time in Zimbabwe as a volunteer with the church. If you wish to discuss anything with Frances, she can be contacted through the school.

EVENTS CALENDAR

The Events Calendar can be updated at any time so please remember to check the website on a regular basis in case a date has been altered or further events have been added. We will send out a flyer when things change and it is then up to you to change your paper copy. We will update changes on the website.

READING/HOMEWORK

We cannot stress enough the importance of supporting your child and encouraging them to complete homework they are given and to get them to read for ten minutes each night. It will help them to make further progression. It appears to be the same children who are staying in for part of playtime each day to read their books. So we ask again for your support in this matter. Thank you.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After School Dance Club has been cancelled until after Christmas as the hall will be used for Fencing class. After School Clubs run by teachers will be cancelled week beginning Monday 13 November due to Parents Evening taking place. Any other clubs run by coaches and guitar classes will go ahead as usual.

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITY INFORMATION (SEND)/DROP IN

Information is available for parents/carers on our website under Key Information - Statutory Information – SEND. If you have any concerns about your child, Mrs Smith will hold a drop in clinic for anyone to come along to ask for advice in a confidential manner. The sessions will be held on the first Monday of each Month. The first one will be on Monday 6 November between 8.45 am and 9.45 am. If you wish to attend, please go to the main office and ask for Mrs Smith.

SCHOOL NURSE/DROP IN

Unfortunately, our school nurse is not available at this present time and there is no one covering the position at the moment. If you want any advice on minor health concerns, you can contact the Queens Drive clinic on 0151 295 8416.

DOJO APP

The Dojo app is up and running in more classes now so when you get a letter with the information about this app, please join up. If your child's class is already using it and you have not yet signed up, we ask that you speak to other parents/carers who can tell you how useful it is proving to be.

ASSERTIVE MENTORING

Thank you for continuing to support your child with their weekly homework. Those children who are completing this task on a weekly basis are making good progress. Unfortunately, there are some children who never or seldom complete the work at home. It is becoming clear that they are being left behind. Please remember that Mrs Burns is available to assist anyone who is still having difficulty with this process.

AWARD TRIP TO THE CINEMA

We have been allocated 24 cinema tickets for Friday 17 November. We will be given these each term and it has been decided to choose children for a variety of reasons. The first one will be for pupils in KS2 who have excellent reading record books. Four children will be chosen from each class. Parents/carers of these children will be sent information and permission slips about this trip next week.

LIBRARY

Mr Morris and the children are revamping the library. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has sent books in. If anyone else has any good quality books that children have finished with, we would be grateful if you could send them into school for the library. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

We need to ensure a rise in our overall attendance to meet 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 doors are open at 8.45 am but all children should be in school by the time the bell goes at 8.55 am to ensure that they do not miss out on important lessons. Please remember that once the bell has gone at 8.55 am, the doors will be closed and any child arriving after that will have to enter through the main reception. This is to facilitate lessons starting at 9.00 am prompt. Thank you for your support.

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.

HOLIDAYS

Holidays should not be taken during term time. Children will miss out on important learning and this could result in affecting their academic performance and attainment. Holidays will only be authorised under extenuating circumstances and we have been asked by the LA to start prosecuting parents/carers who take their child out of school unauthorised during term time.,

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. We know it is difficult at times to find a parking place but we ask that parents and carers do not park in the car park. 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

3.11.17 = Year 6 return from Colomendy

13.11.17 = Anti Bullying Week

14.11.17 = Primary Inspirations Y5

15.11.17 = Primary Inspirations Y6

15.11.17 = Parents' Evening 3.15 pm – 6.00 pm

20.11.17 = Road Safety Week

1.12.17 = Christmas Fayre (pm)

6.12.17 = Action for Children Concert Anglican Cathedral 7.00 pm

7.12.17 = Class 6 Mass at Holy Name Church (parents/cares invited)

8.12.17 = Reception Classes Nativity Play for parents/carers pm

10.11.17 = Non uniform day – item for Christmas Fayre

17.11.17 = Non uniform day – Children in Need – donations to the charity

24.11.17 = Non uniform day – item for Christmas Fayre

12.12.17 = Infant Nativity Play for parents/carers 6.00 pm

13.12.17 = Infant Nativity Play for parents/carers 2.00 pm

14.12.17 = Christmas Disco

15.12.17 = Christmas Jumper Day

15.12.17 = Parents/Carers Christmas Activity afternoon 2.00 pm

21.12.17 = Carol Concert Holy Name Church 2.00 pm

22.12.17 = End of term -**School closes for Christmas on Friday 22 December at 1.15 pm**
School re opens on Monday 8 January 2018 at 8.45 am