

## **HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### **NEWSLETTER: SEPTEMBER 2017**

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

#### **NEW SCHOOL YEAR, NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM**

We hope everyone had a lovely summer. Another school year has passed and another one begins. The children all look so grown up and very smart in their new uniforms. Please remember that black shoes are part of the school uniform. Trainers or other coloured shoes should not be worn. Furthermore, for health and safety reasons, long hair should be tied back. We want the children to do their best throughout the year and be successful in their achievements so we hope that you will continue to support the children with any work they bring home and ensure your child reads for ten minutes each night. Once they have read, please remember to sign their reading record book.

#### **EVENTS CALANDER**

We are working on the calendar of events that will take place this year. Once this is complete, it will be put on the website. We ask that you check the website on a regular basis 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

#### **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING/CAKE SALE**

We will be holding a coffee morning and cake sale on Friday 29 September at 9.15 am in the school hall to raise money for the Macmillan Charity. Staff will be contributing with their own creations and there will be a bake off competition. People who attend the coffee morning will be asked to pay a contribution to the charity in return for drinks and cakes. Also we will be selling a variety of cakes at the coffee morning. We will hold a non uniform day for pupils on Wednesday 27 September and ask children to bring in cakes/biscuits for the coffee morning on this day. Further information will be sent out nearer the time.

#### **WOODLANDS HOSPICE – SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER**

On 23 September Westmorelands Dr Surgery is holding a Fun Day outside the Surgery, which is sited near the Longmoor Lane entrance to Aintree Hospital. There will be various stalls, entertainment by a Ukulele band, Pirouette Dance School, Martial Arts display and a Children's Entertainer, Bouncy Castle, live Hawks and Owls that can be handled, Raffles and lots more. They are also hoping to raise the awareness of the benefits of exercise on good health. The event will take place from 11am to 3pm. All monies raised on the day will be given to Woodlands Hospice.

#### **“EDIBLE PLAYGROUNDS” PROJECT**

Mr Radforth and Mrs Cormack will continue to work hard with the children on the upkeep of our Edible Playground. 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.

#### **MILITARY SCHOOL**

We are very happy that we are still financially able to continue with the Military School for another year. They will be starting Friday 15 September and for the first term they will be working with Year 5.

#### **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.

## **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. 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 LEA 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. 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](mailto:jackiebrougham@btinternet.com).

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

13.9.17 = Year 6 to Archbishop Beck Roadshow (pm) Children will be back at school by 3.00 am  
15.9.17 = Military School (every Friday afternoon)  
18.9.17 = Judaism Week  
20–22.9.17 = Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year)  
27.9.17 = Non uniform day – children to bring in cakes/biscuits for the Macmillan Coffee Morning  
29.9.17 = Macmillan Coffee Morning – School hall at 9.15 am  
2.10.17 = Black History Month  
9.10.17 = Harvest Festival Week  
13.10.17 = Non uniform day – children to bring in grocery item for local food bank  
16.10.17 = Diwali Week  
20.10.17 = Non uniform day – children to bring in 50p for school fund  
29.10.17 = Y6 residential to Colemendy

**School closes for half term on Friday 20 October at 3.00 pm**

**School re opens on Monday 30 October at 8.45 am**