

HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER : FEBRUARY 2018

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

WELCOME BACK/FAREWELL/ AU REVOIR

This week we welcome back Miss Martin from maternity leave. She will return to Class 4 to work with Mrs Jenkins and Mrs Dykes. We also say goodbye to Mrs Hindley who has covered the teaching assistant role in Class 4. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her well with her continuing career. On Friday 2 March we say 'au revoir' to Mrs Smith who will be going on maternity leave in preparation for her second baby. We wish her and her family good luck and best wishes and we look forward to seeing Isla's new baby brother or sister in the near future. Mrs Mustafa will be covering Mrs Smith's teaching timetable. Mrs Perry will take over the SENDCo role until Mrs Smith returns.

PARENTS/CARERS SCIENCE ACTIVITY DAY – WEDNESDAY 7 FEBRUARY

Parents and carers are invited into their child's class on Wednesday 7 February at 2.00 pm to participate in science activities with their children. Because of space and health and safety, we would prefer one adult to attend for each child as some classes become overcrowded which can result in health and safety issues. Thank you.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure that your child wears school uniform that is outlined in the prospectus (this can be found on the website) which includes black shoes. A lot of boys wear black trainers for school instead of school shoes. We therefore ask that from September, can you please ensure you provide your child with black shoes for school. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

The Government requirement for attendance is 97%. We are below this overall at present so we therefore ask that you only keep your child out of school if they are sick. There are a number of pupils who regularly have the odd day off here and there and this soon adds up. Children also miss out on a lot of teaching which hinders their progress. The same goes for children who are regularly late. Even if it's ten minutes. It soon adds up and leads to children missing the first part of some lessons. We open the doors at 8.45 am to help with congestion but all children should be in school by 8.55 am.

APPOINTMENTS IN SCHOOL TIME

It seems that some of our parents are operating a "flexi time" approach to school with appointments being made VERY regularly in the school day. Sometimes this cannot be helped, we know, but we ask parents/carers to try to book them after the school day so that children do not miss out on their education. Teachers cannot repeat lessons as the curriculum is very demanding. Proof regarding ALL appointments MUST be presented at school please or it will be redeemed unauthorised and will be referred to the PAEWO.

SPARE UNIFORMS/UNDERWEAR

If you have any spare uniforms still in good condition that your child has grown out of, please send them into school for us to pass on to families to use as spares until they can get to the uniform shop or for us to give to children who need to get changed. Also, if you have any underwear, socks, tights etc belonging to school that your child has come home in, please pass them back to school as we are constantly running out and have to purchase more. Thank you.

NURSE DROP IN

The next drop in session with the school nurse will be on Thursday 15 February between 8.45 am and 9.45 am. Please come to the reception in the main office and you can have a chat to the nurse in confidence about any concerns you may have over your child's health.

SEND DROP IN

The next drop in with Mrs Smith will be on Monday 5 February between 8.45 am and 9.45 am. If you have any concerns about your child's academic progress or social, emotional behaviour, please do not hesitate to come into school and speak to Mrs Smith in confidence.

PARKING

We ask that **ALL** parents/carers park considerately to keep **OUR** children safe. Which means, **NO PARKING HALF ON THE PAVEMENT, ACROSS THE SCHOOL ZIG ZAG LINES.** Some parents/carers stay in the car and let young children come into school on their own. Please find somewhere safe to park and accompany your child onto the school premises. This is safer for everyone. Thank you.

WEBSITE

Please remember to check the website on a regular basis as the information is constantly updated. www.holynamecatholicprimary.co.uk

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

05.02.18 = Celebration of Chinese New Year

06.02.18 = Internet Safety Day

07.02.18 = Parents/Carers Science Activity Afternoon (2.00 pm)

08.02.18 = Class 10 Mass 9.15 am at Holy Name Church

09.02.18 = Non Uniform Day (50p for school fund)

09.02.18 = School closes for half term at 3.00 pm

26/02.18 = Good Shepherd Activities throughout the half term leading up to Easter

09.03.18 = Reception Mothers' Day Assembly – 2.00 pm in the school hall

12.03.18 = Irish Week

15.03.18 = Reception Easter Assembly – 2.00 pm in the school hall

15.03.18 = Easter Activity Afternoon for parents/carers at 2.00 pm

16.03.18 = Non Uniform Day for St Patrick's Day (wear something green if possible)

20.03.18 = Easter performance at Holy Name Church – parents and carers welcome. 2.00 pm

21.03.18 = Parents' Evening 3.15 pm – 6.00 pm (further information to follow)

School closes for half term on Friday 9 February at 3.00 pm.

School re-opens on Monday 19 February at 8.45 am.