

## **HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### **NEWSLETTER : MARCH 2018**

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

#### **WEATHER CONDITIONS**

We made the decision to open the school today once we knew that the majority of staff would be able to get here and we were satisfied that Mr Higham, our caretaker, was able to clear a path for the children to get into school. We had also checked the weather forecast which stated that the snow would clear this afternoon. We understand that some people had a difficult journey getting children to school and also that some people thought the school should be closed for the day. Please remember that some people still have to get to work so it is important that we remain open if possible. On days like today, it might be a good idea for children to come to school in wellingtons and bring their school shoes in a bag.

If we are forced to close the school, we will notify the local education authority, local radio stations (Radio City and Radio Merseyside) and put information on the school website. We thank those people who made the effort to get their children to school today but we must mention the fact that Mrs Cormack and Mrs Quinn were very upset this morning at the number of comments directed at them by adults dropping children off. Please remember that if you have a concern, query or complaint, it should be directed to the Executive Head Teacher or Head of School. Other staff who are following instructions from Senior Leaders, should not be criticised for doing their job.

#### **WEAR BLUE FOR BOBBY – TUESDAY 13 MARCH**

We will be joining lots of other school in remembering Bobby Collieran on Tuesday 13 March by raising money for the Trust. We ask that children wear something blue if possible and bring in 50p for the charity. Thank you.

#### **RECEPTION (CLASS 1 AND CLASS 2 EASTER BONNET PARADE – THURSDAY 15 MARCH**

Easter bonnets for the above two classes need to be in school on Monday 12 March, along with an entry fee of 50p. All proceeds will go towards the Good Shepherd Fund. The parade will take place in the school hall at 2.00 pm. Parents/carers are welcome to attend.

#### **YEAR 5 DEBATE COMPETITION**

Congratulations to the debate team who recently took part in a debating competition at Archbishop Beck High School and came runners up. We wish to congratulate them and Mr Cormack for their hard work in preparing for the competition and the effort they put into the debate when taking part. We are very proud of them and wish them continued success in any future events.

#### **YEAR 3/4 GYMNASTICS COMPETITION**

Congratulations to the Year 3 and Year 4 pupils who took part in the recent gymnastics competition at Fazakerley High School. This is the first time they have competed and we are very happy that they came fifth. Thank you to them for their preparation and for taking part. Miss Smith said she was very proud of them for the way they performed and the standard of behaviour they displayed throughout the entire competition. Well done to the children and Miss Smith and to our sports coach, Mrs Williams who taught the children their routines.

#### **READING BOOKS**

Reading books should be back in school every day. Lost books will incur a charge of £5.00 so please ensure your child looks after any books they bring home. Thank you.

### **HOLY NAME ASSERTIVE MENTORING (HAM)**

We wish to reiterate the importance of children completing their HAM homework and returning their books to school. Any child that does not return their book on time results in their book not being able to be prepared with the next skills checker in time for the next session. They are missing out on their learning and their progress is slower than those children who complete their homework every week and return their books on time. Please ensure that all HAM books are completed (by the children) and returned to school every Monday. Furthermore, some children are on their third replacement because they do not look after them. We might need to start charging a fee if these books continue to get lost.

### **ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY**

The Government requirement for attendance is 97%. We are still below this overall at present so we therefore ask that you only keep your child out of school if they are really 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**

We wish to thank those parents and carers who are attempting to ensure medical appointments for their children are made out of school hours. It is very important for children to be in school for the full day.

### **NURSE DROP IN**

The next drop in session with the school nurse will be on Thursday 15 March 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 Perry will be on Monday 9 April 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 Perry 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 and some people are actually blocking traffic both ways which is unacceptable. 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](http://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](mailto:jackiebrougham@btinternet.com).

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- 08.03.18 = Nursery Mothers' Day Celebration Day – parents/carers welcome**  
**09.03.18 = Class 5 assembly on Fair Trade – school hall at 9.15 am. Parents/carers welcome**  
**09.03.18 = Reception Mothers' Day Assembly – 2.00 pm in the school hall. Parents/carers welcome**  
**12.03.18 = Irish Week**  
**13.03.18 = Wear Blue for Bobby = non uniform day, wear blue and donate 50p**  
**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)**  
**19.03.18 = Bully Busters assembly for children**  
**20.03.18 = Class 9 Easter performance at Holy Name Church – parents/carers welcome. 2.00 pm**  
**21.03.18 = Nursery Easter Bonnet Parade**  
**21.03.18 = Parents' Evening 3.15 pm – 6.00 pm**  
**23.03.18 = Non uniform day – 50p for school fund**  
**23.03.18 = Class 7 Sign Language Assembly – parents/carers welcome, school hall 9.15 am**  
**20.04.18 = Non Uniform Day – 50p for Autism in Motion**  
**23.04.18 = St George's Day – Non uniform day, wear red, white, blue. No cost**  
**26.04.18 = Class 9 Mass – Holy Name Church, 9.15 am. Parents/carers welcome**  
**27.04.18 = Class 7 Assembly on CAFOD - school hall, 9.15 am. Parents/carers welcome**

**School closes for Easter on Friday 23 March at 1.15 pm.**

**School re-opens on Monday 9 April at 8.45 am.**