

HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: SEPTEMBER 2018

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 a new one begins. The children all look so grown up and very smart in their new uniforms. Thank you. Please remember that black shoes are part of the school uniform. Trainers or other coloured shoes should not be worn and this is clearly stated in the prospectus so please observe these requirements. 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

An initial annual events calendar will soon be available on the website. Once it has been completed, parents/carers will receive a paper copy. However, please remember to 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 28 September at 9.15 am in the school hall to raise money for the Macmillan Charity. We ask for a £1 donation for a hot or cold drink and a cake. There will also be cakes on sale for you to purchase and take home. We will hold a non uniform day for pupils on Wednesday 26 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.

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 14 September and for the first term they will be working with Year 4. Please ensure that children are suitably equipped for the activities that may at times, take place on the school field and in cold or wet weather. It is advisable to ensure children bring in old clothing and footwear so nothing valuable gets ruined.

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 will not be authorised during term time apart from extenuating circumstances. Any unauthorised absences will be reported to the Education Welfare Officer and penalty notices will be issued by Liverpool Education Authority. Children will miss out on important learning and this could result in affecting their academic performance and attainment. We have been asked by the LEA to start prosecuting any parent/carer who takes 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. Please park in safe areas. Thank you.



Come and volunteer with Beanstalk

Beanstalk is a national charity which recruits and trains reading helpers to support primary school pupils with their literacy skills and reading confidence. Our "321" volunteers work with 5-11 year olds, two afternoons a week on a one-to-one basis, whilst our Story Starter volunteers offer support in the nursery settings. We currently have vacancies in many of our schools across Merseyside, meaning lots of children need our support.

Interested or know someone who might be?

Go to www.beanstalkcharity.org.uk for more details and to find an application form.

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

- 3.9.18 = School opens
- 10.9.18 = Reception children start school
- 10.9.18 = Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year)
- 14.9.18 = Military School (every Friday afternoon Autumn term = Year 4)
- 17.9.18 = Judaism Week
- 17.9.18 = Nursery (am) returning pupils start
- 24.9.18 = Year 6 interviews
- 24.9.18 = Red Cross to work with Year 6
- 26.9.18 = Non Uniform Day – children to bring in cakes for the Macmillan Coffee Morning
- 28.9.18 = Macmillan Coffee Morning – 9.15 am in the school hall
- 1.10.18 = Black History Month
- 1.10.18 = ROAR assembly
- 8.10.18 = Harvest Festival Week
- 10.10.18 = Parents/carers Maths Activity Afternoon 2.00 pm
- 11.10/18 = Photographer in school
- 19.10.18 = Non uniform day – children to bring in 50p for school fund
- 28.10.18 = Y6 residential to Colemendy

School closes for half term on Friday 19 October at 3.00 pm

School re opens on Monday 29 October at 8.45 am