

HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: OCTOBER 2018

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

EVENTS CALANDER

Everyone should now have received a copy of the annual events calendar. If your child has not brought home a copy, please ask for one at the main office. Please remember, that dates for certain events might change and other events will be added throughout the year so check the school website at regular intervals for updates. 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

Thank you to everyone who attended the Macmillan Coffee Morning and to everyone who bought cakes and contributed to this very worthy cause. You raised over £100 on the morning and up to now we have a running total of over £400 and still have a few cakes to sell to the children on Friday. Thank you again, for your generosity.

PARENTS/CARERS' MATHS ACTIVITY AFTERNOON – WEDNESDAY 10 OCTOBER

Parents/carers are invited to come into their child's class to work on Maths activities from 2.00 pm onwards. We ask that only one adult per child attends because of health and safety procedures. Thank you.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER – THURSDAY 11 OCTOBER

The school photographer will be in school on Thursday 11 October so please try to ensure your child is in school on this day and on time.

HARVEST FESTIVAL – FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER

There is a non uniform day for Harvest Festival on Friday 12 October. Children are asked to bring in an item of non-perishable food for St Andrew's Church North Liverpool Food Bank. A member of the Church community will come in to speak to the children about this scheme and I am sure they will be extremely grateful for any donations you can spare.

NON UNIFORM DAY – FRIDAY 19 OCTOBER

There will be a non uniform on the last day of half term when children will be asked to bring in 50p for school fund in return for wearing their own clothes.

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. Last year, our overall attendance dropped to 95%. Please ensure your child attends school regularly in order that she/he 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, please ensure that your child is at school before the playground doors shut 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. This morning we witnessed a parent/carer leaving their car in the middle of the road so they could drop their child off, forcing traffic to be blocked both ways. I am sure you will agree that this is totally unacceptable so please think about what you are doing and park in a safe place. 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

1.10.18 = Black History Month
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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
01.11.18 = All Saints Day
02.11.18 = All Souls Day
05.11.18 = Hinduism Week – children will learn about Hinduism
09.11.18 = Non uniform day – item for Christmas Fayre
12.11.18 = Anti Bullying Week
14.11.18 = Parents Evening from 3.15 pm – 6.00 pm – further information to follow
16.11.18 = Non uniform day – donations to Children in Need
23.11.18 = Non uniform day – items for the Christmas Fayre
29.11.18 = Class 8 Mass at Holy Name Church, 9.15 am - parents/carers welcome

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

School re opens on Monday 29 October at 8.45 am