

HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: OCTOBER 2019

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

UNIFORM

It is great to see that nearly all pupils are in the correct uniform. We hope this will continue and if your child is not wearing the correct uniform please do ever thing you can to ensure they are. For health and safety reasons, long hair should be tied back. There are a few girls who wear their hair loose which could attract head lice and make it easier to be passed on. We have already had reports of some cases since we returned in September. Furthermore, some boys have longish hair which sits over one eye preventing them from seeing properly and this needs to be clipped back so that it does not affect their eyesight.

CORRESPONDENCE

If you are still not connected to Dojo, or Parentmail, please contact the school office to ensure you receive all correspondence from school.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING/CAKE SALE

Thank you to those people sent cakes into school and attended our coffee morning. It was such a shame that the bad weather put some people off but we managed to sell some of the cakes that were over after school so again, thanks to those who purchased them. We will continue to sell the cakes to pupils on a Friday. Once we have a final total of the money raised we will let you know.

MILITARY SCHOOL

Military School are this term working with Year 4. The Military School After School Club will begin after half term which is Friday 8 November.

READING

Under the new Ofsted Inspection Framework, reading (especially early reading) will be high on the agenda for schools being inspected. Please ensure your child reads for ten minutes each night and if your child is in the Infants, please complete their reading records. If your child is in the Juniors, please ask them to complete the reading record. It would also be beneficial to your child if you could spend a bit of time talking about the book they are reading, asking them questions to gauge their understanding of what they have read. A letter was sent out recently giving guidelines about the type of questions you should ask. Please call into the main office if you would like a copy.

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. Children are not allowed to be withdrawn from PE without medical endorsement so we will have spare kit available for anyone forgetting their PE kit. 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. Our attendance figures dropped last year and the number of persistent absentees rose. 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.

Those children who arrive at 8.45 undertake basic skills in Maths and English and are gaining a learning advantage on those who arrive late. 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 to inform the LEA who will prosecute any parent/carer who takes their child out of school unauthorised during term time.

PARKING

Please continue to keep OUR children safe. 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October

03.10.19 = National Poetry Day
03.10.19 = Year 6 to Merseyrail
04.10.19 = Year 6 to Merseyrail
07.10.19 = World Space Week
08.10.19 = Year 1 Balance training
09.10.19 = Y4 Bike-ability
10.10.19 = Parents/carers Maths Activity Afternoon 2.00 pm
14.10.19 = Harvest Festival Week
18.10.19 = Non uniform day – children to bring in non-perishable food items
21.10.19 = Hinduism Week

November

03.11.19 = Y6 residential to Colomendy
04.11.19 = Autumn 2
08.11.19 = Y6 return from Colomendy
11.11.19 = Anti Bullying Week
22.11.19 = Non uniform day – items for the Christmas Fayre
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December

05.12.19 = Choir – Action for Children Concert at Anglican Cathedral 7.00 pm
06.12.19 = Christmas Fayre – pm
10.12.19 = Infant Nativity Play 6.00 pm
11.12.19 = Choir – Blessing of the Crib at Walton Centre
11.12.19 = Infant Nativity Play 2.00 pm
13.12.19 = Christmas Jumper Day - £1 for charity
17.12.19 = Book Bus
18.12.19 = Christmas Disco
20.12.19 = Non uniform day – 50p for school fund

School closes for half term on Friday 25 October 2019 at 3.00 pm

School reopens on Monday 4 November 2019 at 8.45 am