

HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: SEPTEMBER 2019

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

NEW SCHOOL YEAR - 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. A small number of pupils are not wearing all black shoes so we would be grateful if the parents/carers of those children could provide their child with black shoes without any coloured trims. Furthermore, for health and safety reasons, long hair should be tied back (both boys and girls).

We want the children to continually strive to reach their full potential 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. Please remember to sign their reading record book (Infants) or encourage your child to complete the reading record comments about what they have read (Juniors).

CARBON FOOTPRINT

We are trying to limit the amount of paper we use. Therefore, we will be limiting the amount of paper copies we send out. We will use the website, texts and Dojo to correspond with parents and carers. Please ensure you are registered to receive the texts and Dojo and do not forget to inform someone at the main office if you change telephone number or email address. It is vital that we have the correct contact details in case of an accident or emergency.

EVENTS CALANDER

An initial annual events calendar will soon be available on the school 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 currently 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 will be posted on the website

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING/CAKE SALE

We will be holding a coffee morning and cake sale on Friday 27 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 25 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 20 September and for the first term they will be working with some of the Year 4 pupils. 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. PE- children cannot say they are not doing PE without medical endorsement so we will have spare kit available. 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 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. 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

September

03.09.19 = School opens
09.09.19 = Reception children start school
16.09.19 = Judaism Week
16.09.19 = Nursery (am) returning pupils start
23.09.19 = Year 6 interviews
25.09.19 = Non Uniform Day – children to bring in cakes for the Macmillan Coffee Morning
27.09.19 = Macmillan Coffee Moring – 9.15 am in the school hall
30.09.19 = Black History Month

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
03.11.19 = Y6 residential to Colemendy

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