

HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: NOVEMEBR 2019

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

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

YEAR 6 TRIP TO COLOMENDY

Mr Radforth, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Perry and Mr Moore set off for Colomendy yesterday with Year 6 children. They all arrived safely and have a busy schedule for the week, starting with zip wires this morning. They will have a fantastic time and come back on Friday worn out and with a bag of dirty washing but very happy. We will contact parents/carers by Dojo or text when they are on their way back with an estimated time of arrival.

CLAIRE HOUSE APPEAL

Emma, a representative of Claire House came in this morning with Claire Bear to thank the pupils for raising £178 for the charity in March which has been put towards a new hydrotherapy pool. Thank you to everyone who donated to this worthy cause.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING/CAKE SALE

Thank you to those people sent cakes into school and attended our coffee morning. The total raised for this good cause was £420.15. Fantastic!

MILITARY SCHOOL

Military School are this term working with Year 4. The first session of The Military School After School Club will be on Friday 8 November.

BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Children in Year 6 have been selling items for the Poppy Appeal and the pupils have been extremely generous. We will continue selling them this week and then let you know how much we have raised once the British Legion give us the total amount collected.

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 their 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 kits 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 their academic performance and attainment being affected. We have been asked to inform the LEA of any persistent absentees who will prosecute any parent/carer who takes their child out of school unauthorised during term time.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Please make a note of the dates for these activities below. Further information will be sent out nearer the time for each one.

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

November

03.11.19 = Y6 residential to Colomendy
04.11.19 = Autumn 2
08.11.19 = Y6 return from Colomendy (between 2.00 pm and 3.00 pm)
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 – Children will visit with teachers, parents/carers from 3.00 pm
10.12.19 = Infant Nativity Play 6.00 pm (Classes 3, 4 and 5) in the school hall
11.12.19 = Choir – Blessing of the Crib at Walton Centre
11.12.19 = Infant Nativity Play 2.00 pm (Classes 3, 4 and 5) in the school hall
12.12.19 = Reception Nativity Play 2.00 pm (Classes 1 and 2) in the school hall
13.12.19 = Christmas Jumper Day - £1 for charity
17.12.19 = Book Bus – accessible to parents/carers all day on the junior playground
18.12.19 = Christmas Disco – Infants 3.00 pm until 4.10 pm, Juniors 4.15 pm until 5.30 pm.
20.12.19 = Non uniform day – 50p for school fund

School closes for Christmas on Friday 20 December 2019 at 1.15 pm

School reopens on Monday 6 January 2020 at 8.45 am