



**HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**NEWSLETTER : FEBRUARY 2022**

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

**SOCIAL MEDIA**

We would like to re-iterate how important it is that parents and carers monitor your children's online activities; each year, it becomes more of a concern and recently we have become increasingly alarmed at some of the activity on social media platforms. Children's mental health and well-being is suffering because of the effects of the pandemic and some social media activity is serving to make this worse. We are not saying that children should be banned from using social media but we are asking you all to be very careful.

**CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK**

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and we will be doing many activities related to this.

**SAFER INTERNET DAY**

Tuesday 8 February is safer internet day and we will have many activities and discussions throughout the week on this topic.

**BIG DT PROJECTS**

As part of our efforts to enrich the children's learning experiences we have arranged for several large scale DT projects to take place in school in the last week of half term (WB 21/02/22). We have paid for DT specialists to come to school to organise the projects but there will be no extra cost to parents and the projects will all take place during school hours.

**ART COMPETITION**

The deadline for the bird themed art competition is Friday 11 February. Don't forget to send in your entries!!

**NATIONAL OFFER DAY MONDAY 1 MARCH**

On Monday 1 March parents/carers will receive notification about which high school their child has been allocated a place in.

**BIRTHDAY CAKES**

We appreciate families sending in birthday cakes for children's birthdays to share with the class but please be aware of the time it takes for an adult to come out of class and cut up a large cake. Therefore we would be grateful if you could kindly cut the cake up before sending it into school or send in small individual cakes. Thank you for your support.

**HOMEWORK**

Please encourage or help your child to complete all homework given and return it to school when asked to. Reading is the key to everything so it is very important for pupils to read every night and bring their reading book in every day.



### **THINKING MOVES**

For some time now, we have been using Thinking Moves (actions that are linked to ways of thinking) with the children to help them to retain and retrieve knowledge and facts. The children have found them helpful and we are now a pilot school in Liverpool, with links to schools overseas. We will soon be publishing the Thinking Moves on our website and on Dojo for you to try with your children; in the meantime, why not ask the children to demonstrate?

### **PE KITS**

PE is an important part of the curriculum and all pupils should be provided with a PE kit of navy blue shorts and white t shirt. Too many pupils do not have a PE kit in school.

### **PUPILS' BELONGINGS**

Please ensure all your child's belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Parents/carers complain when items go missing and sometimes teachers find items of clothing but if they do not have a name on we cannot identify who they belong to.

### **PARKING**

We ask that ALL parents/carers park considerately to keep OUR children safe, especially at this time of year with the inclement weather and dark mornings. Some people are still pulling up over the zig zags and with two wheels on the pavement. This is not fair to others who take the time and make the effort to park safely and unfortunately and it is dangerous for people who have to leave the pavement and cannot see the road clearly. It is sad that the majority of people park carefully and the same minority who do not consider the welfare of others.

### **WEBSITE**

Please remember to check the website on a regular basis as the information is updated on a regular basis.

### **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**

February

02.02.22 = Presentation of Our Lord (Candlemas Day)

08.02.22 = Internet Safety Day

18.02.22 = Non Uniform Day – children to bring in 50p for school fund finish for half term

21.02.22 = International Mother Language Day

02.03.22 = Ash Wednesday = First day of Lent



**School closes for half term on Friday 18 February at 3.00 pm**  
**School re opens on Monday 28 February at 8.45 am**