



HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER : FEBRUARY 2023

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

RE TOPICS THIS MONTH

Eucharist (Relating). The children will be learning about Jesus' sacrifice and how we are all part of a Eucharistic community who celebrate together at Mass.

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. Children will be creating images and films of nature for us to use in class on Mindful Mondays (Copyright Springwatch).

SEND DROP-INS

Mrs Perry and Mrs Hughes will be providing SEND drop-ins on the first Monday of each month from March to July.

SAFER INTERNET DAY

Tuesday 7 February is safer internet day and we will have many activities and discussions throughout the week on this topic.

NSPCC NUMBER DAY

Friday 3 February is NSPCC Number Day and we will be celebrating number with some fun activities. We are asking for parents to discuss numbers in the environment with children so they can see number in everyday life. Please send in any pictures you take of numbers in everyday life (speed signs, menus etc).

THE BIG BIRD WATCH

Each class will spend time taking part in the national bird watching initiative, 'The Big Bird Watch' and we will contribute to the national data.

NATIONAL OFFER DAY WEDNESDAY 1 MARCH

On Wednesday 1 March parents/carers will receive notification about which secondary 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. The school budget is very tight at the moment so please make sure to take care of reading books at home and return them in good condition.

THINKING MOVES

It is wonderful to see the impact of Thinking Moves (actions that are linked to ways of thinking) upon the children's learning as it helps them to retain and retrieve knowledge and facts. Many children have taken up the challenge of learning all of the Thinking Moves and they are certainly reaping the benefits.

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 and a school or Navy Blue tracksuit.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure your children wear the correct school uniform, particularly shoes. Children must wear black school shoes for school please.

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



02.02.23 = Presentation of Our Lord (Candlemas Day)

07.02.23 = Internet Safety Day

22.02.23 = Ash Wednesday = First day of Lent

School closes for half term on Friday 10 February at 3.00 pm

School re opens on Monday 20 February at 8.45 am