

## **HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### **NEWSLETTER: OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2015**

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

#### **READING QUALITY MARK**

Assessors will be in school on Tuesday 10 November. Mr Doyle has put in a lot of work, largely in his own time, to ensure that the school achieves this award. The assessors will examine the paperwork he has produced, walk around the school to make sure they find evidence of what the school says it is doing to encourage reading and speak to pupils, staff, parents/carers and Governors. Once the assessment is complete, we will find out whether we have achieved the award and if so, which level we will be awarded, bronze, silver or gold.

#### **READING FOR PLEASURE - This month's Book Recommendations**

**Mr Morris' book recommendation:** At the moment I am reading "The World of Jeeves" by P G Woodhouse. It is a collection of stories about a rich man, Bertie Wooster, who is quite dim and constantly gets into trouble. He has a butler called Jeeves who is very clever and spends most of his time getting Wooster out of trouble. The book is very funny and I would recommend it, mainly to adults.

**Barry Sheen's book recommendation (he is in Year 5):** Currently I am reading "George and the Unbreakable Code" by Stephen Hawkins. This book is about George and Annie going into space to get their robot on Mars. The robot is called Homer. He was sent there to take features of Mars. Sadly, George's best friend moves to Florida because her dad Eric, a scientist, got a job at the Global Space Treatment. But happily George gets an invitation to Annie's house. But without anyone knowing, they both go to Mars to get Homer back. What will they face on their journey? ..... I recommend this book for Years 4 – 6.

**Ruby Wenham's book recommendation (she is in Year 5):** I am reading a book called The Butterfly Club, written by Jacqueline Wilson. It is about triplets but one is smaller than the other two and her mum is overprotective of her. When they start in the juniors, she is sitting next to the meanest girl in the school but they become friends and build a butterfly club. I would recommend this book to all junior children.

#### **READER IN RESIDENCE**

There will be a reader in residence attending school each Thursday morning. Her name is Emma Crago and she will work with groups of children to improve reading skills.

#### **READING REVOLUTIONARIES**

Michelle Barratt will be coming into school to train children from Year 4 and Year 5 on how to be a reading revolutionary. Similar to reading buddies, the children will then go round the school, reading to younger children.

#### **HELPERS WANTED**

If anyone would like to help with Reading in school please contact Mr. Doyle.

#### **EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY is VITAL!!!!!!**

It is a legal requirement that parents/carers ensure their child attends school regularly, and on time! The Local Authority will prosecute parents for poor attendance. Your child "misses out" on vital education when they are absent or late. Every parent wants the best for their child so that they can succeed in life.

### **PE KITS**

Our children look very smart in their Holy Name PE kits. Every child must engage in PE lessons and wear the appropriate clothes and footwear.

### **HOMEWORK IS VERY IMPORTANT!!!!!!!**

If you want your child to succeed then regular completion of Homework should be viewed as important. It is an integral part of success, as is Reading for 10 minutes each night. Surveys prove that those children, who achieve good results, are those that fulfil these 2 things.

### **HOLIDAYS**

Holidays taken in term time will be deemed as Unauthorised Absence. The government target is now 97% so we need to all work hard to achieve that. Furthermore, with the changes in the New National Curriculum, it is even more important that children attend school.

### **SCHOOLS' PARLIAMENT – ELECTION OF JUNIOR LORD MAYOR**

Liam Glennon has volunteered to represent our school at the school's parliament meeting for the election of Junior Lord Mayor on Wednesday 14 October. We wish Liam lots of luck with his speech. We are sure he will make his family and the school very proud.

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Children are invited to wear their own clothes on Friday 16 October in return for donating items which will be sent to a local food bank. The school council have composed a letter about this which will include a list of suitable items.

### **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING = Friday 25 September**

This was a great success and we have raised £568.30 for the Macmillan charity which is pretty amazing. Thank you to everyone who came along and enjoyed our selection of cakes and cookies on offer and to everyone who donated cakes and money to this cause.

### **SPONSORED RUN**

We are delighted to announce that the children have so far raised nearly £800 for the Fazakerley Special Needs Project. They will be delighted and will put the money to good use. Thank you for your generosity and to Mr Morris for organising the event. If anyone still has sponsor money to collect, we would be grateful if you could send it into school as soon as possible.

**JAMIE CARRAGHER'S SOCCER SCHOOL** will be resuming soon. We are in negotiations.

### **FENCING CLUB**

The fencing club is proving to be so popular that we will be running two classes, one on a Tuesday and the other on a Wednesday. Individuals will be notified which day their classes will take place. It was done on a first come first served basis.

### **INFANT TOILETS REFURBISHMENT**

Work will start on the infant toilets during the half term break but will take approximately five weeks to complete. Unfortunately, this will mean that the door the children usually come in at (on the infant playground) will be out of action. Therefore, Reception and Key Stage 1 children will enter school via the hall door each morning. At the end of the school day, Reception children will leave through door in their classrooms as usual and classes 3, 4 and 5 will leave via the hall door. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but believe it will be worth it once the new toilets are in use.

## **PARKING**

Please observe our banners! No one wants to put any child in any danger! Please show you care, and park elsewhere! Since opening the doors at 8.45 am we have noticed an improvement in traffic congestion in the morning. However there are still problems with people parking on the pavement and across lines and zigzags so we kindly as those doing so consider the safety of others and park elsewhere.

## **STAFF CAR PARK**

We would be grateful if parents/carers would refrain from parking in the staff car park. There is only enough room for staff and we cannot allow people to park there unless we open the offer up to all parents/carers. Thank you.

## **SCHOOL NURSE DROP-IN**

The drop in for parents/carers to pop into school for advice will take place on the first Tuesday of each month between 2.30 pm and 3.30 pm. The next session will be held on Tuesday 3 November.

## **PARENTS' EVENING = Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 3.15 – 6.00 pm**

We will use the Appointments System again as it worked well. However, Year 2 and Year 6 will have a meeting for the whole class with class teachers because of the introduction of the New National Curriculum. Details will be sent out separately.

## **OUT OF HOURS CLUB**

Please contact Mr Moore for further information. Please be advised that HM Revenue & Customs make checks regarding children's attendance. By law we are required to meet all their requests for information. Nursery and Reception children are welcome.

## **Y6 EDUCATIONAL VISIT TO COLOMENDY = w/b 1.11.15 (leaving on SUNDAY!!!)**

Staff have again agreed to give up their Sunday so that the Year 6 children going to Colomendy will get an extra night at the activity centre. Final details about this residential have been sent out but if anyone has any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Radforth.

## **ARCHDIOCESAN LEVY MONEY & MILK MONEY**

Parents are asked to pay £10 per family for the levy.

Milk Money (Infants only) = £4.75 per child per half term.

## **HEALTHY SCHOOL**

Our school does **NOT allow crisps, sweets, chocolate, biscuits, crisps or fizzy drinks** to be consumed on the premises. This is part of the Government's Healthy School Campaign. We ask parents/carers to support the school in this matter.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (wishing the term away already)**

### **October**

October = Month of the Holy Rosary

October = Black History Month – this will carry on into November when history is taught. However this

Friday, Tracy, from the company who provide our wonderful cook, Carla, will be in to work with each class to make Martin Luther King Junior wraps.

14.10.15 = Year 4 Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament.

14.10.15 = Stay and Read for all parents/carers from Reception up to Year 6.

15.10.15 = Class 10 Mass in Holy Name Church at 9.15 am. Parents/carers welcome.

## **November**

11.11.15 = Study of another Faith = Hindu Festival of Diwali (the festival of light).

4.11.15 = Green Schools' Project – Eco Committee at Liverpool University

6.11.15 = Book Start Boogie for Nursery children.

12.11.15 = Yoghurt Day for Nursery children – parents/carers invited.

16.11.15 Pop Project a whole school activity on books through the decades. This is with the people who did the Beatles project which everyone enjoyed.

19.11.15 = Class 6 Mass in Holy Name Church at 9.15 am. Parents/carers welcome.

W/b Monday 23 November = Road Safety Week.

## **December**

2.12.15 = Action for Children concert at the Anglican Cathedral at 7.00 pm.

3.12.15 = Christmas Activity Day = Tracey from catering company will be in to work with the children to make edible Christmas items.

4.12.15 = Christmas Activities with parents/carers. Further details to follow separately. (It will take place in the afternoon).

8.12.15 = Blessing of the Crib in the Walton Neuro Centre at 12 noon.

8.12.15 = Infant Nativity Play at 6.00 pm.

9.12.15 = Infant Nativity Play at 2.00 pm.

15.12.15 = Children's Christmas lunch.

17.12.15 = Carol Service in Holy Name Church at 2.00 pm.

## **HALF TERM HOLIDAY (1 week)**

School closes Friday 23rd October at 3.00 p.m.

School re-opens Monday 2nd November at 8.55 a.m.

**Further dates are on the school website: [holynamecatholicprimary.co.uk](http://holynamecatholicprimary.co.uk)**