

HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER: JULY 2016

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

STAFFING

As Mrs Radford will still be in post as Executive Head of Holy Name and Our Lady and St Philomena's until at least July 2017, there will be some temporary changes to the leadership team. Ms Sloane's position will be Head of School in Mrs Radford's absence and Mr Doyle and Mrs Burns will be Assistant Heads.

Miss Kearney is unfortunately leaving our school at the end of term. We are sorry to see her go but we are happy to announce that she has secured a position in another Liverpool school. We thank her for all her hard work this year and we wish her well in her new school.

SPORTS DAY

Sports day will be held on Monday 18 July (weather permitting). There will be a round robin of events then parents/carers will be able to watch children race (children will have a choice). Reception and Key Stage 1 (Infants) parents/carers should arrive at 11.00 am. Key Stage 2 (Juniors) parents/carers should arrive at 2.15 pm.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

From September, we will be introducing a slight change to the school uniform. **HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE A TWELVE MONTH CHANGEOVER PERIOD WHEN CHILDREN CAN STILL WEAR THE CURRENT UNIFORM.** Laser Schoolwear have produced a v-necked sweatshirt/cardigan with a light blue trim for children in Reception to Year 6 and a round necked sweatshirt with a blue trim for children in Nursery. These can be purchased at their shop in County Road. It will not be available at the London Road shop.

WATER BOTTLES

From September children will be required to bring in their own water bottle to school. Please encourage your child to bring in their filled bottle, labelled with their name, which they will be responsible for. They must take the bottle home each day to be washed and refilled the following morning. Water will be available in school for them to refill. **NURSERY ONLY** will be provided with a school water bottle. We are introducing this for health and safety reasons. The bottles left in school become very unhygienic and it takes a lot of time (out of lessons) for children to rinse and fill them up. Thank you for your support.

SCHOOL GARDEN

We are looking for volunteers to help revamp the garden (to put it mildly). We are fortunate enough to have been granted some lottery funding to provide us with an 'Edible Playground'. This will involve a separate area being landscaped for the children to access during lessons and for food and plants to be grown. So we would like to tidy up and enhance the present garden and this is why we need volunteers to help. If you are interested, please contact school and leave your name. Thank you.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT/ MINI OLYMPICS

Mr Morris has organised a tennis tournament for Key Stage Two. The children are really enjoying taking part. After this has finished, we will have a Mini Olympics for all children (weather permitting)

ROAD SAFETY/PARKING

We thank everyone who continues to support us by parking in a safe place when dropping off your child. We think that the barriers and the opening the doors at 8.45 am has helped to ease the congestion.

Y6 RESIDENTIAL TO COLOMENDY (current Y5)

The 2nd instalment of £50 is due to be paid by 15 July.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

We need to reach 97% Attendance or it will go against us in an Inspection. Please try to keep our attendance up by only letting your child stay off school if they are really ill and need to be at home. Please note that the school doors are open from 8.45 am. However, school starts officially at 8.55 am and all children should be in school by this time. The number of persistent latecomers who arrive after the bell has gone is rising. We ask that you please get your children to school on time by 8.55 am. 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

7.7.16 = Forensic Science Day

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8.7.16 = Fair Trade Activity afternoon for Key Stage 2 – further details to follow

11.7.16 = Maths Party – further details to follow

12.7.16 = Year 6 Leavers' Mass – 6.00 pm in the school hall

13.7.16 = Year 6 Compact – transition event called Switched On

14.7.16 = Reception Leavers' Assembly –

15.7.16 = Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – 9.15 am in the school hall. Year 6 parents/carers invited

9.7.16 = Whole School End of Year Mass at Holy Name Church (time to be arranged)

16.7.16 = Archbishop Beck's Performing Arts Festival (9.00 am – 4.00 pm)

19.7.16 = End of Year Mass – at Holy Name Church 9.15 am

22.7.16 = End of Year Golden Assembly – unfortunately we cannot invite parents/carers

22.7.16 = School closes for the summer holidays at 1.15 pm

Once again, we come to the end of yet another year! Where has this year gone? I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, governors, parents/carers and children for playing their part in making this a fabulous year.

Attendance, Punctuality, Homework and Reading at home are down to parents. There is hard evidence to prove that those who do a little at home each night achieve more because of the regular reinforcement (for half an hour at the most). Think of any hobby; the more practice, the greater the improvement in skill. Ofsted are getting even tougher! The curriculum is tougher! Standards are tougher too! Ofsted will not accept any excuses! We all want the best for the children in our school. I'm sure parents/carers do too. Parents/carers we need you to do your part. Thank you in anticipation for your continued support. We hope everyone enjoys a happy and sunny summer. Keep safe.