



# Holy Family School

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## Newsletter No. 03

We've had a great first half term in our new school year, with so much going on. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October we were blessed with the visit of Archbishop Bernard to formally bless our Prayer Garden. This really was a special occasion for the whole school community, His Grace wrote to thank us and said, *"It was good to be able to see something of the life and activities of Holy Family Primary School community and I was very impressed."*

Thank you, as always for your continued support this half term - the children have settled in really well and are making great progress. Have a wonderful, restful half term break, we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November**.

### Goodbyes

It's a sad day for the school as we say goodbye to two members of staff. Mrs Hollywood has been at Holy Family for over 18 years and is leaving us to become a full time Grandmother. Mrs Wrob has been with us for 6 years and is leaving us to embark on a new adventure. I can't thank them enough for their dedication, skill and generosity in supporting the children and staff of Holy Family over the years. I'm sure I speak for parents too in wishing them the very best for their future.

### After School Clubs

Thank you to parents who have signed up children to after school clubs using our new online system. Please note that if your child is not confirmed on the after school club then under no circumstances will they be able to attend that evening. We do have some spaces left in some of the clubs - please check online or speak to Miss Keating in the office.

### Fundraising

Thank you for all your support in fundraising activities that have taken place in recent weeks.

Miss Landucci has led the school in raising £452.38 for Macmillan at our coffee morning and £262.50 for 'Go Pink' day. Also well done to Sister Maura who raised an amazing amount for Children in Need by swimming a mile!

### Parents' Evening/INSPIRES

Thank you to all parents who attended both Parents' Evening and the Reading INSPIRE's that have taken place this half term. We have received fantastic feedback from all of these events. Children learn best when the partnership between school and home is strong. Your support is vital and makes such a difference!

### Mass times

**Holy Family Catholic Church**

Saturday 4.00 pm

Sundays 10.30am & 5.15pm

*God Bless*

*Mr Foley*

*Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018*

### Residential's Year 6 & Year 4

It was a real pleasure to accompany our **Year 6** children on their residential trip to Alton Castle.

The children were amazing and got on so well with the children from our sister school St. Bernadette's. Even in that short time it was really clear to see how the children developed spiritually and socially. They also became much more independent in everything they did.

A reminder to all parents of children in **Year 4** that we will be again taking the children to Whitemoor Lakes for their residential from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2019.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to take part in so many fun activities in an amazing setting.

We need to confirm numbers shortly so please speak to the office to confirm your child's place.

### School Planners

We have made a good start with our school planners but need your continued support with these.

**All children need to be reading every night and their planners need to be signed by an adult.**

The children will also be working towards achieving their daily reward stars by:

- Being in school every day and on time
- Having the correct uniform
- Having their PE kit
- Reading every night
- Doing their best in everything they do
- Taking pride in everything they do

When children reach their bronze target they will receive a special bronze star and parents will be invited in to celebrate this.

### Diary Dates

Thursday	08 November		History Day - WW1 focus
Thursday	08 November	10.30	Remembrance Day Mass
Monday	12 November		REC Inspire Workshops this week
Tuesday	13 November	9.00 - 10.00	Open Morning
Friday	16 November		Whole School Photos
Monday	26 November		Take Over Day/No Pens Day
Saturday	01 December	12.00	Parish Christmas Fayre
Thursday	06 December	10.30	Advent Mass Year 3
Friday	07 December		Nursery Sing-a-Long
Thursday	13 December	9.00	Christmas Fund Raising Morning
Thursday	13 December	14.00	KS1 Nativity
Tuesday	18 December	13.00	Sleeping Beauty Theatre Trip Y1-Y6
Wednesday	19 December		Christmas Dinner Day
Thursday	20 December		Rudolph Theatre Trip Rec
Thursday	20 December	15.00	KS2 Carol Concert - Church
Friday	21 December	10.30	Christmas Mass