



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER NO. 1
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Fri 18th September – School closed to pupils
- Friday 25th September – School closed to pupils
- W/B Monday 12th October – Parents Evening. Please book your telephone appointment using the link below.
- Wednesday 14th October – Year 6 trip to Cannock Chase
- Wednesday 21st October – Individual School Photographs
- Friday 23rd October – Wear Pink Day
- Friday 23rd October – Break up for Half Term



VIRTUES

Gospel Virtues are at the centre of our ethos and our policies, and run throughout every aspect of our curriculum to encourage our children to be kind, caring, forgiving and respectful.

Talk to your children about the Virtues for this half term, as they will be growing to be....

Curious about everything;
and **Active** in their engagement with the world, changing what they can for the better.

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

As we come to the end of our first full week I'd like to thank you all for your cooperation in making our school community as safe as possible. We are happy that the measures we have put in place are working – children are staying very much in their bubbles, learning in class and most importantly are very happy to be back!

Social Distancing

Our staggered starts are working well in the morning – we have a good flow of children and parents moving through our one way system safely. On a couple of occasions it has become busy at home time as parents leave through the Church lane way. As a result of this, we are asking **all parents of Yr 6 children to leave through the Oldknow Rd gate** which is less congested at that time. While you are waiting for children to be dismissed please at least 2m social distancing on the playground. If you do need to speak to a teacher please phone the office to arrange for the teacher to call you back.

Covid symptoms

You will be receiving guidance with this newsletter to help you with measures that will be taken if we have a child displaying symptoms or a confirmed case. **Please read this guidance carefully**, if we do receive a confirmed case we will be working with Public Health England closely and notifying parents immediately. If we do need to close a bubble within school then children will immediately receive online learning to complete for the duration of that time in isolation; your child should be receiving passwords to online learning platforms such as Purple Mash in their planners this week.

As always, I am very proud of our whole school community in the way that we are facing this challenging time at Holy Family. Have a wonderful, safe weekend.

God Bless
Mr Foley

PARENTS EVENING

To reduce the amount of visitors into school, parents' evening in October will be changing to keep everyone safe. During the week beginning Monday 12th October teachers will be phoning parents to talk through the progress of children so far this term. You will still need to book a time slot through logging on to <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/code?z=NSrr5L> and using the code **c3tp3**

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS NEXT WEEK

Clubs will be starting next week. Please note, only children who have been signed up to these clubs through the online system will be able to take part. We do still have some places available for some of the clubs – please contact the office to find out more.

Monday – Years 3 & 4 Sign Language Club - £2.00

Tuesday – Years 1 – 6 Reading Club

Wednesday – Years 5 & 6 Football - £2.00

Friday - Years 1 & 2 Dance - £2.00

Please go to

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/code?z=sCUPEM>

And enter code reh8d to book. Thank you

Donations

Harvest Donations

During this time, we would usually be asking families to make donations to our Harvest appeal. Over the last few years we have been able to take car loads of food to the Fireside centre in Digbeth to help provide dinners to the homeless and those in need of help. Because of the Coronavirus, this year we are unable to collect any donations sent in from home but we still need to help and make a difference for those who need it. We are asking each parent to donate £1 through their squid account to enable us to make a donation to the Fireside centre who so badly need our help more than ever. Thank you for your support in this.

School Fund

We won't be able to have our usual Christmas fundraiser this year which is vital in allowing us to buy resources for the children. We are asking for £5 school fund per term per child if you can manage it through squid. Again, we appreciate your support so much and will go directly back into supporting your child's learning.



BIRTHDAY SWEETS

Due to current restrictions we cannot allow children to bring in any sweets or treats to share with the rest of the class. Thank you for your understanding

Contact Detail Updates

To help with the environment and reduce our paper usage we will now be sending all parent letters and notifications through email. It is vital that we have an up to date email address and mobile number. If you haven't done so already please update your details on the survey on this link - <https://tinyurl.com/y26wv63x>

Dropping off

Please do not park or stop on the yellow lines outside of school to drop off children. This is very dangerous and safeguarding risk to our children and parents – thank you for your understanding

DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD (DSL)

We are committed to safeguarding all pupils. We take child protection/ safeguarding issues very seriously. The DSL team for Safeguarding are Mr Foley, Mrs King, Mrs O'Driscoll and Miss Landucci. Please do come and speak to us if you have any concerns.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR LETTERS

Class teachers have updated letters for the new school year on our website. They include days that children will need PE kits, homework details and other bits of important information. You will also find curriculum plans outlining what your child will be learning this term. They be found here <https://www.holyfam.bham.sch.uk/> in the tab 'Our Learning.'

Punctuality can affect your child's attendance. Our target is 97%.



Please ensure your children are on time for school.

Classes and their Attendance figures	Week 1 2 nd September – 4 th September 2020	Week 2 7 th – 11 th September 2020
Nursery	%	%
Reception	83.3%	72.8%
Year 1	84.%	78.2%
Year 2	89.3%	96.5%
Year 3	92.9%	91.4%
Year 4	86.8%	93.6%
Year 5	89.1%	86.9%
Year 6	80%	88.1%

**Well done to the above classes who were our attendance winners for the first & second weeks back to school.
Who will be the winners for the autumn term?**