



HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

9 December 2016

Dear Parents

Attendance Matters

Here are the winning classes' attendance figures for last week:-

Week ending	KS1	KS2
2 December 2016	Inf 3 – 98.3%	J5 – 96.1%

Friends of Holy Rosary Family Fun Day

Many thanks to everyone who came along to support the family fun day. A wonderful atmosphere pervaded throughout, and I'm sure lots of money was raised. I will let you know a final total as soon as I have it.

Reconciliation

Thanks to all the families who came to church on Wednesday to share in the children's first reconciliation. I thought it was a most prayerful and reflective experience, which highlighted the wonderful links between family, parish and school.

Christmas Performances

This week, both of our Nursery classes and Reception have performed beautifully during the respective plays and Nativities. It has been a very busy week for all but the children have excelled in reminding us of the true meaning of Christmas. Many thanks to all staff and parents without whom none of this would be possible. We look forward to our Year 1 and 2 Nativity plays and our Year 5 and 6 Nativity service next week.

Science Week

Look out for a letter next week about our exciting Science Week. You will receive information about how the Junior children can plan their own experiments to demonstrate at our Science Fairs which will take place on 17 and 19 January 2017.

After School Clubs

Due to the various Christmas Activities over the next 2 weeks it has been decided to cancel the following After School Clubs:-

Young Voices Choir on Tuesday – will begin again in January

Football on Tuesday – will begin again in the New Year (further information will follow)

IDL on Thursday – will begin again in January

Parents Evening for children in Nursery, Inf 1 and J4 – reminder

Parent's evenings for children in Nursery, Infant 1 and J4 are taking place next week as follows:-

J4 (Mr Riley)

Monday 12 December

Infant 1 (Mrs Seddon)

Tuesday 13 December

Morning Nursery (Mrs Gilbertson)

Wednesday 14 December

Afternoon Nursery (Mrs Oldfield)

Thursday 15 December

You will have received an invitation to make an appointment with your child's class teacher via ParentMail. If you have any difficulty in making an appointment please contact the school office.

WW1 Project

The children in Year 5 took part in a wonderful living history session at school yesterday. At the end of the project there will be a booklet produced to take home and a video to watch.

Christmas Charity – Christmas Jumper Day – reminder

This year we have chosen the Missionaries of Charity in Seel Street, Liverpool as our Christmas Charity. This charity helps the homeless by providing food and where possible, shelter for those who have nowhere to live and no one else to care for them. At Christmas time I always reflect on how fortunate I am to be part of a loving family and to belong to such a wonderful school community. However, I am only too aware that this is not the case for everyone.

We will be holding a Christmas Jumper day on the last day of term Wednesday 21 December for a donation of £1. If everyone joins in and contributes, we will raise £500 for this very worthwhile charity. If your child doesn't have a Christmas jumper, please don't go to any expense as a top in festive colours will be fine.

Christmas Cards – reminder

Some years ago the children of Holy Rosary School decided that they would rather support a charity than send Christmas cards to each other. With this in mind, we are suggesting that the children support our chosen Christmas charity as detailed above rather than sending each other cards. Many thanks

Christmas Activities – reminder

This year's remaining Christmas performances and events are listed below:-

Year 1 – the children will be performing their play "Woops a Daisy Angel" on Wednesday 14 December at 2.30 pm*. **(3 tickets per family have been issued).**

Year 2 – the children will be performing their play "Prickly Hay" on Thursday 15 December at 2.30 pm*. **(3 tickets per family have been issued).**

***Please enter via the school hall which will not be open until 15 minutes before the performance, ie 2.15 pm.**

Years 5 and 6 – The Christmas Presentation is taking place on Thursday 15 December, at 7.00 pm in Holy Rosary Church. The children should be in church by 6.45 pm wearing their school uniform.

The Infant Christmas Party for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 is on Tuesday 20 December. The Infant children can wear their own clothes to school that day and will have party games in the morning. After lunch they will see the entertainer and have a visit from Santa. The Friends are paying for the entertainer and a gift for each child.

The children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are having a Christmas treat in school on Tuesday 20 December. The children can wear their own clothes for school that day. Each year group will have the opportunity to pick a DVD that they would like to see. The Friends of Holy Rosary will be providing the DVDs and refreshments for the children.

Crib Service

Please see attached flyer giving the details of the Crib Service which takes place at Holy Rosary Church on Thursday 22 December 2016 at 6.30 pm.

Sacramental Programme for Year 4 pupils and their parents - reminder

Father McShane has asked us to let you know about the dates of the forthcoming Sacramental programme meetings:-

Session 4 – Tuesday 17 January 2017

Session 5 – Tuesday 21 February 2017

Session 6 – Tuesday 14 March 2017
Session 7 – Tuesday 25 April 2017

Fit for Life Group - reminder

The Fit for Life group meet at Holy Rosary Church, for mass at 10.00 am, on the first Thursday of every month. After mass they walk to McDonalds for a coffee and a chat. The group next meet on:-

Thursday 5 January 2017

All parents/grandparents/carers are welcome to join in.

School Nurse Drop-In Sessions

The dates for this year's School Nurse Drop-In Clinics are:-

Wednesday 25 January 2017 from 8.45 to 9.30 am

Wednesday 15 March 2017 from 8.45 to 9.30 am

Wednesday 17 May 2017 from 8.45 to 9.30 am

Tuesday 13 June 2017 from 8.45 to 9.30 am

The clinic will be held in school – so if you wish to see the nurse, please just report to the school office. During the clinics the nurse will be available for a confidential service regarding your child's health and development, including health promotion advice and signposting to others for information and support. The nurse is based at Maghull Health Centre – telephone 0151 222 3437.

MRS C MORRIS

Headteacher

Diary for w/c 12 December 2016

Monday	J3 swimming (last session for J3) Computer Code Club – Years 5 and 6 – 3.15 to 4.00 pm
Tuesday	Netball after school club – Years 4, 5 and 6 – 3.15 to 4.15 pm (last session)
Wednesday	Spanish after school club – Years 3 and 4 – 3.15 to 4.15 pm (last session) Girls Football after school club – Years 5 and 6 – 3.15 to 4.15 pm
Thursday	Spanish after school club – Years 5 and 6 – 3.15 to 4.15 pm (last session) Year 1 – Multi Skills at Maricourt
Friday	Gymnastics – Year 6 – 3.15 to 4.15 pm (last session)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

11 December – Third Sunday of Advent
14 December – Year 1 concert – 2.30 pm in the school hall
15 December – Year 2 concert – 2.30 pm in the school hall
15 December – Junior concert (Year 5 and 6) 7.00 pm in church
18 December – Fourth Sunday of Advent
20 December – Infant Party and Junior Treat
21 December – end of term (early finish at 2.15 pm)
Wednesday 4 January – return to school