



HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

13 October 2017

Dear Parents

As we had problems with the internet we were not able to send out a Bulletin last week. This Bulletin covers information and events over the last 2 weeks.

Attendance Matters

We continue to work hard to improve our attendance figures – **our school target is 96.5%**. Please help us to achieve this target.

Here are the figures for week ending 29 September 2017:-

Inf 1	98%
Inf 2	95%
Inf 3	91%
Inf 4	93.7%
Inf 5	89.7%
Inf 6	95.2%
J1	98.6%
J2	91.8%
J3	92.9%
J4	86.7%
J5	93.3%
J6	98%
J7	95.2%
J8	99.3%
Total for whole school	94.17%

Here are the figures for week ending 6 October 2017:-

Inf 1	95.7%
Inf 2	93.7%
Inf 3	90.6%
Inf 4	99.3%
Inf 5	96.5%
Inf 6	95.9%
J1	96.3%
J2	97.1%
J3	98.6%
J4	94%
J5	97.7%
J6	97.3%
J7	92.9%
J8	93.1%
Total for whole school	95.62%

We have not reached our target the last 2 weeks.

Science mark

I am delighted to inform you that this week, Holy Rosary school has been awarded the Primary Science Mark which is a prestigious award, celebrating a commitment to excellence in science teaching and learning. This shows our commitment to providing a broad and stimulating curriculum. Well done to all staff and pupils.

Times Tables Rockstars

This week a group of Year 5 children represented our school in a "Times Tables Rockstars" competition at Litherland High School. I am delighted to report that they returned triumphant with a wonderful trophy. Well done to our star mathematicians.

M&M Productions

Last week the children in the juniors enjoyed a live theatre production of "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe" in our school hall. It was a magical experience for all concerned. The infant children will have a similar experience after Christmas.

Parking Banner

This week I have been very kindly contacted by a parent who has offered to provide us with a bespoke banner for the outside of school, which will hopefully encourage considerate parking. The children are going to work to provide a design for the banner. Many thanks for this very kind gesture.

J8 Class mass

The J8 class mass took place last week and was a wonderfully reflective and reverent service.

J6 Class Assembly

Thanks to everyone who came to support J6. What a wonderful assembly, there was barely a dry eye in the house.

Disco

The School Discos took place today and everyone had a great time. Many thanks to the Friends of Holy Rosary for arranging the treats.

Reception Stay and Play

Periodically throughout the year, the parents of children in Reception are invited to come into school with their child for a Stay and Play session. The sessions take place between 9.00 and 9.30 in your child's classroom and will last for half an hour. The first session for this academic year takes place on Tuesday 17 October 2017.

This particular session will be followed by a "Letters and Sounds" workshop in the school hall. This session will last until 10.00 am. We do hope you will be able to attend.

Cross country

Well done to all the children who took part in the cross country race at Maghull High on Thursday evening. There is another competition next Wednesday 18 October 2017 at Maricourt High School. A letter has been sent to parents.

Please note there will be no Cross Country After School Club next Tuesday.

Football After School Club & MADCOS Football Champions League

Last week, the Year 5 boys Football team took part in the Everton Festival at Chesterfield High School, and came runners-up out of a field of 24 teams. Well done boys, you represented the school perfectly.

There will be no Football After School Club next week due to the MADCOS Champions League taking place on Tuesday 17 October at Active Soccer in Maghull.

Clothes Labelling

Please make sure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled, as our lost property mountain is growing already.

School Photographs

The children had their photographs taken on 2 October and all proofs have all been sent home. If you would like to order photographs please complete the form and return to school by **Monday 16 October 2017** at the latest as the orders are being picked up that day.

Flu vaccination – reminder

Many thanks to everyone who has completed and returned the Flu Vaccination forms – the school nurse has called into school to pick up the forms, but we still have 18 outstanding. Individual reminders have been sent home.

May I ask that you complete and return your form to school as soon as possible. **Even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination, you still need to complete the form.** Thank you.

Height and Weight for Year 6 pupils

The school nurses will be coming into school next Tuesday 17 October 2017 to undertake the National Child Measurement Programme for the children in Year 6.

Young Voices Concert

Unfortunately, only a small number of children signed up to attend the Young Voices Concert, so a decision was made to cancel our booking.

Mrs Mitchell has decided to organise a Choir After School Club for the children in Years 4 and 5. The club will commence after the half term on a Thursday evening 3.15 to 4.10 pm. A letter has been sent home.

Parish Newsletter

Please find attached this week's Parish Newsletter.

Parents Evening

Parents Evenings are taking place on Wednesday 15 November and Thursday 16 November 2017. When we return to school after the half-term you will receive an invitation, via ParentMail, which will enable you to make an appointment with your child's class teacher. Please make sure that you are registered for ParentMail and that you have verified your account. If you have not provided us with, or have recently changed, your e mail address, please get in touch with the school office staff so that we can make the necessary amendments. It would really help communication if both parents are registered with this service.

Admission to Reception and Nursery – September 2018 – reminder

The governors of Holy Rosary School will meet in the New Year to consider applications for places in Reception and Nursery for September 2018. If you have a child who is due to start in either Nursery or Reception, please ensure you have completed the appropriate forms.

Please note that if you are applying for a place in Reception you must apply for a place for your child by completing your Local Authority's Common Admission Form – **the closing date for receipt of applications is 15 January 2018.** We have sent letters to parents of children of Nursery age, advising them of the process to follow in respect of admission to Reception. **Baptisms must have taken place prior to the closing date of 15 January 2018.**

I must remind you that it cannot be assumed younger siblings have an automatic right of admission, and parents should be aware that admission to Nursery does not guarantee a place in school. The Nursery and the School admission criteria are available on the school website.

School Nurse Drop-In Sessions

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

Wednesday 18 October 2017
Wednesday 6 December 2017
Wednesday 17 January 2018
Wednesday 7 March 2018
Wednesday 25 April 2018
Wednesday 20 June 2018

The clinic will be held in school between 8.45 and 9.30 am – 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.

Fit for Life Group

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 go for a coffee and a chat in the Hope Centre on Aintree Lane. The group next meet on:-

Thursday 2 November 2017

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

MRS C MORRIS

Headteacher

Diary for w/c 9 October 2017

Monday	J4 swimming Computer Code Club – Years 5 & 6 – 3.15 to 4.00 pm Prayer Group – Years 3 and 4 – 3.15 to 4.15 pm
Tuesday	No Football Training this week No Cross Country this week Hockey – Year 5 – 3.15 to 4.15 pm
Wednesday	Judo After School Club – 3.15 to 4.15 pm (last session)
Thursday	IDL Club – 3.15 to 4.00 pm
Friday	INSET day

DATES FOR THE DIARY

w/c 16 October – DT week

17 October – Year 5 trip – “Crucial Crew” trip – letters have been sent – Leaving school promptly at 9.00 am

17 October – Stay and Play for parents of children in Reception

17 October – MADCOS Football Champions League Competition

17 October – Sacramental Programme meeting (Session 2) for Year 4 children and parents

18 October – Cross Country Competition at Maricourt High School

20 October – INSET day

23 to 27 October – half term

30 October – return to school

1 November – School Mass in Church at 11.00 am

7 November – J6 Class Assembly 2.50 pm

w/c 13 November – Other Faiths week - Judaism

14 November – Sacramental Programme meeting (Session 3) for Year 4 children and parents

15 and 16 November – Parents Evening