



HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

16 December 2016

Dear Parents

Attendance Matters

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

Week ending	KS1	KS2
9 December 2016	Inf 3 – 95.9%	J2 – 95.5%

Christmas Performances

The Year 1 and 2 Christmas Nativity plays were wonderful. They were enjoyed by everyone and reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas. Also, last night, the roof of the church was raised by the wonderful singing of year 5 and 6. What talented children we have here in Holy Rosary School. Many thanks to all staff and parents, without whom none of this would be possible.

Staff News

After 27 years working in Holy Rosary School, Mrs Caddick, one of our much loved Teaching Assistants, has decided to retire. We all think she is far too young to retire and are extremely sad that she is leaving us. Mrs Caddick is currently working in Year 2 but many of you will remember her from the days when your children were in Reception.

Mrs Caddick has asked us to let you know that it has been a pleasure teaching your children over the years – she said they are a credit to you and that she will miss seeing their happy, smiling faces every morning.

She is leaving her legacy behind – not least the fact that she made most of our Nativity costumes! We are hoping that she will be a regular visitor in the New Year.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Varney back to school in January. There will be a handover period before she takes over the class full time.

Many of you may have noticed that congratulations are in order for Mrs Amin who is expecting a bundle of joy in March!

Also this week we have been visited in school by Mrs Wall and her beautiful baby daughter Evelyn and by Miss Hornblower and her handsome new son Blake. We were thrilled to see them and they are looking forward to returning to work later in the year.

After School Clubs

Please note there are no After School Clubs next week.

Mass Times at Holy Rosary Church

Father McShane has asked me to let you know the mass times over the Christmas period. These are as follows:-

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Saturday at 11.40 am and 5.40 pm. There will be a parish Service of Reconciliation on Tuesday 20 December at 7.00 pm

Children's Crib Service

This will take place on Thursday 22 December at 6.30 pm. Families are invited to bring their baby Jesus statues to be blessed. The flyer, giving further information, was sent out with last week's Bulletin.

Christmas Eve – Saturday 24 December

Confessions at 11.40 am – Mass at 12 noon.

Family Christmas Mass at 6.30 pm. The Mass will be geared towards children. There will be children's Carols from 6.15 pm

Christmas Carols at 8.30 pm followed by the "Midnight Mass" at 9.00 pm

Sunday 25 December – Christmas Day

Carols from 10.10 am

Christmas Mass at 10.30 am

Please note there is no evening Mass

Monday 26 December – Boxing Day

Feast of St Stephen, Patron of altar servers. Altar servers and their families are asked to make a special effort to attend Mass at 12 noon.

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.

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.

A number of parents have asked what the children should wear with their Christmas Jumper. It has now been decided that the children can wear their own clothes with their Jumpers. Please ensure your child has a lightweight top/t-shirt under their jumper in case they get too hot during the day. Apologies if there has been any confusion about this.

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 during the last week of term

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.

Reporting absences – reminder

If your child will be absent from school for any reason, we ask that you telephone the school before 9.00 am on the first day of absence and send a letter, to their class teacher, on their return. We ask that you telephone early so that we can confirm school meals numbers with the kitchen staff.

Also please let both your child's class teacher and the office know if your child has an appointment and will be coming into school later in the day.

Please note that the school office is manned from 8.30 am but you can always leave a message on the answer phone if you ring earlier.

Science Week

The children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will have received a letter this week about our exciting Science Week which takes place on 17 and 19 January 2017. Please complete and return the tear-off slip before 9 January 2017 if your child is interested in taking part.

Parents Evening for children in Nursery, Inf 1 and J4

Thanks to all the parents who made appointments this week. As always, your support is very much appreciated.

WW1 Project

This week, a number of year 5 children were interviewed, to provide narration for the WW1 project DVD. We will let you know when it is ready.

Unity Theatre visit – Years 1 and 2

Parents of children in Years 1 and 2 will have received a letter regarding the Unity Theatre Visit for their children on Thursday 5 January 2017. If you have not already done so, would you please return the permission slip before we finish school for Christmas. Thank you.

Trampolining Club

Please see attached flyer which gives details of a Trampolining Club at Deyes High School which starts in January 2017.

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

18 December – Fourth Sunday of Advent
20 December – Infant Party and Junior Treat
21 December – Christmas Jumper Day
21 December – end of term (early finish at 2.15 pm)
Wednesday 4 January – return to school