



HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

31 March 2017

Dear Parents

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 commencing 20 March 2017:-

Inf 1	98.3%
Inf 2	94.2%
Inf 3	95.5%
Inf 4	92.3%
Inf 5	97.5%
Inf 6	99.3%
J1	92.7%
J2	90.3%
J3	99.3%
J4	93%
J5	97.7%
J6	88.6%
J7	97.2%
J8	99.3%
Total for whole school	95.37%

We did not meet our target last week.

'Smiggle' Friday

The winners for last week were Antony in J8 and Sophie in INF 4

Easter Service

I was again moved to tears yesterday morning (as were many of the parents!) by the wonderful children of Holy Rosary. The Year 6 children performed a very moving re-enactment of Holy Week, with all the junior children singing most beautifully. This was a wonderful start to the Easter season, showing once again what a credit all our children are.

Craze of the Week

Craze of the Week started this week with the children choosing yo-yos as the first activity. They have had a great time, and the zone managers are doing a wonderful job.

Minnie Vinnies

Our team of Y6 Minnie Vinnies loaded up a minibus with over 80 generously donated Easter eggs this morning and headed off to a food bank distribution centre in Bootle. Staff at the centre were extremely impressed with the generosity of our families and the hard work and dedication of the Minnie Vinnie team. Thank you to all who donated.

Following the egg drop off, the Minnie Vinnie team made numerous stops around the local area to drop off Easter cards, chocolate rabbits and fresh tulips to the sick and housebound of the parish. They represented the school beautifully and we are very proud of their hard work this term. Well done Faye, Jess, Charley and Jamiee-Leigh!

Reception Stay and Pray

Our Reception classes shared their worship with their parents this week on the topic of Growing with God. The children were reverent and prayerful throughout. Many thanks to all the parents who attended and to our wonderful teachers who provide these opportunities

Easter Treats

Many thanks to the Friends of Holy Rosary, who have provided all the children with a chocolate treat today.

Year 2 SATs meeting for parents – reminder

We have arranged a meeting for all parents of children in Year 2 regarding the forthcoming SATs. This is taking place when we return to school after the Easter holidays on Thursday 20 April 2017, at 2.45 pm in the school hall. A letter was sent out last week.

Kingswood – reminder for 1st instalment – reminder

Could we please remind all parents who are paying by monthly instalments, and who have not already sent in their cash/cheque, that the 1st payment of £65 is now overdue. Please send in your payment when we return to school on Tuesday 18 April 2017. Thank you.

Reception Medical Questionnaire – reminder

Some weeks ago, all the children in Reception received a medical questionnaire from School Health. Thanks to everyone who has completed the form – there are still 18 forms outstanding. Could we please ask that you complete the form as soon as possible and return it to school. If you have mislaid your form please call into the school office to pick up a copy. Thank you.

Parent Governor - reminder

We sent out a ParentMail this week regarding our 2 Parent Governor vacancies. The close date for nominations is Wednesday 19 April 2017. Please e mail admin.holyrosary@schools.sefton.gov.uk if you have any questions – we will be checking the school e mails over the holiday period.

Lent and the Good Shepherd Collection & DVD evenings

We have collected approximately £500 so far for this year's Good Shepherd collection. His money was raised mainly in our successful DVD evenings. We will let you know the final amount raised when we return to school after the Easter holidays. All money raised is sent to the Nugent Care Society in Liverpool to support people in the Merseyside area. Many thanks to those who have already sent money into school.

Parish Newsletter

Please see this week's parish newsletter attached.

GULP

Please see attached a flyer regarding the GULP (Give Up Loving Pop) campaign. Public Health England (PHE) has announced new approaches that the food industry could take to reduce the amount of sugar children consume by placing limits on its content. Sefton is already taking action on the amount of sugar children and young people consume in sugary drinks. For more information, go to <http://www.giveuplovingpop.org.uk/gulp-challenge/sefton-gulp-challenge/> and give up pop for April.

Conference – Supporting you and your child

The Witherslack Group Conference: Supporting you and your child, will take place on Saturday 6th May 2017 at Pontville School in Ormskirk. The conference aims to support parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs, by sharing expert advice and practical support. Please see attached flyer for details.

Levy

Thanks to everyone who has already sent in their Levy contribution. To date, 115 families have not yet paid the Levy – this amounts to a £1,150 shortfall on what we are required to pay. Reminder letters will be sent out when we return to school after the Easter holidays.

Easter Services at Holy Rosary – reminder

Father Vin has asked me to let you know the times of services over the Easter:-

Sunday 9th April (Palm Sunday) - *The Blessing of the Palms and Solemn Procession will take place at the 6.00pm Saturday Mass. Please meet in the Parish Centre.*

Sun: 10.30am & 5.15pm, Mass.

Monday 10th April – 10.00am, Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

7.00 pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Meditation on the Seven Last Words.

Tuesday 11th April – 10.00am Mass.

7.00pm, Parish Service of Reconciliation.

Wednesday 12th April - 7.30pm, Chrism Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King.

Thursday 13th April (Sacred Triduum, Holy Thursday) – 10.30am Morning Prayer and Readings.

7.30pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by "Watching" until Night Prayer at 10.00pm.

Friday 14th April (Good Friday, Day of Fasting & Abstinence) 10.30am Morning Prayer and Readings.

3.00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Death; 3.00pm Separate service for children in the Parish Centre.

7.30pm "Watching at the Tomb"

Saturday 15th April (Holy Saturday)

10.30am Morning Prayer and Readings

6.00pm **NO MASS**;

9.00pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter, with Reception of Converts,

Sunday 16th April (Easter Day) – 10.30am Mass; 5.15pm **NO MASS**

Monday 17th April – 12 noon, Mass.



Summer Uniform - Reminder

When the children return to school after the Easter Holidays, they can if they wish, wear the summer uniform. Could parents please note the following with regard to summer uniform:-

Boys	White polo shirt Royal Blue Jumper
Girls	Light Blue checked dress (no shorts or culottes) White socks Royal Blue Cardigan

Boys in Year 5 and 6 can, if they wish, wear shorts during the summer months.

Can parents please ensure that sensible **black** school shoes are worn and not "flimsy" summer sandals.

We would like to remind you that "trainers" are not school uniform. We appreciate it is often difficult to distinguish between a plain black school shoe and a plain black trainer. As a rule, any black shoe with a white or coloured motif/logo/brand name that is clearly visible is not classed as school uniform.

Also, we are aware that many shops are stocking blue checked "playsuits" in the school uniform departments this year. Please be aware that we will not accept these as school uniform. The girls will continue to be allowed to wear unseen shorts under their summer dresses.

We thank you in advance for continuing to support our high standards of school uniform.

Children's Easter Event at St Giles Church

We have been asked by St Giles church to let you know about their Children's Easter Event which takes place tomorrow Saturday 1 April 2017 between 2.30 to 4.30 pm. Admission is free and there will be craft, chocolate tombola, bouncy castle, egg decorating, cake stall and refreshments.

Sacramental Programme for Year 4 pupils and their parents - reminder

The last session for this year's Sacramental programme takes place on Tuesday 25 April 2017

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 20 April 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 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.

I would like to wish you all a very happy and holy Easter. See you all on Tuesday 18 April at 8.55am.

MRS C MORRIS

Headteacher

Diary for w/c 18 April 2017

Tuesday	No netball – last session was on 29 March 2017
Wednesday	Spanish after school club – Years 5 and 6 – 3.15 to 4.15 pm
Thursday	Spanish after school club – Years 3 and 4 – 3.15 to 4.15 pm IDL Club – 3.15 to 4.00 pm Last Football training session – 3.15 to 4.15 pm (details regarding future football matches will follow)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

31 March – end of term (early finish at 2.15 pm)
17 April – Easter Monday
18 April – return to school
25 April – Sacramental Programme – Session 7
1 May – May Day Bank Holiday
w/c 8 May – KS2 SATs week
16 May – J2 class mass (during the school day)
26 May – end of term
29 May to 2 June – Half term
5 June – INSET day
6 June – return to school
w/c 6 June – DT week
13 June – Reception New parents meeting
13 June – J2 class assembly – 2.50 pm in school
w/c 19 June – Other Faiths week
20 June – J1 class assembly – 2.50 pm in school
21 June – Nursery New parents meeting
23 June – Sports Day for Years 1 to 6
27 June – School Holy Communion celebration mass
30 June – Sports Day for Nursery and Reception