



# HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

1 December 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 ending 24 November 2017:-

|                               |               |
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| <b>Inf 1</b>                  | <b>94.7%</b>  |
| <b>Inf 2</b>                  | <b>91.3%</b>  |
| <b>Inf 3</b>                  | <b>95.5%</b>  |
| <b>Inf 4</b>                  | <b>96.7%</b>  |
| <b>Inf 5</b>                  | <b>98.7%</b>  |
| <b>Inf 6</b>                  | <b>96.9%</b>  |
| <b>J1</b>                     | <b>100%</b>   |
| <b>J2</b>                     | <b>97.1%</b>  |
| <b>J3</b>                     | <b>96.4%</b>  |
| <b>J4</b>                     | <b>99.3%</b>  |
| <b>J5</b>                     | <b>96.7%</b>  |
| <b>J6</b>                     | <b>91%</b>    |
| <b>J7</b>                     | <b>98.1%</b>  |
| <b>J8</b>                     | <b>96.8%</b>  |
| <b>Total for whole school</b> | <b>96.37%</b> |

Although we did not meet our target last week, J1 achieved 100% attendance. Well done to J1.

### **'Smiggle' Friday**

The winners for last week were James in Infant 4 and Max in J3.

### **After School Clubs**

Due to the current cold weather it has been decided to cancel the Tuesday evening After School Club Football training, until the New Year. We will let you know when this is to re-commence.

The Friends Christmas DVD evening takes place next Thursday evening so both the Choir and IDL After School Clubs have been cancelled next week.

### **Year 5 and 6 Trips**

Year 6 had a wonderfully uplifting day at Lowe House on Monday and Year 5 visited Jodrell Bank on Tuesday. Both year groups represented our school extremely well.

### **Keeping Us Informed**

Please remember to let us know if you have moved house or have changed your telephone numbers, and those of family members who we have registered as emergency contacts, so that we can update the School Information Management System. Thank you.

## **Christmas Activities**

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

**Nursery** – the children will be performing their Nativity concert on Wednesday 6 December – 9.30 am\* for morning nursery children and 2.00 pm\* for afternoon nursery children.

**Reception** – the children in the Reception classes will be performing their play “Whoops-a-daisy Angel” on Friday 8 December at 2.30 pm.\* **(3 tickets per family will be issued).**

**Year 1** – the children will be performing their play “It's a Party” on Wednesday 13 December at 2.30 pm\*. **(3 tickets per family will be issued).**

**Year 2** – the children will be performing their play “The Landlord's Cat” on Thursday 14 December at 2.30 pm\*. **(3 tickets per family will be issued).**

**\*Please enter via the school hall which will not be open until 15 minutes before the performances, ie 9.15 am and 1.45 and 2.15 pm respectively.**

**Years 5 and 6** – The Christmas Presentation is taking place on Thursday 14 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 19 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 19 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.

## **Our Christmas Charity**

This year we are supporting a local Homeless Charity “Angi and Nic Homeless Support”. Therefore on Friday 15 December we are asking the children to wear a Christmas Jumper for school and bring in any of the following items:-

Chicken Soup  
Tomato Soup  
Tinned Vegetables  
Tinned Potatoes  
Baked Beans  
Rice  
Pasta  
Pot Noodles  
Biscuits, ie Kit-Kats, Penguins etc

For more information about this charity please take a look at their Facebook page “Angi and Nic's Homeless Support”. The Friends of Holy Rosary will be picking up the items and deliver them to the Charity. Many thanks for your support for this worthy cause.

## **Xmas Party Lunch**

Also on Friday 15 December, the kitchen will be serving a Christmas Party Lunch which will consist of sausage rolls, cheese puffs, chips, sandwiches, ice cream and biscuits. If your child usually brings in a Packed Lunch and would like to have the Christmas Party Lunch please let the school office staff know by next **Friday 8 December at the latest** as the kitchen need to place the orders for food on that day. If your child will be having their packed lunch as normal you may wish to put an extra “treat” in their lunch box.

### **Communication with Parents – reminder**

In an effort to keep parents up-to-date with what is going on in school, each week we send out our Bulletin. We would also like to draw your attention to our school website [www.holyrosaryschool.co.uk](http://www.holyrosaryschool.co.uk), which contains lots of information. On the website we also post all our future events – if you click on “Parents” you will see the Calendar of Events at the bottom of that menu.

### **Parish Newsletter**

Please see attached this week’s Parish Newsletter.

### **Sefton Council and Together Trust Coffee Mornings**

Please find attached flyer which gives information about coffee mornings for parents and carers with children who have social communication difficulties.

### **Dementia Friendly Christmas Carol Service**

We have been asked by the Archdiocese of Liverpool to let you know about a Carol Service that takes place in the Metropolitan Cathedral on Wednesday 20 December at 2.00 pm. The service is ecumenical and is open to all. It will last around forty minutes – everyone is most welcome.

### **Staff Car Parks – reminder**

It has been reported to us that a parent has been seen, on a number of occasions, backing into the staff car park, leaving their car there, collecting their child from school and then driving off. Could I please ask you not to enter either of the staff car parks. Thank you.

### **School Nurse Drop-In Sessions**

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

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 7 December 2017

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

**MRS C MORRIS**

Headteacher

## Diary for w/c 4 December 2017

|           |   |
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| Monday    | J3 swimming<br>Computer Code Club – Years 5 & 6 – 3.15 to 4.00 pm<br>Prayer Group – Years 3 and 4 – 3.15 to 4.00 pm |
| Tuesday   | No Football Training<br>Hockey – Year 5 – 3.15 to 4.15 pm   |
| Wednesday | Dance Club – Year 2 – 3.15 to 4.00 pm   |
| Thursday  | Deaf Active Assembly – Year 2 and 3 parents – 2.45 pm<br>DVD evening  |

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

- 2 December – Christmas Fun Day
- 3 December – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
- 5 December – Reconciliation Service for Year 4 pupils – 6.00 pm in church
- 6 December – Nursery concert
- 7 December – Deaf Active Assembly
- 7 December – DVD evening
- 8 December – Reception concert
- 10 December – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent
- 13 December – Year 1 concert
- 14 December – Year 2 concert
- 14 December – Year 5 & 6 concert – 7.00 pm in church
- 15 December – Christmas Jumper Day
- 17 December – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent
- 19 December – Infant party and Junior Treat
- 20 December – End of Term – early finish at 2.15 pm
- 24 December – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
- 8 January – return to school