



HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

24 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 13 March 2017:-

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| Inf 1 | 90% |
| Inf 2 | 92.7% |
| Inf 3 | 94% |
| Inf 4 | 98.4% |
| Inf 5 | 99.1% |
| Inf 6 | 98.3% |
| J1 | 97.1% |
| J2 | 92.5% |
| J3 | 98.3% |
| J4 | 97.5% |
| J5 | 98% |
| J6 | 97.4% |
| J7 | 99.1% |
| J8 | 95.8% |
| Total for whole school | 96.3% |

We nearly met our target last week.

Parking

Once again we have received a complaint from a local resident. On Tuesday afternoon a blue Mercedes car was parked across a resident's driveway. The resident's has had an "H-bracket" painted on the road across her driveway to deter people from parking there. The resident was upset about the whole situation especially as she has paid Sefton Council to have this installed.

The car registration number of the Blue Mercedes has been reported to the Police.

Could I please ask that you park safely and with consideration to all our local residents when bringing your children to school and picking them up at the end of the school day.

'Smiggle' Friday

The winners for last week were Hayden in J3 and Tom in Inf 5. This week's winners were Enzo in J4 and Christel in Inf 4.

Craze of the Week

Next week we are starting the "Craze of the Week" for the children in the Juniors. Each week a different set of "toys" eg yo-yos, skipping ropes, twirling ribbons, diablos etc will be on the playground for the children to play with. We have appointed Zone Managers complete with uniforms and whistles who will look after the equipment and supervise play. If this is successful in the Junior Department we will look to introduce it for Year 1 and Year 2 later in the year.

Many thanks to the Friends of Holy Rosary who kindly donated the full amount of £732.22 to pay for the equipment. Members of the committee came into school this week and met with the School Council who helped to make the arrangements for Craze of the Week. The Friends were very impressed with the choices the School Council made.

Review Day – 17 March 2017

Thanks to all who attended last week's Review Day. We hope you found it useful and informative.

Fair Trade Fortnight Fundraising

We raised a grand total of £404.60 during Fair Trade Fortnight. This money has been forwarded directly to the Fair Trade organisation.

There are still a number of cake containers in school that have not been picked up. If you want your container, please call in by the end of next week otherwise they will be disposed of. Thank you.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check – meeting for parents

A letter was sent out this week invited all parents of children in Year 1 to attend the Phonics Screening Check meeting. This is taking place on Tuesday 28 March 2017 in the school hall. The meeting will start promptly at 2.45 pm and should last no longer than 20 minutes, as the Junior children are going into the hall for their DVD evening.

Year 2 SATs meeting for parents

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 this week.

Kingswood – reminder for 1st instalment

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 due at the end of March. 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 21 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

Letters will be sent out next week regarding the 2 Parent Governor vacancies.

Lent and the Good Shepherd Collection & DVD evenings

We have collected £128 so far for this year's Good Shepherd collection. 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.

We have arranged 2 DVD evenings next week:-

Tuesday 28 March 2017 – Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 are watching "Sing"

Thursday 30 March 2017 – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are watching "Trolls"

Thank you for your continued support.

Easter Egg donation

The Minnie Vinnie's are keen to keep up their charity work in school and are asking for donations of Easter Eggs which will be taken to a local food bank. Any donations of eggs, large or small, will be greatly appreciated. Please pass eggs into school by next Thursday 30 March 2017. Many thanks.

Smart Watches

Some children have been coming into school wearing "smart" watches. Whilst the games on these watches are great fun, they are causing a disturbance in class and should be left at home. Thanks.

Parish Newsletter

Please see this week's parish newsletter attached.

Easter Services at Holy Rosary

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.



Sefton Active

Sefton Active have organised a number of events over the Easter holidays. The children in Reception to Year 6 are bringing leaflets home with them tonight. To find out more about Be Active Easter activities or to book on to them, please contact the team on 0151 288 6286 or by e mail nicola.finn@sefton.gov.uk.

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:-

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| 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.

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.

MRS C MORRIS

Headteacher

Diary for w/c 27 March 2017

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| Monday | J2 swimming Computer Code Club – Years 5 and 6 – 3.15 to 4.00 pm |
| Tuesday | Netball – Years 5 and 6 – 3.15 and 4.15 pm Junior DVD evening |
| Wednesday | Spanish after school club – Years 4, 5 and 6 – 3.15 to 4.15 pm |
| Thursday | Spanish after school club – Years 3 and 4 – 3.15 to 4.15 pm No IDL Club this week Infant DVD evening No football training this week |

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 30 March – Easter Assembly – 11 am in church
- 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