



HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

23 March 2018

Dear Parents

Attendance Matters

Here are the figures for week ending 16 March 2018:-

Inf 1	87.1%
Inf 2	82.5%
Inf 3	98%
Inf 4	92.1%
Inf 5	96%
Inf 6	97.4%
J1	92.1%
J2	97.3%
J3	99.2%
J4	94%
J5	95.4%
J6	92.2%
J7	93.5%
J8	97.3%
Total for whole school	93.86%

We did not meet our target last week.

'Smiggle' Friday

Last week's Smiggle winners were Joseph in Infant 4 and Daisy in J5. This week's winners were Eve in Infant 6 and Ethan in J6.

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.

Paying for School Activities and Educational Trips

Last week I broke the news that unfortunately, the governors have taken the decision that they will no longer be able to fund school trips, due to impending cuts to our budget because of the Government's new funding formula. I would like to add a bit of clarity around this news. Holy Rosary will become the second lowest funded school PER PUPIL in the borough- we will not have the second lowest budget. The schools that benefit from the new formula are those in areas of high deprivation - which we certainly are not. Because I, and Mrs Dimeck before me, have worked so hard with the governors to maintain a strong budget, we are in the fortunate position that a bit of belt-tightening is all that we require at present. Many schools in the borough are not in such a position and staff are being cut.

MP Bill Esterston has this week interviewed a number of Sefton headteachers about this situation and posted their comments on his twitter page.

Danone National Cup Final Tournament

The Holy Rosary Football team represented Merseyside at the North Regional Finals on Wednesday this week. This took part in St George's Park, Sheffield where the children showed tenacity, resilience and determination. The children beat the champions of Northumbria, North Yorkshire and South Yorkshire but were beaten by the Lancashire representative on penalties. The children showed some fantastic football skills, sportsmanship, respect and teamwork throughout the day and were a testament to our school. They finished the competition as Merseyside Champions and runners-up the North. Well done Boys and Mr King!!!

Note to parents of children in the football team: Due to a football match on Tuesday 10 April, there will be no Football training on that day. See ParentMail message.

Minnie Vinnies – Easter Egg collection

The Minnie Vinnies delivered the eggs to the food bank on Monday morning. The workers at the food bank were overwhelmed with the generosity of the families at Holy Rosary. Thank you for your donations.

The Minnie Vinnies also delivered Easter Cards and daffodils to local elderly residents. We have received lots of thanks from the residents – one lady in particular said that she was feeling a bit miserable that day and the kindness of the children of Holy Rosary totally lifted her spirits.

Friends of Holy Rosary – Easter Draw

The Easter Raffle took place yesterday at lunchtime. The winners were Mary Carney, Caroline Daniels and Sofia Miley. Thank you for supporting the Friends with their fundraising activities.

Chocolate treats for the children

We would like to thank the Friends of Holy Rosary for providing each child in school with a chocolate treat today.

Fencing After School Club

The Fencing after school club was due to finish this week, Thursday 22 March. Because of the snow on 8 March the club did not take place that day so an extra session has been arranged for Thursday 12 April.

Review Day – 16 March 2018

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

Autism Awareness Week

Autism Awareness Week is next week, whilst we are on our Easter holidays. Therefore, the children in KS2 have had an assembly this week to help them understand autism and how we celebrate people's differences and how unique we all are. By raising awareness of autism we are helping the children recognise that we all have different needs and how important it is to support each other.

Levy – reminder

Thanks to all the families who have sent in their payment for this year's levy. Individual reminders will be sent out when we return to school after the Easter holidays. Thank you.

Year 1 phonics screening check meeting

Thanks to the parents who attended this week's Phonics Screening Check meeting. I hope you found it useful.

Deaf Active Assembly

The Deaf Active Assembly took place on Wednesday, what a wonderful occasion this was and feedback from visitors was excellent.

Lent and the Good Shepherd Collection

Thank you for your kind donations towards the Good Shepherd collection.

We will let you know the final amount we have collected for the Nugent Care Society when we return to school after the Easter holiday.

Easter Family Fun Day

We have been asked by the landlord of the Valentine to let you know that they have arranged an Easter Family Fun day on Sunday 1 April from 2.00 to 6.00 pm in the Valentine. There will be a children's entertainer, a bouncy castle and a visit from the Easter Bunny. For further information please ring 0151 526 0417.

Easter at St Giles – reminder

We have been asked by St Giles to let you know about their Children's Easter Event which takes place on Saturday 24 March 2018 from 2.30 to 4.30 pm. There will be crafts, egg decorating, chocolate tombola, cake sale, bouncy castle (weather permitting) and much more.

School Meals – Price Increase – reminder

We have been informed by Sefton Council that the price of school meals is being increased with effect from 1 April 2018. The cost of a school meal will be increased from £2.00 to £2.10. This is the first price increase for 18 months. At £2.10, Sefton's meal charge will be amongst the lowest on Merseyside for school pupils.

Holy Rosary Parish Newsletter

Please see the attached link which takes you directly to the Holy Rosary Parish website where you can view the most recent Parish Newsletters <https://www.parishofholYROsary.co.uk/newsletters>. By accessing this link you will be able to find out what is happening in the parish, the Archdiocese and the wider community. Thank you.

School Nurse Drop-In Sessions

The dates for this year's School Nurse Drop-In Clinics are:-
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. There is no Fit for Life Group walk in April due to the Easter Holidays. The group next meet on:-

Thursday 3 May 2018

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

MRS C MORRIS
Headteacher

Diary for w/c 9 April 2018

Monday	INSET day
Tuesday	No football training this week due to the match taking place Rugby After School Club – Years 5 and 6 – 3.15 to 4.15 pm
Thursday	IDL Club – 3.15 to 4.00 pm Fencing – Year 4 – 3.15 to 4.15 pm (last session)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 26 March to 6 April – Easter Holidays
- 9 April – INSET day
- 10 April – return to school
- 24 April – Sacramental Programme meeting (Session 7) for Year 4 children and parents
- 28 April – First Holy Communion Mass – children in J3
- 5 May – First Holy Communion Mass – children in J4