



HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

16 June 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 9 June 2017:-

Inf 1	91.7%
Inf 2	95.2%
Inf 3	97.4%
Inf 4	90.3%
Inf 5	92.4%
Inf 6	97.8%
J1	95%
J2	79.2%
J3	86.7%
J4	94.6%
J5	94.8%
J6	93.1%
J7	93.3%
J8	94.6%
Total for whole school	92.57%

Again, we were nowhere near our target last week!!

'Smiggle' Friday

The winners for last week's 100% attendance gifts were Lilly in Infant 4 and Nathan in J7.

RE Monitoring Visit

This week we were visited by Mrs Denise Hegarty, who works for the Christian Education Department. She was here to monitor RE teaching and learning throughout our school. Mrs Hegarty was delighted by the standards that she saw, and complemented the children on their excellent attitudes, work and behaviour

Year 5 visit to Bridgewater Hall

Yesterday, the children in Y5, who have been learning to play the violin this year, were invited to play their instruments with the Halle Orchestra. This was a wonderful experience, as the children learned all about being a member of a professional orchestra. I was very proud to see the children's hard work culminate in this event.

First Communions

The second group of Y4 children made their First Holy Communion last Saturday. The Mass was beautiful, and the atmosphere prayerful and reverent. Best wishes to the families of the children making their Communion this week. Let's hope you have an equally wonderful day!

Parking

We have had a telephone call from a concerned resident about parking in Sandown Park Road. The resident is most concerned that, due to parents double-parking, there is going to be an accident to a child. Once again, could we please ask that you to park with consideration to residents, other road users and most importantly our children.

ParentMail – Holy Rosary Branded App - reminder

As mentioned in last week's Bulletin our new branded Holy Rosary School App is now available to download from either the Apple APP Store or the Google Play Store. Simply search **Holy Rosary Aintree**. We'd like to encourage ALL parents to download our school App as there are a number of benefits both to you and for our school:

- It's FREE for parents to download!
- All school messages will be sent securely
- No need to search through a busy email inbox for important messages
- Read and respond to school messages at work, at home or on the go
- Every message sent arrives as an instant alert on your mobile

As you know, when we send text messages to you there is a cost to the school. If all parents use the App we can stop sending text messages completely and use the money we will save to provide extra resources for your children.

ParentMail – Meetings and Events

As part of the App you will see a tab entitled "Meetings and Events". We will be able to use this to inform you of meetings and events to which you will be invited, eg class assemblies etc. When you receive an invitation to attend a meeting you will be able to indicate if you are able to attend simply by clicking a button and this will save you having to send a reply slip back to school.

We have had some positive feedback from parents who have already downloaded the Holy Rosary App, so would encourage you to download it. Thank you.

Parish Newsletter

Please find attached this week's parish newsletter.

Safety Issues

We have noticed that some children have been climbing on the railings and storage boxes on the playground when waiting with their parents at the beginning and the end of the school day. Please do not let your children climb on the equipment as they could easily fall and hurt themselves.

PE Kits

If your child brings tracksuit bottoms into school for outdoor PE lessons, could we please ask that they only bring in black or grey ones. Thank you.

Mr Tony Garrigan

Some of you may remember Mr Tony Garrigan – a previous Headteacher of Holy Rosary. We would like to let you know that Mr Garrigan passed away on 5 June. His funeral will be at St Edwards RC Church, Ivy Street, Runcorn on Friday 23 June 2017 at 11.00 am.

Arts Week

Our annual "Arts Week" takes place during week commencing 3 July 2017. This year the focus is on Spain. On Friday 7 July, we will be holding a celebration, when the children can come to school dressed in either traditional Spanish dress or colours of the Spanish Flag ie yellow and red. The celebration, to which parents are invited, will commence at 1.45 pm. A separate ParentMail has been sent.

Social Communication Coffee Events

Please see attached a flyer giving details about a coffee morning on 30 June 2017. We have been advised that the event will include a presentation and Q&A with Tina Duffy, Sleep Counsellor from the Together Trust. Tina is a sleep counsellor with vast expertise of working with families of children with social interaction difficulties and autism.

Head Lice

A parent has mentioned that their child has recently had head lice. Could we please ask that you check your child's head from time to time. I know that this is not a pleasant subject, but it is one that occurs in adults as well as children and can be quickly treated.

Medical Appointments

If your child has a medical appointment during the school day, it would greatly help if you could inform their class teacher in writing (a short note or a copy of their appointment letter would be fine) or telephone the school office. Also, please indicate if they will be in school at lunch time and will need a school meal ordering for them. Thank you.

Levy – reminder

Thanks to everyone who has already sent in their Levy contribution. Our total contribution this year is £3,480 – we are £350 short of this amount which means that 35 families have not yet paid the Levy. Second reminders will be sent out shortly. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Kingswood – reminder

Many thanks to everyone who has send in their payments for the Kingswood Residential trip. All payments should have been made by the end of May. Please send in any outstanding payments as soon as possible. Thank you.

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 last meeting for this academic year is on:-

Thursday 6 July 2017

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

MRS C MORRIS

Headteacher

Diary for w/c 19 June 2017

Monday	Swimming – Infant 5 – last session for this year Computing Club – Years 5 and 6 – 3.15 to 4.00 pm
Tuesday	Dance Club – Year 2 – 3.15 to 4.00 pm Cricket Club – Years 3 and 4 – 3.15 to 4.15 pm
Wednesday	Spanish after school club – Years 5 and 6 – 3.15 to 4.15 pm Heartstart – Year 5 – 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

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 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
- 28 June – NSPCC on-line safety workshops – information to follow
- 30 June – Sports Day for Nursery and Reception
- w/c 3 July – Arts Week
- 5 July – J1 class mass (during the school day)
- 13 July – Leaver's mass
- 14 July – Commendation Assembly
- 18 July – School disco
- 20 July – Leaver's assembly
- 20 July – end of term – early finish at 2.15 pm