



HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Dear Parents

Welcome to the first weekly Bulletin of the new school year. What a lovely start we have had to our Autumn term, even the sun decided to join us! What a shame for the children that it waited until they returned to school to shine again! The atmosphere in school has been lovely these last few days and the children have made an excellent start to their new school year. I am delighted with the way all children have returned to school – all looking smart and ready to learn. Thank you for the time and effort you have put into preparing them for their return to school and for adhering to our uniform policy.

I would particularly like to welcome all the new children who have started in Reception and their families. I hope that you will all be very happy here as part of the Holy Rosary School Community. I would also like to welcome our new staff members Miss Middleton and Miss Stephenson in Y3.

School Phone Lines

Unfortunately, we have been having some issues with our telephone lines since returning to school. Whilst we are now able to accept calls, only one of the three phones in the main office actually rings out. Please be patient whilst we continue to work with Virgin Media to get this sorted. If you are simply passing on a message and do not need to speak to anyone, please feel free to use the admin email address which will be checked periodically throughout the day - admin.holyrosary@schools.sefton.gov.uk Alternatively, if you do need to speak to a member of staff please let the phone ring as long as possible to allow our office staff time to get across the office to the only ringing phone!

School Meals

I would like to remind you that the cost of school meals remains at £2.53 per day, ie £12.65 per week. If you do not pay on the ParentMail app we ask that dinner money is sent into school on a Monday morning in an envelope marked with your child's name. Cheques should be made payable to "Sefton MBC".

As you know, the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 all receive a Universal Infant Free School Meal.

Just a reminder that we have pupils with allergies in school so please **do not send your child in with nuts or products containing nuts such as Peanut Butter, Kinder or Nutella treats**. In keeping with a healthy lifestyle, there should only be one treat in the packed lunch box. Many thanks.

ParentMail

ParentMail will be updated, from the details held in the School Information Management System next week. At the moment it will still show your child's previous class/teacher. Please make sure we have your up-to-date details (new mobile numbers/contacts etc) by early next week as this helps ensure good communication between school and home.

We would encourage all parents to sign up to ParentMail and to download the Holy Rosary School App. The App can be downloaded from either the [Apple APP store](#) or the [Google Play Store](#) – simply search **ParentMail**. Please note, parents will need to be registered on ParentMail in order to access the App and will login with their account details.

Parents new to our school community will receive a notification/link early next week to join our school Parentmail system.

Playground

Our school gates open at 8:45am and children can go straight into their classrooms. Parents of our older pupils are encouraged to let their children walk around the back of the school by themselves, now that they are all settled into their new morning routines. Please be mindful in the mornings that teachers have to start lessons,

therefore first thing in the morning is not always the best time for any lengthy conversations about your child. If you have any concerns or need to pass on detailed information, then please contact the school office who will be happy to pass on concerns or arrange an appointment/telephone call with the teacher for you.

Thank you for your patience at the end of the school day whilst the staff become familiar with who collects their pupils. As a larger primary school, our playground is very congested at the end of the school day, particularly at the end of the front yard closest to the second car park, three year groups use this exit point. Can I ask parents of older pupils to agree a regular meeting point, still on the playground, for your child to meet you, slightly away from the railings/classrooms in order that our younger pupils can see more clearly. Teachers remain on the playground every evening until all pupils have been collected. Children's safety is paramount at this time. Thank you for your support.

We welcome children riding to and from school on scooters or bikes. Please feel free to leave them in the bike shed on the front playground until the end of the day as the school gates are locked promptly. Please be aware that whilst we do not allow children near the bikes/scooters during the school day, you do leave them at your own risk and school cannot replace any lost or damaged items. If you do intend to leave items here I would advise you to put a marking on them that you recognise, to avoid any mix ups. May I also request that you remind your child to dismount their wheeled toys as they come through the school gates, as there are a lot of people about and we do not want any unnecessary accidents.

Dogs (including those that are carried) are not allowed on the school premises. Apart from the issue of dog fouling, some children are frightened of dogs and others have allergies. Please could you inform grandparents or anyone else who brings your child to school of this. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Class Dojo

Please bear with us whilst all information/access on Class Dojo is updated to the new teachers etc. If you need to contact your child's teacher in the meantime this will be via the school office. Thank you.

Asthma Inhalers/Medical needs

If your child needs an inhaler in school or has any medical needs we are unaware of, please call in to the school office ASAP with any inhalers and complete an up-to-date form.

Flu Vaccination Programme

Children from Reception to Year 6 will be offered their Intra Nasal Flu Vaccination later this month. Please look out for a Parentmail next week confirming how the immunisation team intend to manage this this year.

School Music Service Y3 – Y6

It is our belief that music greatly enriches the life of a child, both academically and socially. With that in mind, The Schools Music Service will be returning to provide instrumental music tuition in school again this year. They currently offer classes on clarinet, flute, guitar and keyboard in school, in small group half hour sessions, during the school day. If you would like more information about classes here is a link to their website where you can see how everything works - www.schoolsmusicservice.co.uk

If you know what instrument your child would like to learn, or you have learned with them before, you can register for classes on their website and they will sort everything out for you. Also, if your child has had music tuition with them in their previous academic year, please ensure that you have made a new application for this year's tuition to put them back onto the teacher's pupil list.

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 by accessing this link www.holyrosarychurch.co.uk you will be able to find out what is happening in the parish, the Archdiocese and the wider community.

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