



# HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

18 October 2024

Dear Parents

### Attendance Matters

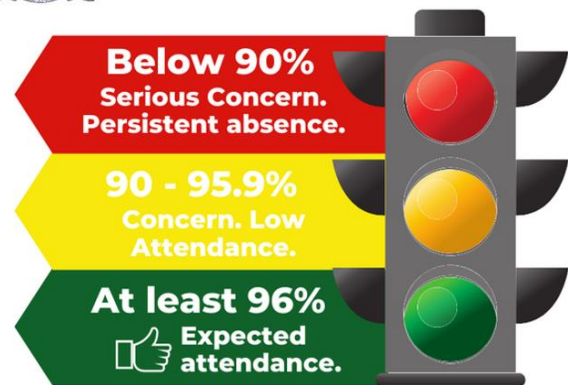
Attendance is a key area for improvement for our school this year. Having good attendance at school improves children’s life chances and sets them in good habits for the future. It can be challenging for parents to understand attendance figures, as in all other circumstances a score of 90% and above would be deemed as an excellent achievement, though this is obviously not the case in terms of school attendance. With this in mind, I will be adding more information regarding attendance to the bulletin each week, starting with our traffic light system below:

Here are the figures for our school this week:

Inf 1	96.5%
Inf 2	91.3%
*Inf 3	96.7%
Inf 4	92.3%
Inf 5	88.3%
Inf 6	94%
J1	97%
J2	97.3%
*J3	97.7%
J4	96.6%
J5	92%
J6	97.3%
J7	96.2%
J8	95.8%
<b>Total for whole school</b>	<b>94.9%</b>



## ATTENDANCE EVERY DAY COUNTS!



**Expected attendance means having no more than seven days off this school year!**

Expected attendance as set by the Department of Education is 96.7%.

Unfortunately, we did not meet this expectation again this week.

Well done to those classes highlighted in green who did manage to meet or exceed expected attendance.

\*INF 3 and J3 were the winners of the class attendance award this week, 2 weeks running for J3!

### J6 Assembly

J6 presented their learning from their Religious Education lessons in a class assembly on Wednesday morning. The topic was ‘Ourselves’ and the children shared their many individual gifts and talents. They also reminded us of the need to accept people’s differences and that being unique is something to be celebrated. It was a wonderful showcase of their work, well done J6!

### #kNOwnifecrime

You may recall that last April our school took part in the Sefton wide #kNOwnifecrime school campaign. Twenty pupils from upper key stage two, along with Mr Williams, Mr Bain and Mrs King ran the 1.7 mile route

to Melling Primary for our leg of the MADCOS (Maghull and District Cluster of Schools) relay while we all cheered them on. It really was a heart-warming event that not only supported the charity and raised awareness, but also celebrated relationships between our local schools. There was a lot of money raised which has led to all schools involved being provided with a Bleed Control Kit and outdoor storage cabinet. Our cabinet has been installed today on the front railings of the staff car park next to the doctor's surgery. This kit can be accessed, in the same way as defibrillators via the emergency services in the event of anyone in the local community having a life-threatening bleed, though we hope it is never needed!

Laura Hughes, the founder of #kNOwnifecrime has raised over £115K for bleed control kits and educating thousands on knife crime. She has been nominated for a pride of Britain Award! We wish her the best of luck at the awards next week.

### **School Disco – Contributions to Zoe's Place**

The school Discos will take place on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October** during the school day for all pupils, Nursery to Year 6. All the children can wear their own clothes to come to school that day (football kits may be worn). We ask that the children bring a suggested donation of £2.50, which will cover the cost of treats and allow us to make a suitable donation towards Zoe's Place Liverpool, which I am sure you will already know is in desperate need of funding. If anyone wishes to make a more generous donation, then we will obviously ensure that this is passed on.

### **Relationships and Sex Education**

Please see letter attached from Mrs Wall, our RSE lead. There have been no changes to this curriculum since last year. This letter is just a reminder of the programme for those of you with children from Y1 – Y6. Those new to the school this September will hopefully find it most informative. Thank you.

### **Admission to Secondary School – September 2024 – reminder**

Am gentle reminder that all applications for secondary school must be submitted, on-line, by the national deadline which is **31 October 2024**.

If you live in Knowsley or Liverpool, you may need to contact your local authority for further advice on the correct procedure to follow.

Please note that if you are applying for a place for your child in a Voluntary Aided School, i.e., Maricourt, you will need to contact the school directly to complete one of their Supplementary Information Forms. A further reminder that the national deadline for Secondary applications is **31 October 2023**.

### **Admission to Reception and Nursery – September 2025**

The governors of Holy Rosary School will meet in the New Year to consider applications for places in Reception and Nursery for September 2025. If you have a child who is due to start in either Nursery or Reception, please ensure you have completed the appropriate forms.

Please note that if you are applying for a place in Reception you must apply for a place for your child by completing your Local Authority's Common Admission Form – **the closing date for receipt of applications is 15 January 2025**. **Please note that baptisms must have taken place prior to the closing date of 15 January 2025**.

**I must remind you that it cannot be assumed younger siblings have an automatic right of admission, and parents should be aware that admission to Nursery does not guarantee a place in school.**

The Nursery and the School admission criteria are available to view on the school website.

### **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](http://www.holyrosarychurch.co.uk) you will be able to find out what is happening in the parish, the Archdiocese and the wider community.

## Diary for w/c 21st October 2024

Monday	Yr. 3 Gymnastics – ends 4.15 pm. Yr. 5 & Yr.6 Girls Football – Invited pupils – ends 4.15pm
Tuesday	J3 Swimming Yr.5 and Yr. 6 Performing Arts - Mr Stavers ends 4:15pm Yr. 4 Netball – After School Club Company - ends 4.15pm
Wednesday	Yr. 4 Dodgeball – After School Club Company - ends 4.15pm
Thursday	School Disco ( <b>Own clothes</b> ) Yr. 3 Circuit Training - After School Club Company – ends 4.15pm Yr. 6 – Basketball – Mr Beenham Maricourt – ends 4.15pm
Friday	<b>INSET DAY</b> – School closed for pupils

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – **RETURN TO SCHOOL – 8:45AM**