



HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

3 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 week commencing 20 February 2017:-

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| Inf 1 | 94% |
| Inf 2 | 95.5% |
| Inf 3 | 93.1% |
| Inf 4 | 99% |
| Inf 5 | 97.9% |
| Inf 6 | 98.6% |
| J1 | 96.7% |
| J2 | 96.7% |
| J3 | 98.3% |
| J4 | 93.3% |
| J5 | 90.3% |
| J6 | 98.6% |
| J7 | 97.2% |
| J8 | 95.3% |
| Total for whole school | 96.04% |

We were very close to our target last week.

'Smiggle' Friday

Your children may have told you about our Smiggle treats. Each Friday at our commendation assemblies for KS1 and KS2, all the children who achieved 100% attendance the previous week will have the chance to win a Smiggle gift in our Friday morning draw. We began this new initiative this morning amidst much excitement. The winners were Ella in the juniors and Maia in the infants. They had great fun choosing their Smiggle treats. Many other children have their eye on a gift that they would like choose if they are the lucky winner next time. They will of course have to have 100% attendance during the week to be entered in the draw.

Police Visit

The children in reception had some very special visitors today. Police officers Andy and Lorna came along with their very large mascot Bobby, to talk to the children. This was a fantastic session in which the children learned all about the work of the police. Many thanks to Mrs Dempsey for organising this exciting session.

Parent Governor

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. We will be sending a letter home with the children next week – please read the information carefully and consider becoming a governor.

Review Day – 18 March 2017

Early next week you should receive an e mail, via ParentMail, inviting you to make an appointment with your child's class teacher on 17 March 2017, so please check your e mails. The children are asked to accompany their parents to the meeting. Thank you.

Fair Trade Fortnight

In Year 6 we have a small team of "Minnie Vinnie's" (a junior version of the St Vincent De Paul Society) who carry out charitable works. They would like to hold a bake sale next Friday to contribute to Fairtrade Fortnight. They are requesting donations of cakes that have been baked using a Fairtrade ingredient. If you are able to bake some cakes, please send them into school on Friday morning, with a note to say which Fairtrade ingredient has been used. Children may bring a maximum of 50p to buy a cake.

Lent and the Good Shepherd Collection

During Lent, in keeping with the idea of "giving without receiving" we ask the children to bring money into school in support of the work of the Nugent Care Society in Liverpool. All money raised will go to support people in the Merseyside area. Many thanks to those who have already sent money into school.

To help swell the funds for the Nugent Care Society, we will be organising DVD Film Evenings for the children. Further details will follow. Thank you for your continued support.

Parking and traffic concerns

We received another complaint this week from a local resident. The resident who lives nearby could not get out of her road as our parents were blocking the entrance to the road. When she asked them to move they shouted at her using abusive language. I am appealing again for parents to be considerate to our neighbours.

World Book Day

The children all looked fantastic in their outfits yesterday, as did all the staff. Many thanks for all the effort. We had a fabulous day of learning!

Year 6 SATs meeting

Parents of children in Year 6 will have received a letter yesterday regarding the SATs meeting. This is taking place next Thursday 9 March 2017 at 3.15 pm in the classroom.

Year 6 Residential – September 2017 – reminder

The parents of children in Year 5 will have received a letter last week regarding the residential. Deposits should have been in by last Tuesday 28 February 2017. We are still awaiting 5 deposits. If you have not already done so, could you please send in your deposit as soon as possible as we are waiting to pay the invoice. Thank you.

Vomiting – reminder

If your child has been off school with vomiting, it is important that they stay at home for at least 24 hours after the last bout, as otherwise bugs spread very quickly through the school environment. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Parish Newsletter

Please find attached this week's Parish Newsletter.

Science Under the Stars – Our Fragile Earth – reminder

We have been asked to let you know about a Festival of Primary Science that is being held at Edge Hill University on Friday 24 March 2017 from 4.00 to 7.00 pm. There will be exciting interactive stalls, activities and lectures all focused on helping children to understand our planet, its place in the solar system and how to take care of it. There is no need to book and all activities are free.

School Levy – reminder

We send out the Archdiocesan Levy letter this week. Many thanks to all of you who have already sent in your donation.

Sacramental Programme for Year 4 pupils and their parents - reminder

Father McShane has asked us to let you know about the dates of the forthcoming Sacramental programme meetings:-

Session 6 – Tuesday 14 March 2017

Session 7 – Tuesday 25 April 2017

Fit for Life Group – Change of Venue for coffee and a chat

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 15 March 2017 from 8.45 to 9.30 am

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 6 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 |
| 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 IDL Club – 3.15 to 4.00 pm Boys Football training – 3.15 to 4.15 pm |

DATES FOR THE DIARY

7 March – J3 – Class Assembly – 2.50 pm
14 March – Sacramental Programme – Session 6
17 March – Review Day (further details to follow)
22 March – J5 class mass (during the school day)
30 March – Easter Assembly
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