



# HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

15 September 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 8 September 2017:-

<b>Inf 3</b>	<b>99.2%</b>
<b>Inf 4</b>	<b>98.3%</b>
<b>Inf 5</b>	<b>91.1%</b>
<b>Inf 6</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>J1</b>	<b>97.8%</b>
<b>J2</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>J3</b>	<b>93.8%</b>
<b>J4</b>	<b>93.3%</b>
<b>J5</b>	<b>98.3%</b>
<b>J6</b>	<b>98.8%</b>
<b>J7</b>	<b>98.4%</b>
<b>J8</b>	<b>96.6%</b>
<b>Total for whole school</b>	<b>97.2%</b>

We met our target last week. Keep up the good work.  
Well done to Infant 6 and J2 for achieving 100% attendance last week.

### **School Meals – reminder**

I would like to remind you that the cost of school meals remains at £2.00 per day, ie £10 per week. We are expecting the next increase to come into effect in April 2018.

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.

### **ParentMail & SIMS – reminder**

Next week we will be sending home the Data Collection Sheets. Could we ask that you check the details, make any necessary amendments and return the form to school. Once we have updated the School Information Management System (SIMS), any changes of telephone numbers or e mail addresses, will automatically be transferred over to ParentMail. If changes are made to your ParentMail account you will receive a notification from them asking you to confirm the changes. Please make sure we have your up-to-date details as this helps ensure good communication between school and home.

### **Asthma Inhalers – reminder**

Children's inhalers were sent home at the end of July. If your child needs an inhaler in school please call in to the school office with the inhaler to complete an up-to-date form.

### **Flu vaccination – reminder**

The parents of children in Reception, Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 received a letter last week regarding the annual flu vaccination programme. If you have not already done so, may I ask that you complete and return your form to school by next week. Even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination, you still need to complete the form. Thank you.

### **First Holy Communion and Reconciliation for children in Year 4**

The first session of this year's With You Always Programme for children in Year 4 takes place next Tuesday 19 September 2017 in Holy Rosary Parochial Centre as follows:-

5.30 pm for children in J3 and their parents

6.30 pm for children in J4 and their parents

Unfortunately, Holy Rosary Parish is currently experiencing technical difficulties with their website and cannot receive any e mails to the With You Always in box. If you have any problems or need to get in touch with the With You Always team, would you please e mail Mrs Jo Baines directly on [bainesjo@gmail.com](mailto:bainesjo@gmail.com). Thank you.

### **Parish Newsletter**

Please find attached this week's Parish Newsletter.

### **Practical Maths Kits**

When children move into Year 1 they are given a Practical Maths Kit Activity Pack to take home to help with their maths skills. At the end of Year 2 we ask for the kits to be returned to school. Could we please ask all parents of children who are now in Year 3 to return their kits to school as soon as possible so that we can give them to the children in Year 1. Thank you.

### **Grapes in School**

When grapes are served with School Meals, the kitchen staff always cut them up before serving them to the children. If your child brings a Packed Lunch into school, could I please ask that you too cut the grapes to prevent any possible choking hazard.

### **Kingswood**

The children in Year 6 are going on their residential on Monday 25 September. If your child normally has a packed lunch and you would like them to have a school meal on the Monday before they leave for Kingswood please let the school office staff know. The cost of a meal is £2.00. If your child is bringing a packed lunch to school that day could you please put it in a disposable bag – no lunch boxes please. **If your child normally has a school meal you do not need to do anything, a school meal will automatically be ordered for them.** Thank you.

### **Judo After School Club**

This week the children in Years 3 and 4 attended a Judo demonstration in school. Tonight the children will be bringing home a letter which gives information about an After School Club that Judo Education will be running in school from next Wednesday 20 September 2017, for 5 weeks. If you would like your child to attend this club please complete the form and return to school with a payment of £25.00. Please note places are limited to 30 children. Thank you.

### **Football**

Following a great Trial session this week which 35 children attended, Mr King had a really difficult task picking the school squad of 24 players. Slips went home yesterday to advise you if your child was chosen to be part of the squad.

Football training for the squad will begin on Tuesday 19 September 2017 from 3.15 to 4.15 pm until further notice. Please ensure that your child brings their football kits into school each Tuesday. If we have to cancel the training for any reason a ParentMail message will be sent.

**Music Roadshow – reminder**

Schools Music Service provides music tuition for the children in the Juniors and this, over the last couple of years, has proved to be very popular. The Music Service staff will be coming in to school on Tuesday 20 September at 3.30pm to demonstrate their instruments to pupils and parents. Any child in year 3 who is interested in starting to play an instrument (or anyone else in the juniors who doesn't already play) should go along, to the school hall, with their parents to see what's on offer. Prices are very competitive.

**Meet the Teacher for children in Years 1 to 6 – reminder**

The Meet the Teacher sessions will be held on 20 and 21 September 2017. A letter was sent out this week.

**Reception – Welcome Assembly and Meet the Teacher – reminder**

The Reception Welcome Assembly will take place on Wednesday 27 September 2017 at 2.50 pm in the school hall. Following the assembly, the teachers will have their "Meet the Teacher" session in the hall. The Teaching Assistants will take the children back to their classrooms whilst the Meet the Teacher session takes place. Further information will follow.

**Admission to Secondary School – September 2018**

This week all the children in Year 6 were given a letter regarding how to apply for a place in Secondary School for September 2018. Please note that all applications must be submitted, on-line, by the national deadline which is **31 October 2017**.

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, ie Maricourt, you will need to contact the school directly to complete one of their Supplementary Information Forms.

**School Photographs – reminder**

School Photographs are being taken on Monday 2 October 2017. During the day children will have the opportunity to have an individual and a family photograph taken.

**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 group next meet on:-

Thursday 5 October 2017

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

**MRS C MORRIS**

Headteacher

**Diary for w/c 18 September 2016**

Monday	J4 swimming
Tuesday	Football Training

Wednesday Session 1 of the With You Always programme (J3 at 5.30pm & J4 at 6.30pm)  
Judo After School Club – 3.15 to 4.15 pm (for 5 weeks)  
Meet the teacher sessions for children in Year 1 and 2

Thursday Meet the teacher sessions for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

#### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

19 September – Sacramental Programme meeting (Session 1) for Year 4 children and parents  
20 September – “Meet the Teacher” (Year 1 and 2)  
21 September – “Meet the Teacher” (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6)  
25 to 29 September – Year 6 residential  
27 September – Reception Welcome Assembly  
2 October – School Photographs  
4 October – J8 class mass (in school)  
10 October – J6 class assembly at 2.50 pm in school hall  
13 October – school disco (during the school day)  
w/c 16 October – DT week  
17 October – Sacramental Programme meeting (Session 2) for Year 4 children and parents  
20 October – INSET day  
23 to 27 October – half term  
30 October – return to school