



# HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

7 November 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 19 October 2017:-

<b>Inf 1</b>	<b>87.9%</b>
<b>Inf 2</b>	<b>87.1%</b>
<b>Inf 3</b>	<b>89.9%</b>
<b>Inf 4</b>	<b>98.3%</b>
<b>Inf 5</b>	<b>99.2%</b>
<b>Inf 6</b>	<b>96.6%</b>
<b>J1</b>	<b>98.8%</b>
<b>J2</b>	<b>99.1%</b>
<b>J3</b>	<b>96.4%</b>
<b>J4</b>	<b>96.7%</b>
<b>J5</b>	<b>94.2%</b>
<b>J6</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>J7</b>	<b>94.8%</b>
<b>J8</b>	<b>88.8%</b>
<b>Total for whole school</b>	<b>94.84%</b>

**We did not meet our target last week. Well done to J6 for achieving 100% attendance.**

### **'Smiggle' Friday**

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. This Friday's winners of the Smiggle prize are Jessica in Infant 5 and Jack in J4.

To have a chance to win a prize the children must of course have 100% attendance for the whole week to be entered in the draw.

### **Mass**

On Wednesday the children in the juniors attended Mass to celebrate the feast of All Saints. This was a most reverent and prayerful occasion, with behaviour exemplary throughout. Many of the parishioners commented to me about how wonderful the children are. I am – as always, very proud of them all.

### **The Great Fire of Aintree**

What an exciting time the children in Year 2 had on Tuesday. The fire service came to school in their fire engine to carry out a re-enactment of the Great Fire of London, which is the current Year 2 History topic. The children's learning was really brought alive as they watched this event, and there was much excitement. The fire service then took the children into the hall for a fire safety talk.

### **Junior Chef**

The children in Year 5 have today attended Davenhill School to take part in a Junior Chef event. They have had the chance to experience food in the time of World War1. They have brought samples of what they have made home for you to share with them – enjoy!!!

### **Complaint about Parking**

This week we received a complaint from a local resident regarding parking. One of the things the resident mentioned was that parents are arriving to pick up children very early – sometimes earlier than 2.30 pm. We realise that some people come early to get a car park space near to the school but it is causing problems for local residents being able to access the car park space outside their own homes.

### **Starting School in 2018**

We would like to remind all parents of children who are due to start in Reception in September 2018, that in order for their child to be allocated a school place they must complete the Local Authority admissions application process. Letters have been sent home to advise you about this process – applications must be completed by 15 January 2018.

Attending a nursery does not mean that children will automatically be admitted to a primary school and that a separate application for a place to start school must be made.

If you have not already done so, could we please ask that you call into the school office with your proof of address, ie Council Tax Bill. Thank you.

### **e-Safety**

May I remind all parents to ensure that “parental controls” are all up to date on any electronic devices that your children have access to. This is particularly relevant if you are thinking of buying new devices for Christmas presents.

### **Christmas Fayre – reminder**

Message from the Friends of Holy Rosary:

“We are organising the Christmas Fayre which will take place on Saturday 2 December 2017 and would be very grateful for any help on the day. If you can help, please either e mail us on [friendsofholyrosary@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:friendsofholyrosary@hotmail.co.uk) or pass your name into the school office.

Also, if you have any unwanted gifts to donate or can donate a prize from your place or work or business then please pass these into the school office. Many thanks.”

### **Clothes Labelling**

We often let you know about the amount of items in Lost Property and the mountain of items continues to grow.

With this in mind, the Friends of Holy Rosary have registered with a company, Stampstastic, who produce personalised stampers which can be used to mark items of uniform – in fact the stampers can be used to label metal, wood, fabrics and some plastics.

If you would like to order stampers please visit the website [www.stampstastic.co.uk](http://www.stampstastic.co.uk), order your stampers and quote the Code L106NJ. For every stamper ordered the Friends of Holy Rosary will receive Cashback, which in turn will be spent by the Friends on the children in the school.

We will be sending a leaflet home with the children next week which provides further information. As always the Friends appreciate your support.

### **Flu vaccination – reminder**

We still have 7 outstanding flu vaccination forms. Second reminders have been sent home.

May I ask that you complete and return your form to school as soon as possible. **Even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination, you still need to complete the form.** Thank you.

### **Parents Evening – reminder**

Parents Evenings are taking place on Wednesday 15 November and Thursday 16 November 2017. Next week we will be sending you a ParentMail message inviting you to make an appointment with your child's class teacher. Please make sure that you are registered for ParentMail and that you have verified your account. If you have not provided us with, or have recently changed, your e mail address, please get in touch with the school office staff so that we can make the necessary amendments. It would really help communication if both parents are registered with this service.

### **School Nurse Drop-In Sessions**

The dates for this year's School Nurse Drop-In Clinics are:-

Wednesday 6 December 2017

Wednesday 17 January 2018

Wednesday 7 March 2018

Wednesday 25 April 2018

Wednesday 20 June 2018

The clinic will be held in school between 8.45 and 9.30 am – 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.

### **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 7 December 2017

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

### **MRS C MORRIS**

Headteacher

### **Diary for w/c 6 November 2017**

Monday	J3 swimming Computer Code Club – Years 5 & 6 – 3.15 to 4.00 pm Prayer Group – Years 3 and 4 – 3.15 to 4.00 pm
Tuesday	Football – 3.15 to 4.15 pm Cross Country – Year 4, 5 & 6 – 3.15 to 4.15 pm Hockey – Year 5 – 3.15 to 4.15 pm
Wednesday	Dance Club – Year 2 – 3.15 to 4.00 pm
Thursday	IDL Club – 3.15 to 4.00 pm Choir – Year 4 and 5 – 3.15 to 4.00 pm
Friday	Girls Football – Year 5 and 6 – 3.15 to 4.15 pm

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

- 7 November – J5 Class Assembly 2.50 pm
- w/c 13 November – Other Faiths week - Judaism
- 14 November – Sacramental Programme meeting (Session 3) for Year 4 children and parents
- 15 and 16 November – Parents Evening
- 27 November – Year 6 Retreat day – letter to follow
- 28 November – Year 5 trip to Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre – letter to follow
- 29 November – J7 Class Mass – during the school day
- 30 November – Year 3 & 4 Advent Service – 7 pm in church
- 2 December – Christmas Fayre
- 3 December – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent
- 5 December – Reconciliation Service for Year 4 pupils – 6.00 pm in church
- 6 December – Nursery concert – details to follow
- 8 December – Reception concert – details to follow
- 10 December – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent
- 13 December – Year 1 concert – details to follow
- 14 December – Year 2 concert – details to follow
- 14 December – Year 5 & 6 concert – 7.00 pm in church
- 17 December – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent
- 19 December – Infant party and Junior Treat
- 20 December – End of Term – early finish at 2.15 pm
- 24 December – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
- 8 January – return to school