



HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

2 December 2016

Dear Parents

Attendance Matters

Here are the winning classes' attendance figures for last week:-

Week ending	KS1	KS2
25 November 2016	Inf 5 – 97.1%	J2 – 99%

Advent Service

Last night, the children in the lower juniors raised the roof of the church with their magnificent singing. They helped us all to reflect on Advent as a time of preparation. Many thanks to all children, staff and parents for their hard work. Also many thanks to Mrs Cummins who rang Radio Merseyside today to tell the whole of the area how wonderful this event was. If you would like to listen to the show, it can be found by accessing <http://www.bbc.co.uk/radiomerseyside> and clicking on today's Roger Phillips Show - you will find it at 1 hour and 25 minutes into the broadcast. Unfortunately Father Vin was unable to join us as he is in hospital, but we remembered him in our prayers.

Christmas Fun Day

The Christmas Fun Day is taking place tomorrow, Saturday 3 December 2016 between 12 noon and 3.00 pm in Holy Rosary Parish Centre. Many thanks for all your donations of cakes, chocolate and bottles.

The proceeds from the Christmas Fun Day to go providing the Christmas treats for the children. The Scout Group are running the Grotto – any monies they collect will go directly to their funds.

Parents Evening for children in Nursery, Inf 1 and J4

Parent's evenings for children in J4 (Mr Riley) will take place on Monday 12 December between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm. Infant 1 (Mrs Seddon) will take place on Tuesday 13 December again between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm.

You will be able to make your appointment via ParentMail next week.

Nursery parents will receive details of their parents evening next week.

WW1 Project

The children in Year 5 represented our school magnificently on Wednesday afternoon at a remembrance service in St Giles Church. It was a very moving service and all the schools in attendance rose to the occasion.

Zoolab

Zoolab brought a range of creature into school yesterday, so the children in Year 1 could experience them at close hand! A marvellous time was had by all.

Christmas Charity – reminder

This year we have chosen the Missionaries of Charity in Seel Street, Liverpool as our Christmas Charity. This charity helps the homeless by providing food and where possible, shelter for those who have nowhere to live and no one else to care for them. At Christmas time I always reflect on how fortunate I am to be part of a

loving family and to belong to such a wonderful school community. However, I am only too aware that this is not the case for everyone.

We will be holding a Christmas Jumper day on the last day of term Wednesday 21 December for a donation of £1. If everyone joins in and contributes, we will raise £500 for this very worthwhile charity. If your child doesn't have a Christmas jumper, please don't go to any expense as a top in festive colours will be fine.

Christmas Cards

Some years ago the children of Holy Rosary School decided that they would rather support a charity than send Christmas cards to each other. With this in mind, we are suggesting that the children support our chosen Christmas charity as detailed above rather than sending each other cards. Many thanks

Reporting absences – reminder

If your child is absent from school for any reason please telephone before 9.00 am on the first day of absence and send a letter, to their class teacher, on their return. Please note that the school office is manned from 8.30 am but you can always leave a message on the answer phone if you ring earlier.

Aiming High Family Support Team event

Aiming High Family Support Team is running Sleep Awareness Workshops for parents and carers of disabled children. The workshop covers:

- Understanding your child's sleep needs
- What can impact on your child's ability to sleep
- Helping your child to 'self-soothe' themselves back to sleep
- Avoiding disturbed nights
- Encouraging independence at bedtime
- Developing good sleep routines for your child

The workshop is FREE of charge. Please contact Aiming High on 0151 934 3830 if you are interested in attending this 2 ½ hour workshop.

Flu Jabs for children

We have been asked by Sefton Council's Commissioning Groups to pass on the following information about flu jabs:-

"The flu vaccination is one of the most effective ways to reduce harm from flu as it reduces risk of serious illness, hospitalisation and even death among those who are most at risk".

The vaccine is free for children from 2-4 years of age.

Christmas Activities – reminder

This year's Christmas performances and events are listed below:-

Nursery – the children will be performing their Nativity concert on Wednesday 7 December – 9.15 am* for morning nursery children and 2.00 pm* for afternoon nursery children.

Reception – the children in the Reception classes will be performing their play "It's a Baby" on Friday 9 December at 2.30 pm.* **(3 tickets per family will be issued).**

Year 1 – the children will be performing their play "Woops a Daisy Angel" on Wednesday 14 December at 2.30 pm*. **(3 tickets per family will be issued).**

Year 2 – the children will be performing their play "Prickly Hay" on Thursday 15 December at 2.30 pm*. **(3 tickets per family will be issued).**

***Please enter via the school hall which will not be open until 15 minutes before the performances, ie 9.00 am and 1.45 and 2.15 pm respectively.**

Years 3 and 4 – The children in Years 3 and 4 are presenting the Advent service on Thursday 1 December at 7.00 pm in Holy Rosary Church. Children should be in church by 6.45 pm wearing school uniform.

Years 5 and 6 – The Christmas Presentation is taking place on Thursday 15 December, at 7.00 pm in Holy Rosary Church. The children should be in church by 6.45 pm wearing their school uniform.

The Infant Christmas Party for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 is on Tuesday 20 December. The Infant children can wear their own clothes to school that day and will have party games in the morning. After lunch they will see the entertainer and have a visit from Santa. The Friends are paying for the entertainer and a gift for each child.

The children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are having a Christmas treat in school on Tuesday 20 December. The children can wear their own clothes for school that day. Each year group will have the opportunity to pick a DVD that they would like to see. The Friends of Holy Rosary will be providing the DVDs and refreshments for the children.

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:-

Reconciliation – Wednesday 7 December 2016 (J3 at 5.30 pm and J4 at 6.30 pm)
Session 4 – Tuesday 17 January 2017
Session 5 – Tuesday 21 February 2017
Session 6 – Tuesday 14 March 2017
Session 7 – Tuesday 25 April 2017

Fit for Life Group - reminder

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 walk to McDonalds for a coffee and a chat. The group next meet on:-

Thursday 5 January 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 25 January 2017 from 8.45 to 9.30 am
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 5 December 2016

Monday

J3 swimming
Computer Code Club – Years 5 and 6 – 3.15 to 4.00 pm

Tuesday	Young Voices Choir – Years 4, 5 & 6 – 3.15 to 4.15 pm Football Training for the Football Squad – 3.15 to 4.15 pm
Wednesday	Netball after school club – Years 4, 5 and 6 – 3.15 to 4.15 pm Spanish after school club – Years 3 and 4 – 3.15 to 4.15 pm Girls Football after school club – Years 5 and 6 – 3.15 to 4.15 pm
Thursday	Spanish after school club – Years 5 and 6 – 3.15 to 4.15 pm IDL Club – 3.15 to 4.00 pm
Friday	Liverpool Echo Shield Football match at Holy Rosary – 3.20 pm Gymnastics – Year 6 – 3.15 to 4.15 pm

DATES FOR THE DIARY

3 December – Christmas Fun Day – in Holy Rosary Parish Club

4 December – Second Sunday of Advent

6 December – Year 6 Retreat

7 December – Nursery concerts (morning nursery 9.15 am, afternoon Nursery 2.15 pm)

7 December – Reconciliation – Year 4 (both classes)

9 December – Reception concert – 2.30 pm in the school hall

11 December – Third Sunday of Advent

14 December – Year 1 concert – 2.30 pm in the school hall

15 December – Year 2 concert – 2.30 pm in the school hall

15 December – Junior concert (Year 5 and 6) 7.00 pm in church

18 December – Fourth Sunday of Advent

20 December – Infant Party and Junior Treat

21 December – end of term (early finish at 2.15 pm)

Wednesday 4 January – return to school