



HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

10 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 3 November 2017:-

Inf 1	98%
Inf 2	91.3%
Inf 3	98.7%
Inf 4	98%
Inf 5	100%
Inf 6	95.9%
J1	97.7%
J2	87.9%
J3	100%
J4	97.7%
J5	98%
J6	98%
J7	96.5%
J8	96.9%
Total for whole school	96.75%

We met our target last week.

Well done to Infant 5 and J3 for achieving 100% attendance. Wow!

'Smiggle' Friday

The winners for last week were Samuel in Infant 3 and Alex in J2.

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.

After School Clubs next week

Due to Parents Evening taking place next week there will be no Dance After School Club on Wednesday and no IDL or Choir on Thursday.

Also Mrs King is on a course on Tuesday, so there will be no Cross Country After School club next week.

After School Clubs request

Some children have been forgetting to bring in various kits and equipment such as PE kits, Swimming kits, Football kits and musical instruments so have missed out on the opportunities of attending the various session. Please try to ensure that all children have the necessary equipment and kits with them. Thank you.

Stay and Play

The parents of children in our Reception classes were invited to Stay and Play on Wednesday. The children and their parents all enjoyed the time they spent playing together.

Visit by the Owls

Yesterday the children in Reception had a visit from the "Owl man". The children saw a variety of different owls and learnt a lot of facts about these birds. We will be posting photographs on the website shortly.

Healthy Lunchboxes

It has been noticed that some children are bringing in a number of "treats" in their lunchboxes. Could we please ask that you provide only 1 treat per day, ie one chocolate bar/cake or sweets and remind you, that fizzy drinks are not allowed.

Design a Christmas card

The Friends of Holy Rosary have organised an opportunity for the children to design a Christmas Card. A separate ParentMail message has been sent.

Starting School in 2018 – reminder

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. It should also be noted that baptisms need to have taken place before the closing date of 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.

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 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 – reminder

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, 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.

The children will have brought home leaflets this week which provide further information. As always the Friends appreciate your support.

Flu vaccination – reminder

We still have 5 outstanding flu vaccination forms. Third 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. You will have received an invitation this week, via ParentMail, 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 13 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 No Cross Country this week Hockey – Year 5 – 3.15 to 4.15 pm
Wednesday	No Dance Club this week
Thursday	No IDL Club this week No Choir this week
Friday	Girls Football – Year 5 and 6 – 3.15 to 4.15 pm

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 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 – 1st 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 – 2nd 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 – 3rd Sunday of Advent
- 19 December – Infant party and Junior Treat
- 20 December – End of Term – early finish at 2.15 pm
- 24 December – 4th Sunday of Advent
- 8 January – return to school