



HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

15 March 2018

Dear Parents

Attendance Matters

Here are the figures for week ending 9 March 2018:-

Inf 1	88.2%
Inf 2	92.7%
Inf 3	93.2%
Inf 4	92.9%
Inf 5	96.1%
Inf 6	93.2%
J1	92.5%
J2	92.1%
J3	90.7%
J4	97.5%
J5	100%
J6	86.9%
J7	94.5%
J8	96.5%
Total for whole school	93.36%

We did not meet our target last week.

But huge congratulations to the children in J5 for achieving 100% attendance last week. Well done!

'Smiggle' Friday

We did not have commendation assemblies today.

School Activities and Educational Trips

Since 2009 the governors of Holy Rosary School have been able to allocate an amount of money each year from the School Budget to pay for school activities and educational trips. You will no doubt have seen in the media reports about massive cuts to school budgets. This means we are now the second lowest funded school, per pupil, in Sefton.

As a result of this, the funding of trips and activities will no longer be possible. It is not a decision that has been reached lightly, but is probably the first of many difficult decisions that will have to be made.

Therefore with effect from 1 April 2018, if trips or activities are arranged, then parents will be asked to make a contribution towards the cost. We are aware that other schools have always asked parents for contributions – we can only be pleased that the parents of children in Holy Rosary have not been asked to pay for trips for such a long period of time.

Should the government have a change of heart at any time, we will review this decision.

Review Day – 16 March 2018 – reminder

Review Day takes place tomorrow Friday 16 March 2018 – children are to attend the meeting with their parents. For the first part of the day, I will be attending a training course that I cannot postpone. Should

anyone wish to speak to a senior member of staff, Mrs Stevenson (Deputy Headteacher) will be available. I will be returning to school in the afternoon.

As Mrs Stanley is currently off sick, we will make an alternative date for J4's review day when Mrs Stanley returns to school.

Please remember communication between home and school is very important and if you have the Holy Rosary School App you will receive information from school direct to your phone. If you have not yet downloaded the App please go to either the Apple App Store or Google Play and search for "Holy Rosary Aintree". The App is free to download – by having the App on your mobile phone all ParentMail messages from school will be held in the one place and will be easy to find. Thank you.

Minnie Vinnies – Easter Egg collection – reminder

The Minnie Vinnies have been collecting Easter eggs to go to a local food bank for local children. We have arranged for the Minnie Vinnies to deliver the Easter Eggs to the food bank on the morning of Monday 19 March. Thank you for your donations.

Bake Sale & Fair Trade

Many thanks to everyone who supported the bake sale last week – we raised £209.50. This money will be forwarded to the Fairtrade charity.

Please call into school to collect your cake tins/tubs etc. If they are not collected by the time we finish school for the Easter holidays we will unfortunately have to dispose of them.

Keeping us Informed – reminder

It is very important to let us know if you have changed your address and/or telephone number and those of any emergency contacts, as we sometimes have difficulty in contacting parents if their child is feeling unwell. Please either telephone or call into the office to update your details. Thank you

Friends of Holy Rosary – Easter Draw – reminder

The children were given raffle tickets last week. Thank you to everyone who has returned the tickets stubs and payment. Could all ticket stubs please be returned to school by next Wednesday 21 March 2017. The Raffle will be taking place in school on Thursday 22 March 2018. Thank you.

Levy – reminder

Thanks to all the families who have sent in their payment for this year's levy. We would be very grateful if payments sent into school before we finish for the Easter holidays. Thank you.

Maricourt Easter Sports Camp 2018

The children in Years 4, 5 6 recently received a letter from Maricourt advertising their Easter Sports Camp which takes place on Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 March at Maricourt High School – the cost is £15.00 per day. Reply slips and payment need to be returned to school by the latest on Monday 29 March.

Year 1 phonics screening check meeting

Further to our ParentMail earlier today, we would like to remind you that parents of children in Year 1 are invited to a Phonics Screening Check meeting next Tuesday 20 March 2018 at 9.00 am in the school hall.

Deaf Active Assembly

Further to our recent ParentMail message. We would like to remind the parents of children in Year 5 about the Deaf Active assembly that takes place next Wednesday 21 March 2018 at 2.45 pm in the school hall.

Kingswood Residential – September 2018 – reminder

The parents of children in Year 5 will have received a letter last week detailing the payment arrangements for the Kingswood trip in September.

Lent and the Good Shepherd Collection – reminder

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.

We have also decided to arrange a non-uniform day next Friday 23 March 2018. Children can come into school in their own clothes – we ask that they bring in £1.00 which will be donated to the Good Shepherd Charity. Thanks for your continued support.

Easter at St Giles

We have been asked by St Giles to let you know about their Children’s Easter Event which takes place on Saturday 24 March 2018 from 2.30 to 4.30 pm. There will be crafts, egg decorating, chocolate tombola, cake sale, bouncy castle (weather permitting) and much more.

School Meals – Price Increase – reminder

We have been informed by Sefton Council that the price of school meals is being increased with effect from 1 April 2018. The cost of a school meal will be increased from £2.00 to £2.10. This is the first price increase for 18 months. At £2.10, Sefton’s meal charge will be amongst the lowest on Merseyside for school pupils.

Holy Rosary Parish Newsletter

Please see the attached link which takes you directly to the Holy Rosary Parish website where you can view the most recent Parish Newsletters <https://www.parishofholYROsary.co.uk/newsletters>. By accessing this link you will be able to find out what is happening in the parish, the Archdiocese and the wider community. Thank you.

School Nurse Drop-In Sessions

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

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. There is no Fit for Life Group walk in April due to the Easter Holidays. The group next meet on:-

Thursday 3 May 2018

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

MRS C MORRIS

Headteacher

Diary for w/c 19 March 2018

Monday

J2 Swimming

Tuesday	Computer Code Club – Years 5 & 6 – 3.15 to 4.00 pm Handball After School Club – Year 4 – 3.15 to 4.15 pm Football Training – Years 5 and 6 – 3.15 to 4.15 pm Rugby After School Club – Years 5 and 6 – 3.15 to 4.15 pm
Wednesday	Netball – Years 5 and 6 at lunchtime Dance Club – Year 2 – 3.15 to 4.00 pm (last session)
Thursday	IDL Club – 3.15 to 4.00 pm Fencing – Year 4 – 3.15 to 4.15 pm
Friday	Basketball – Year 3 at lunchtime

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 16 March – Review Day – non-school day for children (children to attend meeting with their parents)
- 20 March – Sacramental Programme meeting (Session 6) for Year 4 children and parents
- 20 March – Phonics Screening check meeting for Parents of children in Year 1 – 9.00 in the school hall
- 21 March – Deaf Active Assembly 2.45 pm – for parents of children in Year 5
- 23 March – end of term – early finish at 2.15 pm
- 26 March to 6 April – Easter Holidays
- 9 April – INSET day
- 10 April – return to school
- 24 April – Sacramental Programme meeting (Session 7) for Year 4 children and parents
- 28 April – First Holy Communion Mass – children in J3
- 5 May – First Holy Communion Mass – children in J4