



HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

4 October 2024

Dear Parents

Attendance Matters

Here are the figures for our school this week:

Inf 1	94.52%
Inf 2	96.33%
Inf 3	94.67%
Inf 4	88%
Inf 5	91.72%
*Inf 6	98%
J1	94%
J2	96.67%
J3	97.42%
J4	91.88%
J5	95.33%
J6	93.67%
*J7	98.28%
J8	94.52%
Total for whole school	94.6%

Our whole school attendance target as set by the Department of Education is 96.7%.

Unfortunately, we did not meet our attendance target this week.

Well done to those classes highlighted in green who did manage to meet or exceed the target.

*INF 6 and J7 were the winners of the class attendance award this week. Two weeks running for INF 6, well done!

Reception Welcome Assembly

The Reception children treated us to a fabulous Welcome Assembly on Thursday afternoon. The children were fantastic and sang and danced their little hearts out. It was hard to believe they have only been in school for a few weeks, well done Reception. A special thank you to all the older siblings who helped with the readings and singing, and to all the family members who came to support the children too, memories to treasure!

Y4 Dodge Ball Competition

A selection of our Year 4 children were chosen to represent our school in a MADCOS (Maghull and Aintree District of Schools) competition at Maricourt earlier this week. The children played some great games and did incredibly well, coming joint second with Aintree Davenhill to the winners Melling Primary. Mr Walker, who accompanied the children, was incredibly proud of their efforts and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. Evelyn from J3 was recognised for her talents and commended with a Maricourt Sports Medal, good work Evelyn! Well done to all who took part.

After school clubs

After school clubs started this week for KS2 pupils. Please remind your children that if they have accepted a place in a club, the expectation is that they will attend every week unless they are unwell. If they change their mind at any point and no longer wish to attend, then please inform the school office ASAP as another child may be waiting for an opportunity to take part. Many schools charge parents for these clubs, which are fairly expensive, we do not want to go down this route but obviously if places are going unused this is not a good use of school resources. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Flu Immunisation

The immunisation service are delivering the flu campaign this year to all children in Nursery to Year 6 on Wednesday 9th October 2024. You should have received all the relevant information via Parentmail. If you are having any issues with the online Econsent form, please do not hesitate to come into the school office and staff can arrange a paper copy.

Religious Education

Please find attached the Autumn term RE curriculum guide, including some suggested activities that you could share with your children at home.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Today is CAFOD Family Fast Day – Harvest 2024. Mrs Casey spoke with the children in their assemblies earlier this week about the issues of food and hunger around the world and reminded the children how fortunate we are to have the resources that we need available to us. We prayed for those around the world who are hungry and suffering. The children talked about possibly giving up a treat this weekend to note Family Fast Day and said that they would pray at home too. We are very proud of you children.

Birthday Treats

Our children often like to bring a treat in to school on their birthday to share with their classmates and we are happy to help them share them out at the end of the school day. These treats were previously always small, individually wrapped items that could be easily shared and carried out of school, but they seem to be becoming more elaborate of late and we have been having trays of doughnuts and now whole birthday cakes sent in to share. Unfortunately, we have children with allergies that this is not appropriate for, not to mention the time it takes our TAs to go and slice the cake and find serviettes (we had 6 cakes this week alone) so we will no longer be accepting such items. If your child has a birthday and would like to share a treat, which is a lovely idea, then it must be a small, individually wrapped item that can be distributed easily by staff. Thank you for your support.

Admission to Secondary School – September 2024 – reminder

Am gentle reminder that all applications for secondary school must be submitted, on-line, by the national deadline which is **31 October 2024**.

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

A further reminder that the national deadline for Secondary applications is **31 October 2023**.

Admission to Reception and Nursery – September 2025

The governors of Holy Rosary School will meet in the New Year to consider applications for places in Reception and Nursery for September 2025. If you have a child who is due to start in either Nursery or Reception, please ensure you have completed the appropriate forms.

Please note that if you are applying for a place in Reception you must apply for a place for your child by completing your Local Authority's Common Admission Form – **the closing date for receipt of applications is**

15 January 2025. Please note that baptisms must have taken place prior to the closing date of 15 January 2025.

I must remind you that it cannot be assumed younger siblings have an automatic right of admission, and parents should be aware that admission to Nursery does not guarantee a place in school.

The Nursery and the School admission criteria are available to view on the school website.

Early Years SEND Team Parent / Carer Coffee Morning

Sefton Early Years SEND Team are holding a coffee morning for parents / carers of children with special educational needs or disabilities on Thursday 28th November. This is a way to find out about the support available in Sefton and to meet other parents of children with SEND. Please see the attached flyer for further details.

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 by accessing this link www.holyrosarychurch.co.uk you will be able to find out what is happening in the parish, the Archdiocese and the wider community.

Diary for w/c 30th September 2024

Monday	Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary – School Mass KS2 Pupils only Yr. 3 Gymnastics – ends 4.15 pm. Yr. 5 & Yr.6 Girls Football – Invited pupils – ends 4.15pm First Holy Communion Meeting for parents in church – 7pm
Tuesday	J3 Swimming Yr.5 and Yr. 6 Performing Arts - Mr Stavers ends 4:15pm Yr. 4 Netball – After School Club Company - ends 4.15pm
Wednesday	Flu Immunisation Yr. 4 Dodgeball – After School Club Company - ends 4.15pm
Thursday	Yr. 3 Circuit Training - After School Club Company – ends 4.15pm Yr. 6 – Basketball – Mr Beenham Maricourt – ends 4.15pm
Friday	

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 15th October 2024 – School Photographs

Wednesday 16th October 2024 - J6 Class Assembly 9.10am School Hall – Parents invited

Thursday 24th October 2024 – School Disco (Own clothes)

Friday 25th October 2024 – **INSET DAY**