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*Weekly Newsletter*

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*Following in Jesus' footsteps...*

*We pray together*

*We play together*

*We learn together*





## It's Time to Shine



Year Group	Achievement Certificates	Dojos Certificate
Reception		
Year 1	Charlie Gibson Matilda Glover Finn O'Grady	Erin Gregory
Year 2	Oliver Ewan Jasmine Lines	Evie Lunt
Year 3	Points carried forward to next week	
Year 4	Freya Swift Charlie Telfer Eleanor Williams	Flynn Carney Jessica Riley
Year 5	Lucy Gregory Daniel Hardman Niall McEvoy	Ruby Ryan
Year 6	Eleanor Carr Daniel Collins-Stuart Jack Meredith Luke Vine James Williams	Niamh Thomas

### Come and See



Our RE focus from Monday will be  
*Belonging.*

### Our school Prayer

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph bless my family at home,  
Tesus. Marv and Toseph bless mv familv at school.*

*Amen*

## What's happened this week?

### **Remembrance Service**

Many thanks to everyone who came along to the very moving service on Sunday. It was lovely to see so many of you.

### **Y3 Trip**

The Y3 class had a lovely day in Chester last Friday and thank goodness the weather was kind to us. Many thanks to Mrs Quigley, Mrs Davison, Mr Goddard and all the parents who were able to join us on this lovely trip.

### **Y4 Trip**

The children in Y4 went to Norton priory last Wednesday. They had a lovely day finding out about Tudor times. Many thanks to Miss Morrissey, Mrs Gray and Miss Martin for organising the trip and the parents who were able to accompany the children. Your help is much appreciated.

### **Y2 Together Day**

The children in the Y2 class were hosts for the afternoon on Tuesday. Lots of parents and grandparents came into school to work alongside the children. They had a wonderful afternoon with the children and did lots of African art work.

### **Approaches to Our Curriculum in Reception, Y1 and Y2**

Many thanks to everyone who managed to come along to the meeting on Tuesday after school. I do hope you found the meeting informative and helped to allay any concerns you may have had with our approach to writing.

### **MacMillan Coffee Morning**

We have received a lovely letter from MacMillan regarding the recent coffee morning held in Holy Family Parish club. The event raised over £2210 and was one of the most generous coffee mornings this year.

### **Holy Family Church**

We have been notified that there will be a meeting on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November from 7.30 - 9pm in the Bridge Suite at Halton Stadium to hear the results of the reflections for the future of churches in the Widnes Pastoral Area. Please do try to attend the meeting to ensure the future of Holy Family Church. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated.

### **Africa Week**

Wow what a week we have had! Our focus this week has been Africa. The week began with a visit from Perpetua and Rob Jones who told us all about the charity they support called Goal 4 The Gambia. We heard all about the lives of the Gambian children and it really made us realise how lucky we are. Our children were so kind and really wanted to help by bringing in things from home that can be sent to The Gambia. The following items would make a huge difference to these children: toothbrushes, toothpaste, baby clothes, football shirts, flip flops, antiseptic wipes, antiseptic cream, plasters, bandages, soap, pencils, pens, pencil sharpeners, glitter, rubbers, colouring books, feathers, balloons etc etc.

On Tuesday, Miss Ashdown did a whole-school assembly all about her trip to Uganda. Again our children recognised how different the life of an African child can be to their own. Mrs Van Flute also taught Years 5 & 6 all about Egypt and Tunisia, helping them understand the culture, religion and languages there.

On Thursday every class thoroughly enjoyed a fantastic African workshop provided by Millie from Afrikan Fusion. The children sang African songs and even learnt dance moves. The biggest treat was learning to play the drums. Millie made it all so much fun and the staff and children alike really enjoyed the experience. As well as all these visitors, the children have been learning lots about the geography and cultures of the continent of Africa and every class has been getting creative with fantastic African art activities.

On Monday morning we will be celebrating all of our learning with a whole-school African assembly. We will be sharing all of our learning and we are looking forward to doing the Waka Waka dance that Miss Reece has taught us together as a whole school!

#### **Children in Need**

It has made us so proud this last week to see so many of our children getting involved with fundraising this week. The children have sold cakes, bookmarks, goody bags, donated pocket money and lots lots more! Many children have made a great effort and all those involved will be congratulated in today's assembly. Even more money has been raised today as we have all been getting spotty! The children have raised an incredible amount but the final figure will be announced on Monday as there is so much, we don't have time to get it all counted. This just shows how caring our children and families are. Thank you everyone for your amazing generosity.

#### **Holidays in School Term**

On 1<sup>st</sup> September, the Education Regulations 2013 came into force changing the rules about term-time holidays. This change was discussed at our Full Governor Meeting on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

The amendments specify that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless it is considered under 'exceptional circumstances'.

The Governing Body have agreed to support this process and have asked that all letters asking for permission and detailing reasons why such a request has been made be brought to a small committee so a decision can be made.

In order to support this process, we would ask that parents/carers give at least 1 term's notice so this request can be put to Governors.

Parents/Carers will receive a letter notifying them of the decision made.

## **What's coming up soon?**

### **Parent Meetings**

### **Reception Class Stay and Play**

All parents, grans, grandads, aunts and uncles are invited to the reception class 'Stay and Play' on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November from 1pm. Further details to follow.

### **Holy Family Open Night**

We will be holding an Open night on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November from 5 - 7pm. This is for any prospective parents whose child will be starting school in Sept 2014. You are all very welcome to attend.

### **Reception Trip**

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November the children in the Reception class will be going to collect the school Christmas tree. A separate letter giving full details will be sent home by Mrs Evans.

### **Y2 Grandparent Party**

All grandparents of children in Y2 are invited to a party on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December from 1pm. We do hope that you will be able to come along and join us!

### **Christmas Plays**

Dates for this year's Christmas Plays have now been set. Dates are as follows:-

Reception Class - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December - 9.30 am

Y1 & Y2 - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December - 4pm

Y1 & Y2 - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - 4pm

Y3, Y4 & Y5 - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December - 4pm

Y3, Y4 & Y5 - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December - 4pm

Y6 - Fundraising afternoon Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 1pm.

Further information regarding these will be given nearer to the time, but I am aware that dates and times are important for you all with regard to working arrangements.

### **Pantomime**

We have booked for the children to go to The Brindley in Runcorn to see this year's performance of 'Beauty & The Beast'. The infant classes will be going on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December and the Junior classes on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. A separate letter has been sent home. Please call into the school office if you have not received one.

### **Y6 Height & Weight Checks**

The school nurse will be coming into school on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November to see the children in the Y6 class. Information has already been sent home. Please complete and return the form as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

### **Bullybusters**

Bullybusters will be coming into school on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Workshops will be held throughout the day. Parents are invited to attend so further details regarding times of workshops will be sent nearer to the day.

## **A few polite reminders...**

### **Money**

We would be grateful if any money could be given into school via your child. **No money should be handed into the school office directly as this is not following LA procedures.** Each class has a book for any money received to be noted in. This is again for

### **Girls' Long Hair**

We have noticed that more and more girls are wearing their long hair loosely. We would appreciate it if it could be tied back please. This is a health and safety issue especially during PE and games lessons.

### **Earrings**

Just a polite reminder please that earrings should not now be worn for school. Children will be asked to take them out if they are seen wearing them during school time.

### **Dinner Money**

Dinner money for this term equates to £67.30. Please make cheques payable to KMBC.

### **Sickness**

We are noticing that children who have been off school due to vomiting and diarrhoea are returning to school the next day. Children should stay at home for 48hrs after this kind of illness.

## **P.T.F.A News**

### **50:50**

Congratulations to F Bannister who was the winner of our October 50/50 draw! Remember, there is still time to enter for our remaining 8 draws - forms can be obtained from the school office.

### **Christmas Discos**

The disco's will now be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November (KS2) and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November (KS1). **Tickets are now on sale** at £2.50 each. Both are from 4pm - 6pm. All children need to be accompanied by an adult who must also purchase a ticket. If you have children attending both of the discos then only one adult ticket needs to be purchased.

Can we also give special thanks to Mrs Smith for her help with last week's Bonfire Bake Off - sadly she was omitted from last week's newsletter!

### **Next meeting**

The next meeting will be held in school at 3.30pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November. All are welcome to attend.

**Please note that if you are paying for any PTFA events or activities by cheque, they must be payable to Holy Family PTFA and not to the school. Also, please try to avoid sending these payments in the same envelope as other payments for school such as dinner or trip money. This can delay the payment from getting to us and may result in children missing out on tickets. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.**

## **Information we are passing on.....**

### **Girls Football**

**Sefton Play Council Family Fun Day**

We will be hosting a free Family fun day at Cronton Pasture on Saturday 23rd November from 11-3pm. The entertainment will take place in a circus big top so will take place regardless of the weather. Please do come along, it will be fun for all the children.

**Typhoon Haiwan**

There will be a collection in all churches this weekend for CAFOD to aid those in need as a result of the recent typhoon in the Philippines. Such devastation has been caused and every penny will help those in need.

**Spotlight on...Y1**

*This week we have been learning the  
Waka Waka  
Song and dance which we know the whole way  
through.*

*We have also been looking at Safari and saw  
lions, zebras, hyenas and monkeys.  
"I like waterhogs best as they are really funny".  
Many thanks to Isabella Gill &  
Alexander Pengelly-Jones.*

## Diary Dates

### November

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Parent Evening
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Parent Evening
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Open Evening from 5-7pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Reception Class Stay and Play from 1.30pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 PTFA disco
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 PTFA disco
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Class Trip

### December

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Class play at 9.30am
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 & Y2 Play at 4pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 & Y2 Play at 4pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Y3, Y4 & Y5 Play at 4pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y3, Y4 & Y5 Play at 4pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Fundraising trip
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Beauty & The Beast - Infant classes
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Ecumenical Village Concert in Holy Family Church @ 7pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Beauty & The Beast - Junior classes
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Grandparent Party

## After School Clubs

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Y 1		Craft/Sewing Club		Cancelled this week	
Y 2		Handwriting Club		Cancelled this week	
Y 3	Cancelled this week	Handwriting Club Eco/Gardening Club	Football Choir	Cancelled this week	
Y 4	Cancelled this week	Handwriting Club Eco/Gardening Club	Football Choir	Cancelled this week	
Y 5		Netball Eco/Gardening Club	Choir	Cancelled this week	Dance
Y 6		Netball Eco/Gardening Club	Choir	Cancelled this week	Dance

Clubs end at 4pm except Rugby and Football which will finish at 4.15pm.  
£1 voluntary contribution per club would be greatly appreciated.

Unfortunately all clubs held on Monday and Thursday are cancelled this week as the hall will be in use on both days for Parent Meetings and Open Evening.

*And finally...*

*A positive thought for the week, to promote discussion in the classroom and and at home...*



Every day is the first day of the rest of my life. I **cherish every day** of my life and look forward to a better, brighter future.

*Keep safe and be happy.*

*Mrs Hannah*

JESUS  
Loves Me  
This I  
know...