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Weekly Newsletter
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Following in Jesus' footsteps...

We pray together
We play together
We learn together



Come and See



The theme is Reconciliation. Talk together about times when you have forgiven and been forgiven. Discuss the importance of saying sorry. Look for opportunities for forgiveness and reconciliation in the day to day life of the family.

May Procession - Saturday 28th May

Each year the Sisters of Mother Teresa organize a May procession when the statue of Our Lady is carried through Liverpool city centre. It will begin from the Sisters at Seel Street at 2pm and finish at the Blessed Sacrament Shrine. The Rosary will be prayed on route. Young families are especially welcome. Fr Michael will lead the procession.

Our School Prayer

Jesus, Mary and Joseph bless my family at home,
Jesus, Mary and Joseph bless my family at school,
Jesus, Mary and Joseph bless all the families of the world.



It's Time to Shine



Year Group	Star of the Week	Golden Table
Reception	Matthew	Charlotte Mathew Blake Lucas
Year 1	Reece	Oscar Jack Joe Ava
Year 2	Annabella	Ava Tilly Grace Lauren
Year 3	Cole	Jake Evie Cole
Year 4	Evie	Isabel Jessica Chloe Joe
Year 5	Sadie	Chris Mya Emily Sadie
Year 6	Aimee	Melissa Jessica Sophie Kate
Mathematician of the Week Alexander - Y1, Phoebe - Y2, Ben - Y3, Chloe - Y4, Oliver - Y5	Reader of the Week Luke - Y1, Charlie - Y2, Matilda - Y3, Oliver - Y4, Abigail - Y5, Connor - Y6	Writer of the Week Amelia - Y1, Samuel - Y2, Joshua - Y3, Evie - Y4, James - Y5, Daisy - Y6
Congratulations to all the children named.		

What's happened this week?

Swimming Gala

Well done to the selected children who took part in the gala last Friday. The children performed extremely well in a hard contest. Special congratulations to Alfie and Joe who won individual medals and also the Y5/Y6 relay team who also won medals☺.

Mass & First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the Y4 children who made their First Holy Communion and Confirmations last Saturday. The children looked lovely and they continued to celebrate on Monday when they shared the beautiful cake. Many thanks to Mrs Mascord who made the beautiful cake, Mrs Labuda who arranged the flowers and all the staff who gave their time to make the day so special for the children.

New Reception Intake

Many thanks to everyone who came to the meeting on Tuesday. We hope that you found it informative and enjoyed the tour of the school. We look forward to meeting you with your children for the Stay and Play on Thursday 16th June from 9am - 10.30am.

Widnes Vikings Y4

Earlier today the children went to the Widnes Vikings Stadium to take part in 'Sky Try'. The children had a fabulous time and we would like to thank Mrs Quigley for arranging this activity for the children and to Miss Hindley and Mrs Gray who accompanied the children.

Tatton Park

Children in Y3 went to Tatton Park on Wednesday. The children had a lovely day and took part in a living history day learning about the Anglo Saxons.

What's coming up soon

Y1 Father's Day Party

Unfortunately, this date has had to be changed from the original date of Friday 17th June. A letter has been sent out to parents explaining this change. The new date is Friday 24th June and the afternoon will begin at 2pm. We look forward to meeting you all.

Y2 Trip

Unfortunately we have been unable to rearrange The Lowry Art Museum trip for the children but have arranged a trip to Norton Priory in Runcorn. This trip will take place on Tuesday 14th June. A separate letter has been sent home today.

New Reception Stay & Play

On Thursday 23rd June the children only will be coming into school to spend time with their teacher. The children will need to be collected at 10.30am.

Queen's Jubilee

As part of the Queen's Jubilee the school kitchen will be offering a picnic lunch on Wednesday 15th June. A separate letter has now been sent home. Please note that the letter has only been sent to the children who are currently on packed lunch. As the children in KS1 (Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2) receive free school meals no money will need to be sent into school. Let's hope that the weather remains dry and the children can have a party outside.

Children's University

On Wednesday 22nd June Holy Family children will be graduating at Hope University in Liverpool as part of Children's University. Mrs Raymond, Holy Family Chair of Governors, will also be attending. Further details to follow.

Y6 Transistion

Over the next few weeks teachers from secondary schools will be coming into school to meet with the children who will be joining them in September.

Student Council

On Monday 13th June, eight members of our Student Council will be travelling to London to meet Marie Rimmer MP in the Houses of Parliament. I'm sure the children will have a wonderful time and we can't wait to hear all about it. Many thanks to Mrs Evans and Mrs Connolly who recently visited London to ensure that the two days will be enjoyable for the children. They will all be staying overnight and return on Tuesday 14th June.

School Photographer

The school photographer will be coming into school on Monday 20th June to take photographs of the children in the Reception Class and Y6 only. We will be setting a new date in the Autumn term for the whole school to have their photographs taken.

ParentApp

Many thanks to everyone who has now signed up for the ParentApp on your mobile phones. We will be using this as another means of communicating with you. We will be sending reminders through this format in future. If you have not yet downloaded the app and have mislaid the information on how to do so, your child has been given the instructions today. Please ensure that you sign up for the classes that your child/ren are in to ensure that you receive all the information.

CAFOD Workshop

On Thursday 30th June the children in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 will be taking part in workshops relating to the Universal Church as part of our RE topic. The workshops will be run by Justine Silcock an Education Volunteer Coordinator with CAFOD Liverpool. We look forward to meeting her and learning about the work carried out.

Y4 Trip

The children in Y4 will be visiting Liverpool World Museum and the Metropolitan Cathedral on Friday 1st July. A letter giving full details will be sent home soon.

Y6 Vikings Day

On Friday 1st July the Y6 class will be going to the Widnes Vikings Stadium for a cultural day. Further information will be sent home soon.

School Nurse

The school nurse will be coming into school for the next drop-in session on Tuesday 5th July at 10am. If anyone would like to meet with her please let the school office know in case of any changes to the arrangement. Many thanks

Sports Day

We will be holding our Sports Day on Friday 8th July, weather permitting. Children in the Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 will participate from 9.30am - 10.30am and the other classes will begin from 10.45am approx until 12pm. Please note that if this event is cancelled due to bad weather it will not be rearranged. Let's hope that the sun will be shining as the children love this day. We will send messages to you all via twitter and parentapp if the event is to be cancelled but this will only be on the morning of the event.

Parent Meetings

We will be holding parents meetings on Wednesday 13th July from 1.30pm. A letter giving further information will be sent home soon.

Y4 Rejoice & Together Day

Parents and carers of children in Y4 are invited into school on Thursday 14th July from 1.30pm to Play, Pray and learn together. We do hope that you will be able to come along and join the children.

Y6 Trip

Our leavers trip is to Gullivers World in Warrington and will take place on Friday 15th July. The children will return to school at approx 5pm. A letter giving full details will be sent home after half term.

Y6 Play

As our Y6 class prepare to leave Holy Family they will be performing their leaving play on Tuesday 19th July at 4pm.

Reception Rejoice & Together Day

Children in the Reception Class will be holding their class Rejoice and Together Day on Friday 15th July from 1.45pm. We do hope that you will be able to join the class as they Pray, Play and Learn together.

Y6 Leavers' Mass

The Y6 Leavers Mass will be held on Wednesday 20th July at 10am in Holy Family Church. We do hope that you will be able to come along and join us back in school after Mass for a cuppa!

We look forward to seeing you all.

School Office

Unfortunately we are noticing that there is an increased number of items being delivered late to the school office which children should have brought into school with them. While we appreciate that sometimes this cannot be helped we would be grateful if you could encourage your child to remember things themselves. We are unable to disturb classes when lessons have begun and this week the children in some classes have been undertaking tests and assessments. We would appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

Important Notice

We would like to ask all parents/carers to ensure whoever is collecting their child to come to the appropriate classroom door. Children will not be allowed to leave school until staff are certain who is collecting them. We hope for your co-operation with this because the safety of all our children is paramount.

PTFA News

Our Annual Family Fun Night will be taking place on Friday 8th July. The children always love this main event of our summer term which is usually a very big fundraiser for our school. We would appreciate adult helpers to look after the stalls on the night and a separate letter will be sent home nearer to the time.

We will be continuing with our weekly collections on Friday 17th June when children are invited to wear their own clothes for donations of sweets and chocolates.

Spotlight on Y3

This week we went to Tatton Park to learn about the Anglo Saxons. We left school early and went on the coach, it took about forty minutes to get there. It is near to Manchester Airport. It was a hard life as they did not have houses like ours. The houses were made of wood and straw and were all on one level, it was just one big room about as big as the office. They had no running water. They lived near to the river and had to keep going to the river. We dressed up to go and I wore trousers, a tie and a hat and I wore a long dress and hat.

We learnt that they had deers, but you don't kill the deers that don't have horns as they may be expecting babies or be very young. They also had chickens and pigs. The pigs on the farm were really fat and they would kill them for their meat and fat.

We were all given shields and the man had a bow and arrow and a sword. He told us that if you knew an arrow was coming towards you you had to put the shield over your head as the arrow would arch up and then come down. If someone had a sword you would have the shield in front of you. It was heavy.

Many thanks to Lara and Kian for the information.

Additional Information

Widnes Royal British Legion

Our school has recently linked with the Royal British Legion who will be coming into school on a regular basis to work with us. We will be representing our school on Sunday July 3rd to commemorate 100 years since the Battle of the Somme. Further details will follow shortly.

There will also be a parade by British Legion, Standards and Widnes Army Cadets and bands on Saturday 28th May at 10.30am in Widnes Cemetery. Wreaths will be laid on Commonwealth war grave headstones by cadets and families. 36 firework rockets will be set off to simulate the guns. Dignitaries will be in attendance and will lay the wreaths on the cross of sacrifice.

All are welcome to attend.

After School Clubs

Day	Activity/Club	Year	Time
Monday	Rugby	Year 3 & 4	3.20-4.15
Tuesday	Ipad Club	Year 1 & 2	3.15-4.00
	Gardening Club	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	3.20- 4.00
	Netball	Year 5 & 6	3.20-4.00
Wednesday	Multi-sports	Year 1 & 2	3.15-4.15
	Choir	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	3.20-4.00
Thursday	Choir	Year 1 & 2	3.15-4.00
	Multi-sports	Year 5 & 6	3.15-4.15
	Ipad Club	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	3.20-4.00

Please note that these clubs will now run until Friday 1st July.
We would be grateful for a £1.00 donation for each club attended.

**Please note that the group for multi-sports has now changed.
A separate letter has now been sent home regarding the changes**

Diary Dates

June

Monday 13 th	Return to school @ 8.55am
Monday 13 th	School Council trip to London
Tuesday 14 th	Y2 Trip to Norton Priory
Wednesday 15 th	Queen's Jubilee - Picnic Lunch
Thursday 16 th	New Reception Stay and Play
Friday 17 th	Own clothes for donations of sweets and chocolates
Saturday 18 th	Cronton Gala
Monday 20 th	School Photographer - Reception Class & Year 6
Wednesday 22 nd	Children's University
Thursday 23 rd	New Reception Stay and Play - Children only
Friday 24 th	Y1 Father's Day Party
Friday 24 th	Own clothes for donations of non-alcoholic drinks
Thursday 30 th	CAFOD Workshop for children in Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6

July

Friday 1 st	Y4 Trip to Liverpool
Friday 1 st	Y6 Cultural day @ Widnes Vikings Stadium
Tuesday 5 th	School nurse drop-in from 10am
Friday 8 th	Sports Day - am
Friday 8 th	Family Fun Night
Wednesday 13 th	Parent meetings
Thursday 14 th	Y4 Rejoice & Together day
Friday 15 th	Y6 trip to Gullivers World return to school @ 5pm
Friday 15 th	Reception Class Stay and Play at 1.45pm
Tuesday 19 th	Y6 Play at 4pm
Wednesday 20 th	Y6 Leaver's Mass at 10am in Church
Thursday 21 st	Break Up at 2pm

And finally...

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

I know there are many ways to do one thing.

I **accept** that not all people think the same and that not everyone thinks my way is best.

It is OK for people to think differently.

JESUS
Loves Me
This I
know...

I hope that you all have a lovely half term break.

Many thanks

Mrs Hannah