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Weekly Newsletter

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Following in Jesus' footsteps...
We pray together
We play together
We learn together

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It's Time to Shine

Year Group	Achievement Certificates	Dojos Certificate
Reception		
Year 1	Isabella Gill Jake Spencer Halle Stewart	Cole Evans
Year 2	Oliver Ewan Josh Hough Evie Lunt	Chloe Sewill
Year 3	Charlie Feeley Matthew Meredith Saul Thornton	Jessica Need
Year 4	Eva Cassidy Aimee Reilly Max Shannon	
Year 5	Daniel Hardman Molly Glover Aiden Turtle	Eleanor O'Grady
Year 6	Carried forward to next week	

Come and See

Our RE focus at the moment is...

FAMILY

Next week we will be studying Judaism.

Our school Prayer

Jesus, Mary and Joseph bless my family at home,

Amen

What's happened this week?

Coffee Meetings
Many thanks to everyone who came along to the teacher meetings this week. I hope that you all found them very informative. We will let you know next week how much we managed to raise for MacMillan and Halton Haven. The raffle will be drawn soon and we will let you know the winners next week. We would like to thank you all for your generosity, as ever.

Book Fair
Many thanks to everyone who came along and supported the book fair this week. We had a fabulous response and will let you know next week how much was raised.

Y6 Everton Football
Our Y6 children took part in the Everton fun tournament on Monday. They drew all 3 games and played really well. The children were a credit to our school. Well done!

Football League
On Wednesday a team of Y6 girls and boys played the first 3 games in our football league. They won one match and drew the other two. This was a great start to our league games. Well done to all who were involved.

What's coming up soon ?

Horrible Histories
The children in KS2 went to Knowsley Leisure and Culture Park today to see the latest acclaimed production – Barmy Britain, which gives children a historical overview of key events in British History. The children will be returning to school at approx 3.30pm.

Y1 & Y5 Rejoice Assemblies
We will be holding rejoice assemblies for the children in Y1 & Y5 on Thursday 17th October. The Y1 rejoice will start at 2pm and the Y5 rejoice will start at 2.30pm. I do hope that you will be able to come along and support the children.

Harvest Fast Assembly
This year we will be holding a CAFOD Harvest Celebration in aid of Widnes Foodbank. Last year Harvest Festival collections from churches and schools in Widnes totalled over 5 tonnes of much needed food. This enabled them to launch the Foodbank in Widnes. So far this year they have fed 1017 adults and 798 children in crisis. We would like to support them and are asking if you would donate one item of food from the shopping list that the children will bringing home shortly. We would be grateful if you could send your food donation in on CAFOD Harvest Fast day which we will be marking with a whole school assembly on Friday October 11th.

Own Clothes Day – (Non Uniform Day)
Children will be allowed to come into school in their own clothes on Friday 11th October for donations of £1.00. This collection will be for CAFOD who carry out wonderful work throughout the World.

Parent Meetings
We will be holding parent meetings on Monday 18th November. A seperate letter will be

Reception Class Stay and Play
All parents, grans, grandads, aunts and uncles are invited to the reception Class 'Stay and Play' on Friday 22nd November from 1pm. Further details will be sent home nearer to the time.

Holy Family Open Night
We will be holding an Open night on Thursday 21st November from 5 – 7pm. This is for any prospective parents whose child will be starting school in Sept 2014. All are very welcome to attend.

Reception Class Trip
On Friday 29th 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 nearer to the time.

Christmas Plays
Dates for this year's Christmas Plays have now been set. Dates are as follows:-
Reception Class – Wednesday 4th December – 9.30 am
Y1 & Y2 – Monday 9th December – 4pm
Y1 & Y2 – Tuesday 10th December – 4pm
Y3, Y4 & Y5 – Wednesday 11th December – 4pm
Y3, Y4 & Y5 – Thursday 12th December – 4pm
Y6 – Fundraising afternoon Friday 13th 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.

A few polite reminders…

Head Lice
We have received a few reports of head lice and would like to remind parents that girl's hair should be tied back at all times. Please do check your child's hair on a regular basis. Your support in this is greatly appreciated.

Secondary Admission Booklets
If your child is currently in Y6 and you live in the Knowsley area you may pick up a booklet from the school foyer, if you have not already received one. Unfortunately, Halton will not give any booklets to the school and therefore if you live in the Halton area you will need to collect the booklet from the Halton Link, or apply online. Please note that the closing date for applications is **31/10/13**.

P.T.F.A News

PTFA - "Cheese & Wine Drop-In Evening"
Thank you to everyone who braved the awful weather and attended last night's cheese and wine evening. It was lovely to see some new faces!

50:50 Club
Thanks to everyone who has supported us and returned their slips requesting numbers. The first draw will be carried out in assembly this afternoon and the winner announced in next

Scary Disco

Tickets are now on sale for our scary disco which is being held in the club on Tuesday 29th October in Holy Family Club from 4-6pm. Tickets are £2.50 each and will be sold on a first come first served basis. All children need to be acompanid by an adult (who must also purchase a ticket). Please send your money for tickets into school in a sealed envelope with your child's name on for the attention of the PTFA.

Please remember more than 1 child can come with a supervising adult.

Spotlight on…Year 6

This week in Year 6 we have been learning how to work out the area of compound shape. In Topic, we have been working about Coasts. We built mountains from sand and stones and poured water on one side of them to see if they eroded!!

By

Oliver Tierney & Harrison Vaughan

After School Clubs

Starting Monday 7th October

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Y 1		Craft/Sewing Club		ICT Club	
Y 2		Handwriting Club		ICT Club	
Y 3	Rugby	Handwriting Club Eco/Gardening Club	Football Choir	ICT Club	
Y 4	Rugby	Handwriting Club Eco/Gardening Club	Football Choir	Homework Club	
Y 5		Netball Eco/Gardening Club	Choir	Homework Club Football	Dance
Y 6		Netball Eco/Gardening Club	Choir	Homework Club Football	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, the Gardening club and ICT club were oversubscribed so the groups have been split. If your child did not get a place this time, they will get a place later on in the year.

If your child is coming to Rugby please ensure that they bring boots, kit and warm clothes – they may get muddy!

If your child is coming to Football they will need boots and shin pads and again – they may get muddy!

Diary Dates

October	
Monday 7th	Judaism week begins
Friday 11th	CAFOD -Own Clothes £1 and food donations
Thursday 17th	Y1 Rejoice Assembly @ 2pm
	Y5 Rejoice Assembly @ 2.30pm
Friday 18th	Break up @ 3.20pm
Monday 28th	Back to school
Tuesday 29th	Scary Disco
Thursday 31st	Closing date for Secondary Application Forms
November	
Tuesday 12th	Y2 Together Day
Monday 18th	Parents Evening
Thursday 21st	Open Evening from 5-7pm
Friday 22nd	Reception Class Stay and Play from 1.30pm
Friday 29th	Reception Class Trip
December	
Wednesday 4th	Reception Class play at 9.30am
Monday 9th	Y1 & Y2 Play at 4pm
Tuesday 10th	Y1 & Y2 Play at 4pm
Wednesday 11th	Y3, Y4 & Y5 Play at 4pm
Thursday 12th	Y3, Y4 & Y5 Play at 4pm
Friday 13th	Y6 Fundraising trip - pm

And finally…

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

'I believe that I can do anything
I put my mind to.
I can make a difference
in this world.'

Have a lovely weekend
Keep safe and be happy.

Mrs Hannah