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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



This Week the children in the Y4 class went to Church to make their First Confessions. The service was lovely.

Over the coming weeks the children will be preparing for and learning about Lent and Easter through the topic of 'Giving'.

As a family, you can talk about how you can practice self-control and self-giving during the season of Lent and decide on actions you could share together. Ask your child how, in school, we are focusing on Lent and self-giving.

### 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.



### Book Tree

Please remember to visit our Book Tree at the front entrance. You are more than welcome to borrow a book from the basket, however, we would be grateful if you would remember to bring it back when it has been read.

We are also looking for donations of books, in good condition, to add to our book tree.

Thank you to all those children who have already kindly donated so far.

## Attendance for week ending 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017

Year	Attendance	Weeks Won
R	87%	6
1	92.7%	5
2	91.3%	2
3**	98%	5
4	93.2%	3
5**	98%	4
6	96.5%	1

Whole School: 96.9%

National average is 96.3%

Well done Y3 & Y5, you were our classes of the week.



We had four classes whose attendance was below the National Average. We hope for an improvement next week.



Year Group	Star of the Week	Golden Table
Reception	Henry	Finlay Samuel Isabella Henry Sophia
Year 1	Jasmine	Violet Jessica Lily Freya
Year 2	Noah	Luke Alexander Freya Iris
Year 3	Grace	Martha Casey Ava Nathan
Year 4	Neve	Francesca Charlie Matilda Ben
Year 5	Sean	Alex Oliver Summer Grace
Year 6	Isabella	Elliot Matthew Mya Emily
<b>Mathematician of the Week</b> Isabella - Reception, Aimee - Y1, Charlie - Y2, Charlie Boa - Y3, Tailor - Y4, Phoebe - Y5, Nieve - Y6,	<b>Reader of the Week</b> Isla - Reception, Nathaniel - Y1, Oscar - Y2, Ava - Y3, Francesca - Y4, Brian - Y5, Liam - Y6	<b>Writer of the Week</b> Annabelle - Reception, Amari - Y1, Gracie - Y2, Charlie D - Y3, Evie - Y4, Finn - Y5, Joe - Y6

**Well done to all the children involved.**

## What's happened this week

### Fairtrade

Thanks to everyone for their generous donations. We made £138.43 for this worthwhile cause☺.

### Reconciliation

The children in the Y4 class made their First Confessions in Church this week. Many thanks to Fr Michael and Mrs Evans for the lovely service. The children were very well behaved and we have received lovely comments.

### Football League

Selected children in Y5 & Y6 took part in the Knowsley Football League on Wednesday and the first game was against Prescott Primary. The children all played well together and the final score was 3-0 to Holy Family. The second game was against St Luke's School. It was a brilliant performance again and the final score was 5-0 to Holy Family. The last game was a friendly. Mr Walker, Mr Turpin and Mr Ellison were very proud of all the boys who took part. Well done☺.



On Monday morning the children enjoyed an assembly led by Justine Silcock from CAFOD to introduce the Lenten Appeal for Cafod, 'Turn Little Fish into Big Fish'. Further information can be found on the website <http://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-CAFOD/Lent>. Please do have a look with your child(ren) and read about Florence. The children came into school in their own clothes today for donations of £1.00 for this wonderful charity. We will let you know how much was raised next week.

## What's coming up soon

### Mrs Mitchell

As I am sure you are all aware, Mrs Mitchell will be starting her maternity leave soon. We only hope she has enough time to rest before the big arrival! ☺ During her leave, Mrs Fay has been appointed to cover Mrs Mitchell's leave. Mrs Fay will be starting with us on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March to aid transition. For the two weeks prior to Mrs Mitchell's leave starting, both teachers will be working together and Mrs Mitchell will be helping Mrs Fay to get to know the children and the classroom procedures. I am sure you would like to join us in wishing Mr and Mrs Mitchell every happiness as they look forward to welcoming a wonderful addition to their family.

### DEAR

We will be continuing with our DEAR (drop everything and read) on Friday mornings from 8.30am. Please do come along with the children and their favourite book to read in the classrooms. All are welcome.

### Y4 Mass

As our Y4 class begin their preparations for Holy Communion the class will be going to Mass each Tuesday throughout Lent. We would be grateful if children could be in school prompt please as Mass begins at 9.15am.

### Widnes Vikings Initiative

The Game Changer initiative will continue next week for children in Y2, Y3 & Y4. Children and their siblings are welcome to come into school at 8am. The fun starts with a healthy breakfast! ☺ As this is an extra-curricular activity there will be a charge of £1.00.

The 20 children from the breakfast club will be attending the Widnes v Castleford game on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Tickets for the game have now been sent home.

### Spring Concert

Our school choir will be taking part in a Spring Concert at Sts Peter & Paul College on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Tickets are on sale and Mrs Mitchell has sent a letter home to the children involved.

### Y5 & Y6 Football League

The next fixtures will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 3.30pm. A separate letter giving full details has already been sent home.



### **Parent Meetings**

We will be holding Parent Meetings on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 1.30pm. A letter giving full details was sent home on Wednesday. We would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused with the new system. Please speak to the class teachers if you have any queries.

### **Kingswood**

The children in Y6 will be visiting Kingswood Colomendy on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March until Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March. I'm sure that they will have a wonderful time and we look forward to hearing all about it upon their return.

### **Comic Relief**

The children will be fundraising for Red Nose Day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Each class will be fundraising in their own way and children will be able to have their noses face painted for donations of 50p. Please let the class teachers know if you do not want your child to take part in this activity.

### **Y2 Football**

Selected children from Y2 will be taking part in a football competition on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. A letter giving full details has already been sent home. We are aware that this is also the date for the parent meetings. If your child is involved in the competition we would ask you to liaise with class teachers for an alternative date and time.

### **Mothers Day Tea Party**

The children in the Reception Class will be holding a Mothers Day Tea Party on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. The afternoon will begin at 1.45pm and all Reception mums and grans are welcome.

### **Y4 Swimming**

The children in the Y4 class will be going to Halewood Baths on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April until Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April and again the following week from Tuesday until Friday. A separate letter will be sent home next week.

## **Additional Information**

We have been asked to let you know that Sts Peter & Paul Catholic College in Widnes will be holding Open Mornings for prospective parents of children in Y4, Y5 and Y6 on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

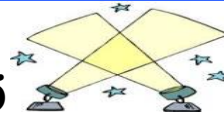
The mornings will run from 9.30am - 11am and are for parents only.

## **PTFA**

We will be holding an Easter Bingo on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March in Holy Family Club from 6.30pm - 8pm. All are welcome to attend and tickets will cost £3.00 per adult and £2.00 per child each. Adults will receive a strip of 6 bingo tickets. Extra bingo tickets will be on sale during the night for £2.50 a strip for those of you who are competent bingo players!

We would be grateful for donations for the prizes and look forward to seeing you all for this enjoyable event. Further information has been sent home tonight.

## Spotlight on Y5



This week we have been working on Enabling Enterprises and we have been working on a class newspaper. We had to work in teams to come up with a name. My team thought 'HF News' was good. My team thought 'All about the News' was good but the class voted for 'Thank goodness it was March'. We decided to do a quiz page and had to think of really good ideas for a quiz. We had pictures of animals and then words to link them together.

Then we had a booklet with three columns and you had to circle one paragraph on each row. You had to rate yourself as: how good do you think you are now? If you thought you were not the best you would circle the paragraph and put it in the top section. If you thought that you were quite good and quite bad you would put it in the middle section and if you thought you were the best you would put it in the bottom section. We had to think about how good we are at solving a problem.

We also thought of different topics like sport, entertainment and pop. Each group had to have a spokesperson.

We have only been working on this for two weeks up to now but by week ten we should have the newspaper published. It will be really good.

Many thanks to Summer and Zak

# Diary Dates



## March

Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	My First Game - Select Stadium
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Concert @ Sts P&P for School Choir
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Residential to Kingswood
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Y2 Football
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Parent Meetings
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Y5/Y6 Football League @ 3.00pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Class Mothers Day Tea Party @ 1.45pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day - Details to follow
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Bingo 6.30pm - 8pm
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Break Up at 2pm

## April

Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Return to School - Bell at 8.55am
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Y4 Swimming
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Sacramental Meeting
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Swimming

## May

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Bank Holiday Monday - School Closed
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## After School Clubs



Day	Activity/Club	Year	Time
Monday	Vikings Rugby	Years 5 & 6	3.20-4.15
	Tween Yoga	Years 3, 4 & 5	3.20-4.15
	Guitar	Years 5 & 6	3.20-4.00
	Football	Years 1 & 2	3.15-4.15
Tuesday	Gardening Club	Years 3 - Y6	3.20- 4.00
	Netball	Years 5 & 6	3.20-4.00
	Football	Years 3 & 4	3.20-4.15
	Football	Years 5 & 6	3.15-4.15
	Tween Yoga	Years 1 & 2	3.15-4.15
Wednesday	Rise and Shine Dance	Years 1 - Year 6	8.30-9.00
	Cookery	Year 2	3.20-4.15
	Multisports	Years 5 & 6	3.15-4.15
Thursday	Choir	Years 2 - Year 6	3.15-4.00
	Multi-sports	Years 1 & 2	3.20-4.15
Friday	Rugby	Years 1 & 2	3.15-4.00
	Film club	Years 3 & 4	3.15-4.15

And finally.....

The school value we will be focusing on next week will be

Loving

Please speak to your children about the importance  
of loving one another.



Kind regards

Mrs Hannah