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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



As a family talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent.

You may have decided to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity.

If you have an older child provide him/her with an opportunity to take part in The Stations of the Cross.

As we will be on holiday during Holy Week the children will take part in a service of reconciliation and a journey through the Stations of the Cross next week as part of our Easter preparations.

The next meeting for parents only is Monday 24th April at 6.30pm in Holy Family Club. We look forward to seeing you all.

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 17th March 2017

Year	Attendance	Weeks Won
R	98.7%	6
1	97%	5
2	97.4%	3
3	99.7%	5
4	97.4%	3
5	98%	4
6**	100%	2

Whole School: 96.9%
National average is 96.3%
Well done Y6, you were our class of the week.

**We were delighted to see that every class
was above the National Average - Well done everyone 😊**





Year Group	Star of the Week	Golden Table
Reception	Sienna	Adam Tabitha Isla Sam
Year 1	Blake	Olivia Heidi Lewis Oliver
Year 2	Michael	Oscar Emma Elliot Ava
Year 3	Matilda	Sofia Ella James Ava
Year 4	Halle	Erin Jack Sophie Freddy
Year 5	Thomas	Brian Jessica Frankie Maisy
Year 6	Kingswood	Liam Niamh Abigail Mikey
Mathematician of the Week Joseph - Reception, Lewis - Y1, Charlie - Y2, Sofia - Y3, Martha - Y4, George - Y5,	Reader of the Week Erin - Reception, Violet - Y1, Emma - Y2, Zach - Y3, Paris - Y4, Frankie - Y5,	Writer of the Week Beau - Reception, Charlotte - Y1, Katie S - Y2, Dylan - Y3, Joel - Y4, Ralfie - Y5,

**Well done to all the children involved.
Certificates were not awarded to the children in Y6 as
they were in Kingswood.**

What's happened this week

Parent Meetings

Many thanks to everyone who came to the meetings on Wednesday. We hope that you found them informative.

Widnes Poetry Festival

Unfortunately Paul was unable to attend on Monday due to illness in the family. We wish his mum a speedy recovery.

Y2 EFC Tournament

Fantastic achievement by our Y2 children having made the finals for the second year in a row to Everton Football Club (Goodison Park). We are sure that this will be a very special day for the children involved and we are very proud of them 😊

Y5 & Y6 Football League

Unfortunately this fixture was cancelled due to a waterlogged pitch. We will let you know the rearranged date when known.

Mrs Fay

This week we welcomed Mrs Fay to Holy Family School and hope that she has enjoyed her first week with us. We look forward to working with her.

Comic Relief



Many thanks for your generous donations today for this very worthwhile cause. We will let you know how much was raised next week.

Mothers Day Tea Party

We welcomed the mums and grans of children in the Reception Class earlier today for a very special Tea Party. We do hope that the children looked after you and that you enjoyed the afternoon.

Childrens University

All information and hours for external clubs should now have been submitted to Mrs Quigley in order for the correct information to be given to Enrich Education who organise the Children's University. **Unfortunately any late information will not count towards this year's allocation.**

Rugby

This evening Y5 & Y6 will be taking part in a fixture evening for 'New Directions' at the Widnes Vikings game. We wish them the very best of luck 😊.

What's coming up soon

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 until half term 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.

Y4 Swimming

The children in the Y4 class will be going to Halewood Baths on Tuesday 18th April until Friday 21st April and again the following week from Tuesday until Friday. A separate letter will be sent home next week. Please note that this is the first day back after the holidays so please make a note in your diaries.

Y2 Computing Day

The children in Y2 had a computing day today with Kitty from Knowsley CLCs. They have been busy debugging! We will find out more next week in the spotlight.

RE-SPORT

Holy Family school has been asked to support a local initiative Re-sport, sponsored by the Cathie Stankavitch Foundation. Cathie's son John, has asked for donations of sports equipment that you no longer use, or sports clothing that is no longer worn and is still in good condition, to be handed into school on Friday 31st March. John will be outside the school gate at 8.45 am to accept the donations.

Leaflets informing you about this project have already been sent home. For more information click on <http://www.cathiestankevitchfoundation.co.uk/projects-and-initiatives/resport-project/>.

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 28th March.

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

PTFA

We will be holding an Easter Bingo on Thursday 30th 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. Letters giving full details have now been sent home and also raffle 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! Tickets for this event are limited and will be given out on a first come first served basis, so please do not delay as we would hate to disappoint.

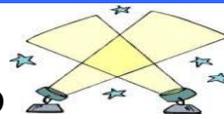
We would be grateful for donations for the prizes and look forward to seeing you all for this enjoyable event.

Children are welcome to come into school in their own clothes on Thursday 30th March for donations of Easter Eggs.

The After School Clubs will be changing after half term.

A letter giving further information will be sent home after the holidays.

Spotlight on Y6



Last week we went to Kingswood. It was really good. We were put into three groups and Miss had decided on the ten activities. When we got there we had a lot of time and played rounders and football. There was a small sanded area so we played volleyball too.

We did low ropes and enjoyed the campfire where we sang songs and told jokes.

We did the Leap of Faith which was really scary. I think it was double the height of the school building at the top which was really scary as it was shaky. I jumped and managed to grab the trapeze. We also did climbing and abseiling. The best bit was the bedroom though as ours was the biggest. We had a room with 3 bunk beds and because it was so big everyone would come in.

On the Thursday night we had a disco which was good fun but the best was the nightline as we had to hold onto each other and the rope and you were blindfolded. Everyone fell over at the same spot and we all thought it must have been a really big ditch but when we took our blindfolds off it was the smallest hole ever!

Many thanks to Nieve and Ethan

Diary Dates



March

Thursday 30 th	PTFA Bingo 6.30pm - 8pm
Thursday 30 th	Own clothes for donations of Easter Eggs
Friday 31 st	Easter raffle
Friday 31 st	Donations of sports clothing
Friday 31 st	Break Up at 2pm

April

Tuesday 18 th	Return to School - Bell at 8.55am
Tuesday 18 th - Friday 21 st	Y4 Swimming
Monday 24 th	Sacramental Meeting in Holy Family Club at 6.30pm Parents Only
Tuesday 25 th - Friday 28 th	Y4 Swimming

May

Monday 1 st	Bank Holiday Monday - School Closed
Tuesday 2 nd	Sacramental Meeting in Holy Family Club at 6.30pm Parents and children to attend

And finally.....

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

Please speak to your children about the importance
of being honest with themselves and with one another.



Kind regards

Mrs Hannah