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**Weekly Newsletter**

**Friday 17th November 2017**

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**Following in Jesus’ footsteps…**

**We pray together**

**We play together**

**We learn together**





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| http://www.educationcommission.org.uk/SiteImages/107.jpgCome and See |
| Our RE theme for the rest of the term is Advent/Christmas – Loving.  The children in the Reception Class will be looking forward to Jesus’ birthday. Y1 will be waiting and looking forward to Christmas. Y2 will be preparing for Christmas. Y3 will be looking at Visitors and waiting for the coming of Jesus. Y4 will be looking at gifts and the special gift of love and friendship in Jesus. Y5 will be looking at Hope throughout Advent and waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one. Y6 will be looking at expectations. Jesus was born to show God to the world.  Please discuss with your child how your family welcomes visitors to your home. Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent eg. Advent wreath, calendar, Jesse tree.  Please feel free to use the CAFOD website to get a religious  Advent Calendar. |
| Our Value next week is honesty.  Honesty 1.png  Please speak to your child/ren about the importance of this value. |

**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.

Amen

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| **Attendance for week ending 10th November 2017** | | |
| **Year** | **Attendance** | **Weeks Won** |
| R | 98.3% | 3 |
| 1 | 96.1% | 1 |
| 2 | 99% | 3 |
| 3\*\* | 99.4% | 2 |
| 4 | 96.6% | 1 |
| 5 | 98.1% | 1 |
| 6 | 95.3% | 1 |
| **Whole School: 97.1%**  **National average is 96.6%**  **Well done to our Y3 Class,**  **you are our class of the week.**  **Unfortunately no class achieved 100%.**  **Two classes were below the National Average.**  **.**  **Well done**  **Holidays during school time can no longer be authorised unless under exceptional circumstances. Holidays will therefore be marked as unauthorised unless permission has been granted under ‘exceptional circumstances’. This is a government drive to ensure children’s learning is not interrupted due to absence.**  **Many thanks**  **attendance** | | |

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| **[Image result for time to shine](http://www.bing.com/images/search?q=time+to+shine+pictures&id=5617E7635E9C7DAE9ACC0A860BBEA206FD876DCF&FORM=IQFRBA)** | |
| **Year Group** | **Star of the Week** |
| Reception | Alexandra |
| Year 1 | Isabella |
| Year 2 | Howie |
| Year 3 | Amelia |
| Year 4 | Annabella |
| Year 5 | Josh |
| Year 6 | Summer |
| The Star has been awarded to our children who have shown the value of the week.  Well done to the children who were chosen last week.  star of the week proud.jpg | |

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| **End of Term Rewards for Effort** |
| At the end of this term the ten highest earning children from each class will be rewarded with a visit to the Reel Cinema on  Friday 15th December to see the film STAR.  The following eight earners will be invited to watch the matinee performance of Sister Act at Sts Peter & Paul School on  Monday 18th December at 1.30pm.  The next four earners will go on a Christmas Walk to Pex Hill visiting Cronton Garden Centre, time and date still to be arranged.  The remaining earners will receive a pen and make Christmas biscuits on Monday 18th December.  If the children do not wish to take up their reward this term they can bank their money until the end of the Spring term to enable them to earn a higher prize at Easter.  Children in Reception and Y1 will be rewarded with a Christmas Party which is to be held on Friday 15th December at 1.30pm in the school hall. |

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| **What’s happened this week** |
| **Children in Need**  Many thanks for the donations of the lovely cakes all week and the ongoing donations. So far we have raised over £700.00 which is fantastic. We will let you know the final amount next week.  **Anti-Bullying Week**  On Monday the children were invited into school wearing odd socks in support of Anti-Bullying week. The children looked fantastic and took part in lots of activities throughout the day in accepting ‘All different all equal’.  **Footballfootball.jpg**  Selected children from Y3 took part in a football competition on Thursday afternoon. The team finished in joint 1st place and will progress to the finals again☺. Well done to all involved; we are very proud of you☺.  Selected children from Y5 had regional games today and we will let you know next week how the team got on. |
| **What’s coming up soon** |
| **School Photographer**  The photographer will be coming into school on Wednesday 29th November. Children are to wear full school uniform. Siblings not in Holy Family School will be allowed to come into school at 8.30am for a family group photograph. Please note that siblings will always be photographed together unless we receive a letter in writing stating otherwise.  **Money**  Unfortunately we are unable to take any money at the school office as it is against audit procedures. Please do ensure that children have any money in envelopes with their names clearly labelled. Many thanks for your co-operation.  **School Meals**  It has been brought to our attention that some children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 classes are sometimes swapping meals throughout the week from school meals to packed lunch. As food needs to be ordered up to two weeks in advance we would appreciate it if parents would not swap meals throughout the week. If a school meal is required the option must be taken for the full week. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.  **Science Workshop**  The children in KS2 will take part in science workshops on Wednesday 22nd November with Mr Peake. I’m sure the children will have a wonderful day.  **Kurling**  Selected children will be taking part in a Kurling event on Tuesday 21st November. A separate letter has been sent to the children involved.  **Reception Trip**  The children in the Reception Class will be going to Cronton Nurseries on Thursday 30th November to choose the school Christmas Tree. A separate letter giving full details has been sent home. We do hope that you will be able to come along and enjoy this lovely day, finishing off with lunch with the children.  **Robinwood**  Mrs Quigley will be holding a meeting regarding Robinwood on Thursday 30th November at 3.30pm. We do hope that you will be able to come along and receive all the information about what activities the children will be participating in as well as the clothing that will be required. We look forward to seeing you all.  **Grandparent Christmas Party**  The children in Y2 will be holding a Grandparent Christmas party on Friday 1st December starting at 1.45pm until 3pm. I’m sure this will be a lovely afternoon and you will all be well looked after by the children.  **Christmas Dinner**  The whole school will be partaking in a Christmas Dinner on Friday 15th December. A separate letter will be sent home nearer to the time. Please note the children will be allowed to wear their Christmas jumpers on this day.  **Pantomime**  The whole school will be going to The Brindley in Runcorn on Tuesday 19th December to see Sleeping Beauty. Further details will be sent home nearer to the time.  **Christmas Concerts**  The Reception Class will be having their Christmas play on Thursday 7th December at 9am. The performance will last approx one hour.  The children in Y1 & Y2 will be holding Christmas Concerts on Monday 11th December and Tuesday 12th December @ 4pm. Tickets are not needed and everyone is welcome☺.  The children in Y3, Y4 & Y5 will be holding their Christmas Concerts on Wednesday 13th December and Thursday 14th December @ 4pm. Tickets are not needed and again, everyone is welcome☺.  **Break Up**  Please note that we finish for Christmas on Thursday 21st December at 2pm and return to school on Wednesday 3rd January 2018. |
| **Defibrillator**  This is just to confirm that we do have a defibrillator in school. Staff have had initial training and receive refresher training on an annual basis. |

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| **After School Clubs**  **Week commencing 27th November is the last week for after school clubs until after the Christmas half term break.** | | | | |
| **Day** | **Activity/Club** | **Year** | **Time** | **Collection** |
| Monday | Game Changer  Multi Skills  Breakfast Club  Vikings Rugby – external provider  Tween Yoga – external provider  Football | Y1,Y2,Y3,Y4,Y5 & Y6  Years 4,5,6    Years 3, 4 & 5    Years 1 & 2 | 8.15-8.55  3.20-4.15    3.15-4.15  3.15- 4.15 | Please bring to the main entrance  Y6  Hall  Y2 |
| Tuesday | Gardening Club  Netball  Football  Tween Yoga – external provider | Years 3, 4, 5 & 6  Years 4, 5 & 6  Years 3, 4,  Years 5 & 6  Years 1 & 2 | 3.20- 4.00  3.20-4.00  3.20-4.15  3.15-4.15 | Playground  Main Entrance  Y3 – (Y3 & Y4)  Y6 – (Y5 & Y6)  Hall |
| Wednesday | Cookery    iPad with Knowsley CLC specialist teacher (External provider) | Y4 this term  Y5 next term  Year 3,4,5,6 | 3.20-4.15  3.20-4.15 | Y5  Y6 |
| Thursday | Rise and Shine Dance  Art  (15 places)  Dance | Years 1, 2, 3, & 4  Y2 this term  Y3 next term  Y3, Y4, Y5 &Y6 | 8.30-8.55  3.20-4.15  3.20-4.15 | Main entrance  Y2  Hall |
| Friday | Rugby-Mr Walker  Film club | Years 1 & 2  Years 2, 3,4,5,6 | 3.15-4.00  3.20-4.15 | Hall  Y4 |

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| **Diary Dates** | |
| **November** | |
| Tuesday 21st | Kurling event |
| Wednesday 22nd | KS2 Science Workshops |
| Thursday 30th | Reception Trip to Cronton Nurseries 9am-1pm |
| Thursday 30th | Y5 Robinwood meeting at 3.30pm |
| **December** | |
| Friday 1st | Y2 Grandparents Party @ 1.45pm |
| Wednesday 6th | KS1 PTFA Disco 4pm – 5.30pm |
| Thursday 7th | KS2 PTFA Disco 4pm – 5.30pm |
| Thursday 7th | Reception Play @ 9am |
| Friday 8th | Y3 Computing Day |
| Monday 11th | Y1 & Y2 Christmas Concert @ 4pm |
| Tuesday 12th | Y1 & Y2 Christmas Concert @ 4pm |
| Wednesday 13th | Y3, Y4 & Y5 Christmas Concert @ 4pm |
| Thursday 14th | Y3, Y4 & Y5 Christmas Concert @ 4pm |
| Friday 15th | Christmas Dinner & Wear your Christmas Jumper to School |
| Friday 15th | Reward for Effort trip to The Reel in Widnes |
| Friday 15th | Reception & Y1 Christmas Party @ 1.30pm |
| Monday 18th | Reward for Effort trip to see Sister Act |
| Tuesday 19th | Whole school trip to The Brindley - Panto |
| Thursday 21st | School closes for Christmas at 2pm |
| **January 2018** | |
| Wednesday 3rd | Return to School – Bell @ 8.55am |

