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Weekly Newsletter
Friday 1st December 2017



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



Come 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 responsibility



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

Attendance for week ending 24th November 2017

Year	Attendance	Weeks Won
R	95.5%	3
1	96.8%	1
2	97.7%	3
3	98.1%	2
4	94.5%	1
5**	98.7%	2
6	96%	1

Whole School: 97.1%
National average is 96.6%
Well done to our Y5 Class,
you are our class of the week.
Unfortunately no class received 100% attendance.



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





Year Group	Star of the Week
Reception	Amelia
Year 1	Layla
Year 2	Oscar
Year 3	Scarlet
Year 4	Martha
Year 5	Jake
Year 6	Eva

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.



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, at 9.30am on Monday 18th December.

The remaining earners will receive a pen and make Christmas biscuits/decorations 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. A letter regarding all the rewards will be sent home shortly

What's happened this week

School Photographer

The photographer came into school on Wednesday morning and we are eagerly awaiting the proofs. We hope to receive them early next week and will send them home as soon as they are received.

Reception Trip

Parents had the opportunity to participate in a Reading Workshop with Mrs Evans on Thursday morning before they all went to visit Cronton Garden Centre to choose the school Christmas Tree. The children had a lovely day and the tree is now standing proud in the school hall. Many thanks to all the parents for accompanying the children on this trip and to Mrs Fay, Mrs Connolly and Mrs Newton for arranging it so well☺.

Robinwood

Many thanks to everyone who attended the meeting on Thursday regarding Robinwood. We hope that you are now fully aware of the trip and the different activities the children will be taking part in. I'm sure they will have a wonderful time.

Grandparent Christmas Party

Many thanks to everyone who came along this afternoon to the Grandparent Party. We hope the children looked after you all and you had a lovely day. Many thanks to Miss Sharratt and Miss Kenworthy for arranging the afternoon.

What's coming up soon

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 Collections

It has come to our notice that a few parents are making arrangements to have children picked up by other parents. Please note that unless we receive a telephone call or a written note we are not permitted to let children go without prior parental agreement. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

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.

Christmas Dinner

The whole school will be partaking in a Christmas Dinner on Friday 15th December. A separate letter has been sent home and many thanks to everyone who has returned the form to indicated if their child/ren would like to have the meal. 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 out on Monday.

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.

HOLY FAMILY PTFA Newsletter

CHRISTMAS DISCOS

On 6th December we will be holding out Key Stage 1 and Reception Disco from 4pm until 5.30pm. All children will receive a free raffle ticket and a gift from Santa.

The Key Stage 2 disco will take place on Thursday 7th December at 4pm until 5.30pm. All children will receive a gift and a free raffle ticket.

All tickets will cost £3.00 per person (for each child and each adult).
Parents are asked to accompany their children to the KS1 disco only.

If you would like to purchase tickets please send the correct money in an envelope with your child's name on it, how many tickets you require, whether it is KS1 or KS2 Christmas Disco together with payment.

Please send the envelope into school in your child's book bag.
It would be greatly appreciated if you did not send this money with any other payments.

We hope you can continue to support us as everything we do benefits your child.
The next PTFA meeting will be Tuesday 23rd January at 7.00pm at The Upton Tavern, everyone is welcome.

Thanks as ever for your continued support,

Holy Family PTFA

Diary Dates

December

Wednesday 6 th	KS1 PTFA Disco 4pm - 5.30pm
Thursday 7 th	KS2 PTFA Disco 4pm - 5.30pm
Thursday 7 th	Reception Play @ 9am
Friday 8 th	Y3 Computing Day
Monday 11 th	Y1 & Y2 Christmas Concert @ 4pm
Tuesday 12 th	Y1 & Y2 Christmas Concert @ 4pm
Wednesday 13 th	Y3, Y4 & Y5 Christmas Concert @ 4pm
Thursday 14 th	Y3, Y4 & Y5 Christmas Concert @ 4pm
Friday 15 th	Christmas Dinner & Wear your Christmas Jumper to School
Friday 15 th	Reward for Effort trip to The Reel in Widnes
Friday 15 th	Reception & Y1 Christmas Party @ 1.30pm
Monday 18 th	Reward for Effort trip to see Sister Act
Monday 18 th	Reward for Effort trip to Pex Hill and Cronton Garden Centre
Monday 18 th	Reward for Effort, making Christmas biscuits and decorations
Tuesday 19 th	Whole school trip to The Brindley - Panto
Thursday 21 st	School closes for Christmas at 2pm

January 2018

Wednesday 3 rd	Return to School - Bell @ 8.55am
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JESUS
Loves Me
This I
know...