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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



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 respect



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 17th November 2017

Year	Attendance	Weeks Won
R	91.8%	3
1	96.8%	1
2	98.1%	3
3	99.4%	2
4	100%	1
5	98.1%	1
6	98.3%	1

Whole School: 97.2%  
National average is 96.6%  
Well done to our Y4 Class,  
you are our class of the week.  
As the Y4 class received 100% attendance you will receive toast  
at break time on Monday.



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	Luke
Year 1	Alice
Year 2	Charlotte
Year 3	Jack
Year 4	Charlie
Year 5	Isobella
Year 6	Joe

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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> December.

The remaining earners will receive a pen and make Christmas biscuits/decorations on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm in the school hall. A letter regarding all the rewards will be sent home shortly

## What's happened this week

### **Children in Need**

The final figure for this worthwhile cause is £861.70. We will be delighted to send a cheque for this amount next week. This is a fantastic amount; well done everyone☺.

### **Science Workshop**

The children in KS2 took part in a day of science workshops on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November with Mr Peake and his colleague from Croda. The children had a wonderful time day being scientists for the day and carrying out various experiments.

### **Kurling**

Selected children from Y4, Y5 & Y6 took part in a kurling competition at Altbridge School earlier this week. The children did fantastically well and reached the semi-finals. They finished in third position overall. Well done everyone☺.

### **Digital Parenting Magazine**

Today we are sending home the latest magazine and parent factsheet about YouTube. We hope you will find these useful to help you keep your child safe online.

## What's coming up soon

### **School Photographer**

The photographer will be coming into school on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

### **Reception Trip**

The children in the Reception Class will be going to Cronton Nurseries on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Pound Coins**

As you are now aware the old £1.00 coin ceased to be legal tender in October 2017. I would be grateful if you would no longer send these coins into school as they will have to be returned to you. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

### **Pantomime**

The whole school will be going to The Brindley in Runcorn on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> December at 9am. The performance will last approx one hour.

The children in Y1 & Y2 will be holding Christmas Concerts on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December @ 4pm. Tickets are not needed and everyone is welcome☺.

The children in Y3, Y4 & Y5 will be holding their Christmas Concerts on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December @ 4pm. Tickets are not needed and again, everyone is welcome☺.

### **Break Up**

Please note that we finish for Christmas on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 2pm and return to school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018.

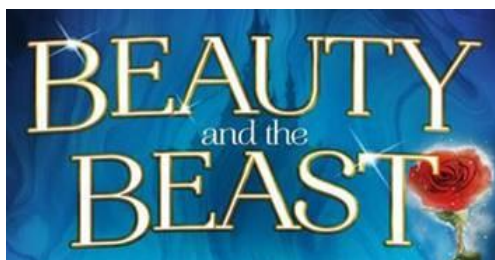
### **Defibrillator**

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.

## **Additional Information**

### **Panto at Knowsley Leisure and Culture Park**

There are still a limited number of tickets left for the weekday panto on Monday and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> December. Watch the brilliant story unfold in larger-than-life live action as the beast attempts to win the heart of the heroine, Beauty, and become a handsome prince again. There's laughter, singing and dancing, and all of the typical panto fun you could ask for around Christmas time! This is a show you won't want to miss! It's a classic family favourite with only two weeks left to purchase tickets. **Adult tickets £10, Children and concessions £8 with buy 10 tickets get 1 free still on offer! Call 0151 443 2200 to book.**



## HOLY FAMILY PTFA

### Newsletter

On Tuesday October 17th we held a PTFA meeting. Thank you to those of you who attended. Minutes of the meeting have been sent home. The main topics discussed were the Spooky Bingo and the Christmas Discos and some future events were organised.

A big THANK YOU to everybody who supported The Spooky Bingo. It was great to see so many donations of spooky prizes. The children, parents and staff had a great time and everyone looked fantastic in their spooky outfits. With your support we raised over £500 which will go towards the purchase of 5 more Apple Macs. This will mean that there will be 1 between 2 for a class of children.

### CHRISTMAS DISCOS

In December we will be holding our traditional Infants and Junior Christmas Discos in Holy Family Club.

Key Stage 1 and Reception will take place on Wednesday December 6th at 4pm until 5.30pm. All children will receive a free raffle ticket and a gift from Santa.

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

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 in 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

### After School Clubs

**Week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> November is the last week for after school clubs until after the Christmas half term break. Letters regarding next terms clubs will be sent home next week.**

## Diary Dates

### November

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Reception Trip to Cronton Nurseries 9am-1pm

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Y5 Robinwood meeting at 3.30pm

### December

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Y2 Grandparents Party @ 1.45pm

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> KS1 PTFA Disco 4pm - 5.30pm

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> KS2 PTFA Disco 4pm - 5.30pm

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Reception Play @ 9am

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Y3 Computing Day

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Y1 & Y2 Christmas Concert @ 4pm

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Y1 & Y2 Christmas Concert @ 4pm

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Y3, Y4 & Y5 Christmas Concert @ 4pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Y3, Y4 & Y5 Christmas Concert @ 4pm

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner & Wear your Christmas Jumper to School

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Reward for Effort trip to The Reel in Widnes

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Reception & Y1 Christmas Party @ 1.30pm

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Reward for Effort trip to see Sister Act

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Reward for Effort trip to Pex Hill and Cronton Garden Centre

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Reward for Effort, making Christmas biscuits and decorations

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Whole school trip to The Brindley - Panto

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> School closes for Christmas at 2pm

### January 2018

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Return to School - Bell @ 8.55am

JESUS  
Loves Me  
This I  
know...