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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 this week is Baptism and Confirmation.  
The children in Reception, Y1, Y2 & Y3 will be learning about Baptism. The children in Y4 will be learning about Confirmation and the children in Y5 & Y6 will be learning about life choices, vocation and commitment.

Our Value next week is loving.



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 20th October 2017

Year	Attendance	Weeks Won
R**	98.9%	3
1	98.3%	1
2	95.8%	2
3	95.5%	
4	96.9%	1
5	91.7%	1
6	95.7%	1

Whole School: 97.1%

National average is 96.6%

Well done to our Reception Class, you are our class of the week.

Unfortunately no class achieved 100%.

Four of our classes were below the National Average.



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	Bella
Year 1	Sam
Year 2	Tobi
Year 3	Gracie
Year 4	Ella
Year 5	Trip
Year 6	Olivia

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.



### Rewards

This week the children in Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 will be adding up the money they have earned for the effort they have shown for the last six weeks. During assembly today the rewards the children can earn at the end of this half term were revealed as chosen by the Student Council. The ten highest earning children from each class will be rewarded with a visit to the Cinema. The following eight earners will be invited to watch the matinee performance of Sister Act at Sts Peter & Paul School and the next four earners will go on a Christmas Walk to Pex Hill visiting Cronton Garden Centre.

The remaining earners will receive a pen and make Christmas Biscuits. Dates and times of these events will follow.

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.

## What's happened this week

### Parent Meetings

Many thanks to everyone who came along to the meetings on Thursday to catch up with teachers discussing how your child has settled into their new classes. We hope that you found them informative. Many thanks to everyone who completed the Parental Questionnaires; unfortunately we realised that parents who came before 3pm only received part of the questionnaire and we have now sent out the correct one in your child's book bag tonight. We would appreciate it if you could complete and return the information as soon as possible. A box will be put in the school entrance if you would like to return the form anonymously. We appreciate all feedback as this helps us to plan and improve our school.

### Mass

The children in the junior classes went to Mass on Wednesday morning to celebrate the feast of All Saints. The children sang beautifully and were well behaved. Children in the infant classes took part in a collective worship.

## What's coming up soon

### Parental Calendar

A parental calendar has been on the school website for the current school year, however as we have now updated it we had to temporarily remove it from the website. I'm delighted to let you know that a new version has now been uploaded onto the school website and Parentapp. We hope that you find it informative. Please accept our apologies for the delay but we had to confirm dates.

### School Photographer

The photographer will be coming into school on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Children are to wear full school uniform but 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 note in writing.

### Football

Selected children in Y2 will be taking part in a football tournament on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Selected children in Y3 will be taking part in a football tournament on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Selected Children in Y5 will be taking part in a football tournament on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Separate letters has been sent home to the children involved.

### Anti-Bullying Week

Week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> November is National Anti-bullying week. The theme this year is "All different, All equal". During the week we will be looking at promoting equality and diversity and the anti-bullying message.

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November it is 'Odd Socks day'. Children (and adults) will be encouraged to wear odd socks and show their support of this week.

### Y3 Trip

Mr Ellison has arranged a trip to Chester on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. A letter giving full details has now been sent home. I'm sure the children will have a lovely day and we hope that the weather is kind to us.

### Hearing Screening

The audiologist will be coming into school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November to review the hearing of the children in the Reception Class. Letters have already been sent home.

### School Nurse

The school nurse will be coming into school on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November to review the children in Y6 for height and weights. Separate letters have been sent home. Please let a member of staff know if you do not wish your child to be included.

### Science Workshop

The children in KS2 will take part in science workshops on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. I'm sure the children will have a wonderful day.

### **Parentapp**

We have been notified by some parents that they are not receiving messages via Parentapp. Please check that you have the notifications turned on. Any problems, please do let us know.

### **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.

### **Remembrance Sunday**

The children in the Y2 class will continue to sell poppies next week with all monies going towards the Royal British Legion. Each poppy will cost 50p. Many thanks for your generosity and support of this very worthwhile cause.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November is Remembrance Sunday and there will be a service at the Memorial Gardens and Cenotaph at 11am. Children from Y2 are invited to join Mrs Hannah and Miss Sharratt to lay the wreath and represent our school.

### **Kurling**

Selected children will be taking part in a Kurling event on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November. A separate letter will be sent to the children involved.

### **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 Party**

The children in Y2 will be holding a Grandparent 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.

### **Computing Day**

The children in Y4 will take part in a computer day on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November and on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December Mr Alan Ellis from Knowsley CLC will be working with the children in Y3. We are sure they will all have a wonderful day.

### **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☺.

### **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 that we have decided to support Save the Children Charity on this day and the children will be allowed to wear their Christmas jumpers to school that day for a £1.00 donation.

### **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 home nearer to the time.

### **Holiday Dates 2018/19**

Dates for September 2018 - July 2019 have now been agreed by Governors. A copy of the dates have been emailed to all parents and dates are now on the school website and parentapp.

### **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.

**PTFA**

Thank you for your support for the Spooky Bingo. We raised over  
£400.00☺.

We are still waiting on outstanding payments for spooky snack before  
we can give the final total.

We are in the process of arranging the Christmas Disco's and can confirm  
that they will be taking place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December and Thursday  
7<sup>th</sup> December. More information will follow soon.

The next PTFA meeting will be held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at the  
Upton Tavern.

## 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.**

Day	Activity/Club	Year	Time	Collection
Monday	Game Changer Multi Skills Breakfast Club	Y1,Y2,Y3,Y4,Y5 & Y6	8.15-8.55	Please bring to the main entrance
	Vikings Rugby – external provider	Years 4,5,6	3.20-4.15	Y6
	Tween Yoga – external provider	Years 3, 4 & 5	3.15-4.15	Hall
	Football	Years 1 & 2	3.15- 4.15	Y2
Tuesday	Gardening Club	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	3.20- 4.00	Playground
	Netball	Years 4, 5 & 6	3.20-4.00	Main Entrance
	Football	Years 3, 4, Years 5 & 6	3.20-4.15	Y3 – (Y3 & Y4) Y6 – (Y5 & Y6)
	Tween Yoga – external provider	Years 1 & 2	3.15-4.15	Hall
Wednesday	Cookery	Y4 this term Y5 next term	3.20-4.15	Y5
	iPad with Knowsley CLC specialist teacher (External provider)	Year 3,4,5,6	3.20-4.15	Y6
Thursday	Rise and Shine Dance	Years 1, 2, 3, & 4	8.30-8.55	Main entrance
	Art (15 places)	Y2 this term Y3 next term	3.20-4.15	Y2
	Dance	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	3.20-4.15	Hall
Friday	Rugby-Mr Walker	Years 1 & 2	3.15-4.00	Hall
	Film club	Years 2, 3,4,5,6	3.20-4.15	Y4

## Diary Dates

### November

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Hearing Screening Reception Class
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 trip to Chester
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Football
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Wear odd socks to school - Anti Bullying week
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 Football
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Football
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Y6 Height & Weight Interviews
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Kurling event
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	KS2 Science Workshops
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Trip to Cronton Nurseries
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Robinwood meeting at 3.30pm

### December

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Y2 Grandparents Party
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 PTFA Disco
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 PTFA Disco
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
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
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JESUS  
Loves Me  
This I  
know...