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**Weekly Newsletter**

**Friday 10th October 2014**

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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 this term will be the three themes of Domestic Church (Family), Baptism and Confirmation (Belonging) and Advent and Christmas (Loving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics. This week the children have been studying Judaism. Mrs Evans held a special assembly on Monday morning explaining the different aspects of this religion. |

**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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| Year Group | Achievement Certificates | Dojos  Certificate |
| Year 1 | Charlie Bi  Jacob  James |  |
| Year 2 | Jake  Halle | Connie |
| Year 3 | Sean  Frankie  Thomas |  |
| Year 4 | Liam  Callum  Mya | Christopher |
| Year 5 | Class Trip |  |
| Year 6 | Art Day |  |

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| What’s happened this week? | | |
| **MacMillan & Halton Haven Coffee Mornings**  Many thanks to everyone who supported the MacMillan and Halton Haven coffee mornings last week. We raised £650.00 which will be split equally between both worthwhile causes.  **Book Fair**  Many thanks to everyone who supported the book fair last week. We raised the fabulous amount of £1279.00, the commission of which will help to replenish library books.  **Cafod & Widnes Foodbank**  Mr Peter Smith came into school on Tuesday to speak to the children in the Y6 class about the Widnes Foodbank. His feedback was how brilliant the whole school were at raising funds for great causes and he even thinks he has spotted the next Prime Minister!  Y6 did a fantastic assembly about changing our ways and never wasting food. Peter Smith came too and commended the children on their generosity for the food bank.  Children came into school in their own clothes today for donations which will be sent to CAFOD. We will let you know next week how much we raised.  **Walk to School Week**  We have been celebrating Walk to School Week this week and enjoyed a lovely walk yesterday morning from The Observatory in Widnes to school. We had over 50 children join us and would like to thank everyone, especially the adults, who came along.  **Y6 Football**  Children in Y5 & Y6 played 2 games in the football league on Wednesday 8th October. They drew one game and won one game and are now sitting comfortably joint at the top of the league! Well done everyone. The next games will be played in the new year. | | |
| **What’s coming up soon** |
| **Strike Action**  **We have been notified that the strike action has now been suspended so school will be open as normal on Tuesday.**  **Y1 Football Tournament**  Selected children in the Y1 class will be taking part in a football tournament on Monday 13th October. This is the rearranged date from Monday 6th October which was cancelled due to the weather. A separate letter giving full details has been sent home.  **Reception & Y1 Trip**  Mrs Evans & Mrs Mitchell have arranged a trip to The Brindley Theatre in Runcorn to watch a stage performance of The Princess & The Pea. Separate letters have now been sent home and permissions have been received. The trip will be taking place on Wednesday 15th October. I’m sure the children will have a lovely afternoon.  **Y5 Rejoice**  The children in Y5 will be celebrating their class Rejoice Assembly on Thursday 16th October at 2.15pm. All are welcome to attend.  **Y2 Football Tournament**  Selected children in the Y2 class will be taking part in a football tournament on Monday 20th October at 12.30pm. A separate letter has already been sent home.  **Reception Class Reading Meeting**  Mrs Evans will be meeting with parents from the Reception class on Thursday 6th November at 9am to discuss reading and the different techniques used by teachers. All are welcome.  **Fr Andrew Testimonial Mass**  There will be a testimonial Mass at St Bedes Church in Widnes on Wednesday evening at 7pm. Fr Andrew has now left the diocese to take up a position in Chorley. All are welcome to the Mass.  **Computing Day**  Mr Ellis will also be coming into school on Friday 7th November to teach computing to the children in the Y4 class.  **Together Day**  On Tuesday 11th November parents and carers are invited to come along to Pray, Play and Learn together in the Year 2 class from 2.00pm. All are welcome.  **School Meal**  Knowsley Council are offering children the opportunity to enjoy a school meal for the discounted price of £1.00 on Wednesday 5th November. A separate letter has been sent home today and we would appreciate a quick response please if you would like your child to enjoy this meal with us as the kitchen need to order the correct quantities of food before we break up for the half term holiday.  If your child is already staying for school lunch it has been presumed that this will continue on this day.  **Y3 Trip to Chester**  On Wednesday 12th November the Y3 class will be going to Chester for the day as part of their topic on The Romans. They will be visiting the Dewa Museum as well as enjoying a walk around the city with a Roman soldier. I’m sure they will have a wonderful day. A separate letter will be sent home shortly.  **Trip Permission letter**  Earlier this week a trip permission form was sent home to children in the Y1-Y6 classes. This form covers all local trips for the children over the next school year. We would be grateful if they could be completed and returned to school as soon as possible. Many thanks for your co-operation. |

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| **Reception Class – September 2015 Admissions**  Parents need to complete admission forms for the area in which they live. For example, if you have a Halton address you need to complete a Halton form. If your first choice of school is Holy Family, you need to indicate this by writing Holy Family as first choice on the Halton Form and return to Halton LA. If you live in Knowsley, you need to complete a Knowsley form and return to Knowsley LA. We have now received copies of the Knowsley booklets and these can be collected from the school reception or completed online. Please note that the Halton booklets are now available but, unfortunately, Halton will not give any to the school. Halton online form is now available. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to call into the school office. The closing date for applications is no later than 15th January 2015. Addresses for the websites are as follows:  Knowsley Admissions: [www.knowsley.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk/schooladmissions) |
| **Secondary Admissions September 2015**  We have received and circulated the Secondary Admission booklets to our children in Y6 who we believe live in the Knowsley area. If you have not received the booklet please call into the school office and pick one up. Unfortunately, we do not receive the Halton booklets but you can apply online at Halton Council - www4.halton.gov.uk.  **Please be aware that the closing date for applications is 31st October 2014.** |
| **Holidays in School Term**  On 1st September 2013, the Education Regulations 2013 came into force changing the rules about term-time holidays. The amendments specify that headteachers **may not** grant any leave of absence during term time unless it is considered under ‘exceptional circumstances’.  The Governing Body have agreed to support this process and have asked that all letters asking for permission and detailing reasons why such a request has been made be brought to a small committee so a decision can be made.  In order to support this process, we would ask that parents/carers give **at least 1 term’s notice** so this request can be put to Governors.  Parents/Carers will receive a letter notifying them of the decision made. |

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| **Polite Reminder** |
| **Earrings**  This is just a reminder that earrings should not be worn during the school day please. This is a health and safety issue especially during play times and PE lessons.  **Girls’ Long Hair**  We have noticed that more and more girls are not tying their hair back. We would appreciate your support with this as it can be a health and safety issue especially during PE and games lessons. |

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| **Spotlight on Y1**  This week we have been reading The Princess & Pea.  The story is about a girl who has to sleep on 20 mattresses. The Queen put a pea underneath the mattresses because only a princess would feel it. When the Queen asked if she had slept well the girl said no and then the Queen knew that she was a real princess.  We are going to The Brindley to see it soon.  We also know number sentences and number problems. 2 + 2 = 4 is a sentence.  I know 6 + 6 = 12 and 8 + 8 = 16 and 10 + 10 = 20. We know this because we have been singing the song – doubles are no trouble for me!  Many thanks to Lucas and Grace for their report. |

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| ***PTFA News*** |
| ***PTFA Meeting***  *We will be holding a PTFA meeting on Wednesday 15th October in school at 3.30pm in preparation for the Spooky Disco. Everyone is a member of the PTFA and we would be unable to offer these lovely events without parental help and support. Please just turn up if you are able to help in any way.*  ***Spooky Disco***  *We will be holding a Spooky Disco on Tuesday 21st October in the school hall for all children. This will take place from 4pm-6pm. Tickets will be priced at £2.50 each and all children must be accompanied by an adult. Please send all money for tickets into school via your child’s class in a clearly marked, named and sealed envelope. Many thanks* |

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| **National Tour – ‘A November Day’**  Knowsley will be hosting part of a national tour from Thingumajig Theatre called  **“A November Day” which is a fantastic piece of puppetry theatre taking in a WW1 theme and aimed at 10 years plus.**  **Saturday 18th October at 1pm**  To mark this year’s 100th anniversary of the outbreak of World War One, Thingumajig Theatre proudly present the re-launch of their acclaimed production – A November Day. In forgotten boxes in an attic, a woman discovers the story of her grandfather, a survivor of the First World War, and his unexpected encounter with a stray dog who knew no boundaries. With evocative puppet characters, live music and an ever-changing set, Thingumajig Theatre presents a timeless fable on war and the miracle of friendship when all else seems lost. Marking the centenary of the First World War, this play explores the timely question of how we remember. A November Day was created in 2008 in association with The Imperial War Museum North.  We are delighted that this event is part of the company’s national tour.  Tickets priced at £8 Adults / £6 children and concessions with a buy 10 get 1 free offer.  Call 0151 443 2575/2200 or call in person to Knowsley Leisure and Culture Park.  Online bookings:  [www.knowsley.gov.uk/tickets](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk/tickets) |

**After School Clubs**

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|  | **Mon** | **Tues** | **Weds** | **Thurs** | **Fri** |
| **Y1** |  | **Cookery** until 4.15pm  Ipad Club until 4pm | **Multi-Sports** until 4.15pm |  |  |
| **Y2** |  | **Cookery** until 4.15pm  Ipad Club until 4pm | **Multi-Sports** until 4.15pm |  |  |
| **Y3** |  | **Gardening** until 4pm | **Choir** until 4pm | **Ipad club** until 4pm  **Multi-Sports** until 4.15pm | **Dance** until 4.15pm |
| **Y4** |  | **Gardening** until 4pm | **Choir** until 4pm | **Ipad club** until 4pm | **Dance** until 4.15pm |
| **Y5** | Rugby until 4.15pm | **Gardening** until 4pm  **Cookery** until 4.15pm  **Netball** until 4pm | **Choir** until 4pm | **Ipad club** Ends at 4pm |  |
| **Y6** | **Rugby** Until  4.15pm | **Gardening** until 4pm  **Cookery** until 4.15pm  **Netball** until 4pm | **Choir** until 4pm | **Ipad club** until 4pm |  |

A £1.00 donation would be greatly appreciated.

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| **Diary Dates** | |
| **October** | |
| Monday 13th | Y1 Football – rearranged date |
| Wednesday 15th | Reception & Y1 to The Brindley @ 1pm |
| Wednesday 15th | Testimonial Mass for Fr Andrew @ 7pm |
| Wednesday 15th | PTFA meeting in school @ 3.30pm |
| Thursday 16th | Y5 Rejoice at 2.15pm |
| Monday 20th | Y2 Football Tournament @ 12.30pm |
| Tuesday 21st | Spooky Disco 4-6pm |
| Friday 24th | Break up for 1 week holiday |
| **November** | |
| Monday 3rd | Return to school @ 8.55am |
| Wednesday 5th | School Meal for £1.00 |
| Thursday 6th | Reception reading meeting @ 9.00am |
| Friday 7th | Y4 Computing Day |
| Tuesday 11th | Y2 Together Day @ 2pm |
| Wednesday 12th | Y3 Trip to Chester |

**And finally…**

**A positive thought for the week to promote discussion in the classroom and at home…**

**Actions** speak louder than words. I do not wait for things to happen to me. I do all that I can to make them happen the way I want them to be. I am a person of action. I move forward with my actions.



Many thanks

Mrs Hannah

