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Weekly Newsletter

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

Healthy Schools

International School Award 2010–2013

Ofsted Outstanding 2011|2012

school achievement award
Department for Education and Employment

NPQH Leadership Development School

Come and See

Our RE focus

This term we will be studying the three themes of Local Church (Community), Eucharist (Relating) and Lent/Easter (Giving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics. The children will also spend one week studying Islam.

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

It's Time to Shine

Year Group	Achievement Certificates	Dojos Certificate
Reception		
Year 1	Paris Boyle Sophie Moran Halle Stewart	Finn O'Grady
Year 2	Olivia McMahon Frankie McMahon-Brown Finlay Ogburn-Lupton	Joe Code
Year 3	Libbi Benson Oliver Jones Mya Reid	Ava Moogan
Year 4	Ella Collins-O'Leary Aimee Reilly Jack Tierney	Points to be carried over to next week
Year 5	Liam Benson Tanya Coughlin Ruby Ryan	Jacob Farrell
Year 6	Harvey Billington Ethan Campbell Tia Thornton	Hannah Constable

What's happened this week?

Robinwood

Welcome back Y5!

Reception Reading Meeting

Many thanks to everyone who attended the reading meeting with Mrs Evans last week. I hope that you found the meeting informative and it helped to allay any fears!

Y6 Together Day

Many thanks to everyone who came along for the Y6 Together Day on Tuesday. Special thanks to Mrs Gilhooley who came along and enlightened you all with tales of the war including rationing and instructions on how to make shelters! We hope you enjoyed the spam!

Ipad Day

Mr Alan Ellis from Knowsley CLC came into school on Thursday to work with the Y3 class, who had a lovely day.

Reception Class Eye Checks

The children in the Reception class had eye checks carried out earlier today. The school

Holidays in School Term

On 1st September, the Education Regulations 2013 came into force changing the rules about term-time holidays. This change was discussed at our Full Governor Meeting on Wednesday 9th October.

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.

Arrangements for collecting children

It is important that if your child is to be collected from school by someone other than yourself, you must inform the class teacher in the morning, or contact the school office. Staff will not be able to allow your child to leave with anyone without prior notice.

Parking & Driving

I would ask all parents to be considerate of our neighbours when parking. The school has also received a complaint about speeding motorists. I cannot stress how important it is to drive slowly and carefully. With our two schools in the village there are over 400 children arriving and leaving both premises and I feel certain that parents/carers are fully aware of the potential dangers.

What's coming up soon?

Y5 Bikeability Day

The children in Y5 will be taking part in Bikeability days on Monday 27th January and Monday 3rd February. This is a two day course and all children involved will need to bring their bikes on both dates. Children will be unable to participate if they do not have a suitable helmet. Bikes should be left by the railings outside the Year Five classroom. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn about road safety and I'm sure that they'll have a great time.

Chinese New Year

On Friday 31st January, the children in our Reception class will be going to the Dragon Buffet restaurant in Widnes to celebrate the Chinese New Year. 2014 is the year of the horse. A separate letter has already been sent home.

Y5 & Y6 Girls Football

There will be a Y5 & Y6 girls football tournament on Wednesday 29th January from 3pm – 5pm at Huyton Centre for Learning. Further information will be sent home shortly.

Y4 Together Day

The children in Y4 will celebrate their 'Together Day' on Tuesday 11th February. All are welcome to come along on this day from 1.45pm.

Y3 Football

Selected children in Y3 will be taking part in a football competition on Monday 10th February. A separate letter giving full details will be sent home shortly.

Y5 & Y6 Football
The next match in the football league will take place on Wednesday 12th February at 3.15pm. Separate letters will be sent home nearer to the time.

Rainbow Market
We will be holding our Rainbow Market sale on Thursday 11th February from 2.15pm. We would welcome donations of bric-a-brac, toys and games, books and dvds, but please do not send them into school until w/c 10th February, as we are very short of storage space. Many thanks.

Pupil Premium Plus
The government recently announced changes in the allocation of Pupil Premium funding to schools. One of the key changes was the extension of the Pupil Premium to:
Children adopted from care on or after 30th December 2005 (under the Adoption and Children Act 2002).
Children who left care under a Special Guardianship Order on or after 30th December 2005 (under the Children Act 1989)
Children who left care under a Residential Order on or after 14th October 1992 (under the Children Act 1989).
The school will receive an extra £1900.00 for each eligible child. In order for us to claim this additional funding parents/guardians **MUST** self-declare that their child was adopted (or the subject of an SGO/RO) before the January Census on 16th January.
Parents must provide evidence of their child's status when making a declaration to the school.
We are very aware that this is sensitive information and would like to reassure you that it will be treated in the strictest confidence.
Many thanks

Free School Meals
The school also receive additional funding for children who receive free school meals. A separate letter was sent home earlier in the week regarding this but would urge all parents who think they may be eligible to please register with the Local Authority. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Dinner Money
Dinner money for this term equates to £50.30. We are in school for 6 full weeks but Knowsley Council have arranged for a special promotion of school meals on Thursday 30th January. The cost of a meal on this day will be £1.00. A separate letter giving full details will be sent home today.

A few polite reminders…

PE Kits

We would be grateful if all children would now return their PE kits into school as soon as possible.

Girls' Long Hair

Just a reminder please that girls should have long hair tied back. This is a Health & Safety issue especially during PE and games.

Spotlight on…Y5

This week we have been to Robinwood!

It was a brilliant trip and we loved all of the wonderful things we did. Our favourites were Pirahna Pool, Dungeon of Doom and Caving. It was really funny when we fell into the water and thought the piranhas were going to eat us alive!

Everyone is very tired and ready for a nice rest over the weekend!

By Daniel Hardman and Eleanor O'Grady

Diary Dates

January	
Monday 27th	Y5 Bikeability Day
Wednesday 29th	Y5 & Y6 girls football tournament
February	
Monday 3rd	Y5 Bikeability Day
Tuesday 11th	Y4 Together Day from 1.45pm.
Friday 14th	Break up @ 3.15pm
Monday 24th	Return to school @ 8.55am

Charity Night

There will be a Charity night on Saturday 1st February from 7.30pm in Holy Family Club. This evening is in aid of Linda Hitchmough. Tickets are only £5.00 and are available from Joanne Clancy (Walsh) on 07788 927995. All are welcome.

Pexhill JFC

Pexhill are looking for boys and girls from the Reception class to join the Club. They meet on a Saturday morning at Upton Community Centre. If you think your child may be interested in joining the club please contact Karen on 07925914219.

After School Clubs

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Y 1		Craft/Sewing Club		ICT Club	
Y 2		Handwriting Club		ICT Club	
Y 3	Rugby	Handwriting Club Eco/Gardening Club	Football Choir	ICT Club	
Y 4	Rugby	Handwriting Club Eco/Gardening Club	Football Choir	Homework Club	
Y 5		Netball Eco/Gardening Club	Choir	Homework Club Football	Dance
Y 6		Netball Eco/Gardening Club	Choir	Homework Club Football	Dance

Clubs end at 4pm except Rugby and Football which will finish at 4.15pm. £1 voluntary contribution per club would be greatly appreciated.

The clubs that had been oversubscribed have now changed, children have been informed.

If your child is coming to Rugby please ensure that they bring boots, kit and warm clothes – they may get muddy!

If your child is coming to Football they will need boots and shin pads and again – they may get muddy! Please also ensure that your child brings trainers in case the practise takes place in the school hall.

And finally…

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

I appreciate my family for all that they have done

and still do for me.

Mrs Hannah