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**Weekly Newsletter**

**Friday 9thJanuary 2015**



**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 |
| This week we started our new RE topic of Local Church & Community.  Parents are asked to look at the number of churches and find out about our Bishop. Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child’s Bible. |

**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**

Please note that our new website is now live.

We can now be found at [www.holyfamilycronton.co.uk](http://www.holyfamilycronton.co.uk)

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| Welcome back to a new school term!  We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and  would like to wish you all a very happy New Year! | |
| **What’s coming up soon** |
| **School Meal Promotion**  On Thursday 15th January children will be offered a Party Box for the special price of £1.00. This coincides with the school census day in which details of all children and classes are collected by Knowsley Council and the Department for Education and we are trying to encourage more children to take up school meals. A separate letter was sent home regarding the party box on Tuesday. We would be grateful if this could be completed and returned to school as soon as possible.  **Robinwood**  The children in the Y5 class will be going to Robinwood on Monday 19th January until Wednesday 21st January 2015. A separate letter giving full details has already been sent home by Mrs Quigley.  **Y2 IPad Day**  Mr Alan Eliis from Knowsley CLC will be coming into school on Tuesday 13th to work with the children in the Y2 class.  **Visit to Sts Peter & Paul**  Y6 will be going to Sts Peter & Paul College to watch a production of We will Rock You on Wednesday 21st January. They will be leaving school at 1pm but will have lunch as normal before they leave. Children will return to school at 3.20pm. Four of our children from Y6 will be performing in the production and I’m sure they will be fantastic. A separate letter has been sent home.  **Y4 Football**  Selected children in Y4 will be taking part in a football competition on Monday 9th February. A separate letter will be sent home shortly to the children involved.  **Dinner Money**  Dinner money for this term equates to £50.30. Please make cheques payable to KMBC. |
| **Polite Reminder**  We have been made aware of an incident that took place at the end of last term on the school car park. We would ask all parents to show courtesy and respect at all times. Should any behaviour or incident warrant more serious action, we would always advise parents to contact the police. |

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| **Spotlight on Y3**  This week we have been reading The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. We read a quarter of a chapter and then watched the video of it which was really good as it made the book easier to understand. In the book the Iron Man walks into nothingness and a gull picks up the eye and places it onto his glove so that he can rebuild himself. We have been looking at the adjectives which are describing words like, huge and enormous.  In numeracy we have been looking at angles. We folded a piece of paper to make a right angle and moved around the classroom to measure different angles. If it is bigger than a right angle it is called obtuse and if it is smaller it is called acute.  We did PE yesterday and had to throw a bean bag in the air. We had to throw, clap and catch which was really good. It was hard to clap and catch when it was thrown through your legs. We also got some balls out and learnt to do chest passes.  The best thing though was Iron Man  Many thanks to Joe & Summer. |

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| **Admission to school September 2015**  Two letters regarding admissions were sent home on Friday 19th December. One was from school, regarding Admissions for 2015, the other was from Liverpool Archdiocese for 2016 admissions. Changes to admission policies have been made and there is a consultation period between 17th December and 23rd February 2015.  Further information regarding changes can be found on the school website. Parents can also ask for hard copies of these documents from the school office. Any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school.  **Please note that with these changes it is imperative that all children wishing to start in our reception class are baptised in the Catholic faith.**  **Copies of these letters can be found on the school website.** |
| Message from Knowsley Council. | |
| Knowsley Council is encouraging pupils and their parents to make 100% school attendance their New Year’s resolution.  Pupils who have good attendance levels are likely to achieve better exam results. Research shows that even a few days missed from school can mean a drop of a GCSE grade across all subjects. Good attendance also shows potential employers that a student is reliable, which may help improve their chances of getting a better job in the future.  Our message is simple – give school attendance 100%.  Parents and carers have a responsibility for making sure their child goes to school regularly and doesn’t miss out on their education.  Head Teachers will not authorise requests for days off in term-time, other than in exceptional circumstances, which do not include holidays, birthdays or visiting relatives.  In addition, the council regularly monitors the school attendance of pupils and will work with the pupil, their parent or carer and the school to address any attendance issues at an early stage.  For further information, tips and advice on how to improve your child’s attendance, contact the School Inclusion Team on 0151 443 5147. In addition, an advice to parents leaflet can be downloaded from the council’s website – [www.knowsley.gov.uk](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk) | |
| In view of the above we would like to share the class attendance figures with you which cover the period from September until 19th December 2014.  Reception Class 97.2%  Year 1 98.7%  Year 2 97.4%  Year 3 96.2%  Year 4 96.8%  Year 5 97.3%  Year 6 97.3%  Well done everyone. | |

**After School Clubs**

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

A £1.00 donation for each nightly club attended would

be greatly appreciated. Please note that this does not include cookery as children have already paid for the ingredients.

**Please note groups (Cookery,Gardening & Multi-Sports) have now changed and children have received letters.**

**Multi-Sports is now only available to children in Y1 & Y4 classes as Y2 and Y3 had this opportunity last term.**

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| **Diary Dates** | |
| **January 2015** | |
| Monday 5th | Return to school @ 8.55am |
| Monday 12th | After school clubs to begin |
| Tuesday 13th | Y2 IPad Day |
| Thursday 15th | Party Box lunch for £1.00 |
| Monday 19th –  Wednesday 21st | Y5 children visit to Robinwood |
| Wednesday 21st | Y6 Visit to Sts Peter & Paul - pm |
| **February** | |
| Monday 9th | Y4 Football Competition |
| Friday 13th | Break up normal time |
| Monday 23rd | Return to school at 8.55am |
| **May** | |
| Saturday 9th | Holy Communion & Confirmation @ 10am & 12pm |

**And finally…**

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

Every day is the first day of the rest of my life.

I **cherish every day** of my life and look forward to a better, brighter future.



Keep safe and be happy!

Many thanks

Mrs Hannah

