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**Weekly Newsletter**

**Friday 17th 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 |
| This week we started our new RE topic of Belonging.  Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism and/or Confirmation about their memories of this celebration. Baptism is a welcome to God’s family. Children will learn about the signs and symbols in Baptism and the promises made.  This topic will continue until 14th November 2014. |

**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 | Sam  Nathan  Grace |  |
| Year 2 | Harry  Charlie  Kian | Isla |
| Year 3 | Zak  Chloe  Eva | Grace |
| Year 4 | Lauren  Alice | Charlie |
| Year 5 | Connor  Olivia  Charlie | Jack |
| Year 6 | Zara  Edward  Ella | Jessica |

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| What’s happened this week? | |
| **Mrs Quigley**  We are delighted to inform you all that Mr & Mrs Quigley will be expecting their first baby in April next year. I’m sure that you will all be delighted for them on this lovely news.  **Cafod Collection**  Many thanks for the own clothes collections on Friday for CAFOD. We raised £189.75 for this very worthwhile cause.  **Cronton MacMillan Coffee Morning**  Many thanks to everyone who supported the Macmillan coffee morning in Holy Family Club. £1284.00 was raised by everyone in the community. Mrs Raymond has asked us to thank everyone who gave so generously.  **Y1 Football Tournament**  Selected children in Y1 played 5 fantastic games of football on Monday at the EFC Tournament. They won three games and drew two finishing in 2nd place. Well done everyone! Many thanks to Mrs Featherstone and Miss Cook who accompanied the children.  **Reception & Y1 Trip**  Children in the Reception class and Y1 had a lovely afternoon on Wednesday at The Brindley in Runcorn for The Princess & The Pea. The children have enjoyed lots of work regarding this story and it was lovely to finish the story with the theatre production. Many thanks to everyone who accompanied the children on this visit and to Mrs Evans ans Mrs Mitchell for arranging this special afternoon for the children.  **Y5 Rejoice**  Many thanks to everyone who came along to the Class Rejoice yesterday afternoon. It was lovely to see so many of you offering support to the children.  **Sainsbury’s School Games Award**  Mrs Quigley & Mrs Featherstone attended the Sports & Cultural Awards on Friday night and we are delighted to let you know that we received the Silver Award for the commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive school sport in 2013/14. Our thanks go to both members of staff who organise the various sporting activities for the children.  **Fr Michael McCormick**  We were delighted to welcome Fr Michael McCormick to the school today. As you are aware Fr Michael recently became the designated Parish Priest for Holy Family. Fr Michael came into school to meet all the staff and stayed to meet the children at the Friday assembly.   |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  | | |
| **What’s coming up soon** |
| **Poppies**  The children in the Y2 class will be selling poppies in every class each day next week. The minimum donation will be 20p each. We appreciate all donations for this worthwhile cause.  **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.  **Y1 Rejoice**  The children in the Y1 class will be holding their Class Rejoice on Thursday 23rd October at 2.15pm. All are welcome.  **Y2 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. 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.  **Computing Day**  Mr Ellis will also be coming into school on Friday 7th November to teach computing to the children in the Y4 class.  **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.  **Parent Meetings**  We will be holding parent meetings on Monday 17th November. A separate letter will be sent home nearer to the time but just wanted to make you all aware of the date.  **Break up**  Just a reminder that we break up, next Friday 24th October, at normal school time. |
| **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 for this 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. |
| **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.  **Dogs on the School Playground**  We would be grateful if you could please ensure that all dogs are kept under adult supervision at all times when on the school playground. |

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| **Spotlight on Y3**  This week we have been investigating Myths and Legends, like Perseus and Medusa. We then did character descriptions and we both chose Medusa, because there are lots of things to describe especially the snakes and the colours they were and if they are poisonous or not.  We have also been researching The Romans. We are going on a trip soon and the soldier will take us for a walk. If a town name ends in ‘caster’ or ‘sester’ it means that it is a Roman town and the military camp would have been there.  In numeracy we have been looking at even and odd numbers and number sentences. Some were really easy but others were quite hard.  Many thanks to Evie and Sean for their review. |

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| ***PTFA News*** |
| ***PTFA Meeting***  *Many thanks to everyone who came along to the meeting on Wednesday.*  ***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-5.30pm, please note that this is a change of time. 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*  ***Bonfire Bake Off***  *On Thursday 6th November at 3.25pm we will be holding a Bonfire Night inspired Bake-Off. Get your thinking hats on and the creative juices flowing as there will be prizes for the home baked bonfire best and all donations will be welcome.*  **Finally,** on behalf of the PTFA and everybody connected to Holy Family, a massive **THANK YOU** to Mrs Telfer, who has resigned, due to work commitments, after 4 years as PTFA Treasurer, and 5 years on the PTFA committee (having been a PTFA volunteer for several years before that!). During Mrs Telfer’s years with the PTFA tens of thousands of pounds have been raised for our school; this simply would not have happened without her help. Thank you, Mrs Telfer! |

**After School Clubs**

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

A £1.00 donation would be greatly appreciated.

Please note that all clubs are cancelled on Tuesday

due to the Scary Disco.

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| **Diary Dates** | |
| **October** | |
| Monday 20th | Y2 Football Tournament @ 12.30pm |
| Tuesday 21st | Spooky Disco 4-5.30pm (change of time) |
| Thursday 23rd | Y1 Rejoice @ 2.15pm |
| Friday 24th | Break up for 1 week holiday @ normal time |
| **November** | |
| Monday 3rd | Return to school @ 8.55am |
| Wednesday 5th | School Meal for £1.00 |
| Thursday 6th | Reception reading meeting @ 9.00am |
| Thursday 6th | Bonfire Bake-Off (PTFA) @ 3.25pm |
| Friday 7th | Y4 Computing Day |
| Tuesday 11th | Y2 Together Day @ 2pm |
| Wednesday 12th | Y3 Trip to Chester |
| Monday 17th | Parent Meetings |

**And finally…**

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

**I never, never, never give up.**

I keep trying until I achieve what I want.

Determination is the highest quality of successful people.

I am successful.

I follow the rules and try to make my school a better place.



Many thanks

Mrs Hannah

