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**Weekly Newsletter**

**Friday 24th 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 | Callum  Gracie  James |  |
| Year 2 | George  Matilda  Sophie  Gene | Joel |
| Year 3 | George  Eva  Evie | Evie |
| Year 4 | Charlie  Joe  Saul | Nieve |
| Year 5 | Melissa  Jessica  Grace | Katherine |
| Year 6 | Tanya  Emma  Eleanor | Yasmin |

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| What’s happened this week? | |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | |  |  |   **Y2 Football Tournament**  After successfully winning the league the Y2 team won 1-0 in the semi-final. Despite the tremendous play the team were just beaten in the final. The team were absolutely fantastic and we are very proud of all the children involved. Well done!  **Y1 Rejoice**  Many thanks to everyone who came along to the Rejoice assembly yesterday afternoon. The children really enjoyed it and it was lovely to see so many of you being able to attend.  **Spooky**  The children in the Reception class and Y1 came into school in their ‘spooky clothes’ today and enjoyed a lovely party, which the Y5 prepared for them as part of their RE topic on choices. Many thanks to everyone who helped with this lovely day for the children and all the staff who dressed to impress! | |
| **What’s coming up soon** |
| **Poppies**  The children in the Y2 class will sell poppies again after half term. The minimum donation will be 20p each. We appreciate all donations for this worthwhile cause.  **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.  **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. 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.  **Whole School Pantomime**  The whole school will be going to The Brindley in Runcorn on Thursday 18th December to watch Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs. More details will follow nearer to the time.  **Open Night**  We will be holding an open evening on Thursday 20th November for all prospective parents from 6-8pm. All are welcome to come along meet the staff and view the school.  **Holy Communion & Confirmation**  Fr Michael McCormack visited school last week and met with all the staff and children. Dates have been set for Sacramental Preparation which will be shared with you in due course, but I wanted to let you know the date for First Holy Communion will be 9th May 2015 consisting of two masses, 10am and 12pm.  **Break up**  Just a reminder that we break up today at normal school time and return to school on Monday 3rd November at 8.55am. |

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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.  **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.  **Notification for school collection**  We would be grateful if you could please notify us before lunchtime if another parent/carer will be collecting your child. We are inundated with calls in the afternoon and it is becoming more of an issue getting messages to teachers without interrupting teaching time. Many thanks for your co-operation. |

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| **Spotlight on Y4**  This week we have been doing gymnastics in PE; we got the equipment out and had to balance.  In science we made telephones from plastic cups to see which would be best to hear through. The best one was the thinnest string and the worst one was the ribbon as you couldn’t hear anything through that.  We have been studying the Stone Age and planning for our Big Write on it tomorrow. There were 3 parts to the Stone Age – Palaeolithic, which means Ancient, Mesolithic which means the middle and Neolithic which means the newest period. After the Stone Age it was the Bronze Age and then the Iron Age. Thanks to Mrs Guest we now know that!  Many thanks to Nieve & Ethan for the information. |

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| ***PTFA News*** |
| **Spooky Disco**  Many thanks to everyone who came along to the disco on Tuesday. The children were fantastic and we raised the fabulous amount of £600.00.  **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 best home baked bonfire and all donations will be welcome.  **Next Meeting**  A change of time & venue for our next meeting which will be held at The Tavern on Thursday 13th November at 7.30pm. Everybody is welcome. Please come along and share your ideas for the PTFA.  **Christmas Cards**  Details of how to complete the project have been sent home today under separate cover. Please note that all orders must be returned by 3.15pm on 4th November, as we do not have a late order facility through school this year. |

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| **Wizzkids**  We have been asked by Wizzkids to let you know that the holiday club will be open next week from 7.30am – 6pm. To book places please call Lynn on 07947403363. Please also note that they will not be open over the Christmas holidays. |

**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 | **Multi-Sports** until 4.15pm |  |  |
| **Y3** |  | **Gardening Club** until 4pm | **Choir** until 4pm | **Ipad club** until 4pm  **Multi-Sports** until 4.15pm | **Dance** until 4.15pm |
| **Y4** |  | **Gardening Club** until 4pm | **Choir** until 4pm | **Ipad club** until 4pm | **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** Ends at 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 would be greatly appreciated.

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| **Diary Dates** | |
| **November** | |
| Monday 3rd | Return to school @ 8.55am |
| Tuesday 4th | Return of Christmas Card orders |
| 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 |
| Thursday 13th | PTFA meeting in The Tavern @ 7.30pm |
| Monday 17th | Parent Meetings |
| Thursday 20th | Open Evening from 6-8pm |

**And finally…**

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

When something goes wrong, instead of feeling bad about it,

I concentrate on what I can do next time to **make it better**.



Have a lovely half term break.

Keep safe

Mrs Hannah

