



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our October half term break has arrived and I'm sure the children and yourselves are ready for a well-earned week of rest, family time, and fun! It has been a busy, productive and enjoyable half term and the children have been an absolute joy. They have worked extremely hard and settled into their new classes brilliantly. I'm sure your upcoming parents' meetings will give you lots more information about how well they are doing. However you spend your time next week, we do hope you enjoy it. **We will see you back on Monday 1st November with our new start time of 8.55am. (Doors will open at 8.45am)**

Please spread the word. Do you know anyone with a child looking to start Nursery or Reception next September? If so, please share details of our open evenings with them.

Many thanks



You are invited to attend an Open Evening at Holy Family Catholic Primary and Nursery School on 17th and 18th November 2021 between 4pm and 5.30pm

We would love for potential parents to visit our wonderful school and find out what we can offer you and your child. We are very proud of our family atmosphere, positive relationships and standard of teaching and learning and would love to share this with you.

Join us for a guided tour and have a chat with our fantastic staff team. If you would like to join us, please email or phone the school office to book an appointment.

We look forward to meeting you!

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Childcare Vouchers

We've had a few enquiries recently about childcare vouchers. School can only accept vouchers for Nursery wrap around hours, Breakfast and After School Club (Clubhouse) and Extra -Curricular clubs. Unfortunately, they can't be used for payment for school trips, swimming lessons or residentials. If you have any questions about this please contact the office.

Dogs on school premises

Dogs are an important part of life for many Holy Family families, and as such, are often included in day-to-day activities such as walking children to and from school. As a school, we appreciate this inclusion and value pet ownership as an educational experience. We also acknowledge other people (both adults and children) can find contact with dogs stressful and frightening.



Currently we allow dogs to be walked onto the yard when dropping off or picking up the children. As the playground will be getting busier with the staggered timings stopping after half term, please can we remind you about safety around dogs and ask that you follow our guidance below and discuss this with your children.

- All dogs must be kept on a short lead and should be held and watched by adults at all times.
- **Please stand in a space away from crowded areas**, preferably near the perimeter of the playground/railings when waiting for children at the end of the day.
- Dogs must not be tied up anywhere on the school premises
- Children should not stroke a dog without the owner's permission.
- Even with permission, children should know how to approach a dog and where the dog likes to be stroked – all dogs are different and many dislike having their head touched.
- Some children are very fearful of dogs so please ensure your dog doesn't jump up at anyone.
- Parents are responsible for cleaning up any soiling by their dog on the school grounds
- When bringing dogs on to the site, parents do so with an absolute understanding that their dog has no issues around children, has never displayed any aggression towards children and that the owner believes the dog is fully trustworthy in a school environment.

Thank you for your support with this. You know your dog's temperament the best so if unpredictable, noisy, crowded spaces may cause them distress, please err on the side of caution, and leave your dog at home. We are a school of dog lovers, but the safety and wellbeing of our children is our top priority.

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Parent and Teacher Virtual Meetings: Week beginning 8th November



School Cloud

Today, you can book a Parent Meeting with your child's class teacher. You will have received an email from School Cloud to allow you to book your appointment. Mrs Quigley sent out a School Cloud user guide via Parent App yesterday. The website for the booking system is: <https://hfcps.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

PTA News

Thank you to the huge demand for tickets for our two Spooky Discos, they have been a great success and we have raised over £700 for the PTA. Thank you to our new PTA helpers who have helped to run the events, we are very grateful for your support. A big thank you to Mrs Hird for the kind donation of two fabulous Halloween balloon decorations. Have a look on our Twitter account for some photographs from the night. @HFCronton



Christmas cards

If you would like to purchase Christmas cards or gifts via Xmas4schools, then please could you send back your child's design by Wednesday 3rd November and Mrs Quigley will send them all off. We cannot accept any late orders as they have to be posted back to Xmas4schools on Wednesday 3rd November. For every order placed, school will receive £1 commission for the PTA.

Clothes recycling bin

Look out for our new Clothes recycling bin which will be delivered to school in the next few weeks. We will be able to recycle quality clothing, paired shoes, bags, bedding, towels and soft toys. The company can also accept good quality sleeping bags to help the homeless community. By installing a recycled clothing bin, the PTA will receive £300 per tonne for quality textiles. This will also help with our school focus on being Eco-friendly.

Easyfundraising

Mrs Quigley has also registered the PTA up to a website called easyfundraising, which will allow you to complete online shopping via easyfundraising and school will receive some commission back from major retailers. Simply register for an account via easyfundraising and follow Holy Family Catholic Primary School – Cronton as a supporter. We will receive money for you doing your online shopping – a perfect time to set this up just before Christmas. 😊
www.easyfundraising.org.uk



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Dates for your diary

1.11.21 Start of term 8.55am
2.11.21 Year 3 start swimming lessons for 8 sessions (not 8.11.21)
2.11.21 Year 4 – Class Mass at Holy Family Church
4.11.21 Rec-Y6 Flu Immunisations
Wk beg 8.11.21 Virtual Parents' Evenings (on School Cloud)
15.11.21 Odd Socks Day for Anti-bullying week
17.11.21 Anti Bullying Alliance – Key 1 and 2 Stage Performances
19.11.21 Children in Need Day and Feel Good Friday (own clothes and cake sale – more details to follow)
17th and 18th November - Open Evenings (by appointment)
18th November – School Photographer
25.11.21 Y5 Robinwood Information meeting on Zoom 4pm
2.12.21 Y6 Robinwood Information meeting on Zoom 4pm

Y5/6 Dodgeball Tournament

Our Year 5 & 6 Dodgeball team played fantastically together in a brilliant team performance, each one growing in confidence throughout the tournament. **Mrs Speight is very proud of all of the children who have represented our school in sporting events this term. More competitions and tournaments to look forward to next term!**



School Photographer – Thursday 18th November

For those of you planning ahead for haircuts! Our photographer will be in school on the morning of 18.11.21 for individual and family photographs.



Happy half-term holiday!

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