



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

Dates for your diary

- 12th-14th January** Y5 Robinwood residential
- 18th January** Extra curricular clubs start (see ParentApp for details)
- 25th January** Year 4 First Communion & Confession Service in Church 6pm
- 28th January** Feel Good Friday – Non-uniform day (£1 donation please)
Year 4 Rejoice Assembly (details to follow)
- 2nd February** KS2 Online Safety performance and workshop
- 7th to 11th February** Children's Mental Health Week
- 11th February** 'Dress to Express' Day (£1 donation for Mental Health charity)
- 16th-18th February** Y6 Robinwood residential
- 18th February** Finish for half term
- 28th February** Back to school and start of Fairtrade Week
- 2nd March** Ash Wednesday
- 3rd March** World Book Day (more details to follow)
- 14th March** Science Week
- 22nd March** Information Meeting in Church for Y4 parents 6pm
- 25th March** Feel Good Friday – Non-uniform day (£1 donation please)
- 28th March – 1st April** Parent and Teacher Meetings on School Cloud (specific days for each class to be shared)
- 4th – 6th April** Y4 First Confessions in church 2pm
- 8th April** Year 5 Rejoice Assembly (details to follow)
- 13th April** Break up for Easter 1.30pm
- 25th April** Back to school for the summer term

Welcome Back

On behalf of all the staff at Holy Family I would like to wish you and your families a very happy new year. We know many families were affected by Covid over the holiday period but hopefully you all managed to have a good break, even if for some of you it wasn't quite the one you had planned! As you know, the guidance for COVID isolations and testing has recently changed. If you require any further information please follow this link <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak> We work closely with Knowsley LA and Public Health to monitor and update our risk assessments to ensure we minimise the spread of the virus. Should we need to change or add any additional control measures we will of course inform you. We know the

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next few months may be a challenge with the Omicron variant spreading so rapidly, but please be assured we will do all we can to support families and ensure any disruption to the children's education is minimised.

We've a very busy term ahead and more dates and events will follow once the PTA have held their first meeting of the new year. We are looking forward to resuming Rejoice Class Assemblies this year, starting with Year 4 on 28th January. At the moment this is likely to be shared remotely with parents as we are still not advised to have parents in school for the time being. More details will be given closer to the time.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs Rooney

Extra-curricular clubs

Clubs will resume on Tuesday 18th January. Please look out for a message on ParentApp so children can be signed up for the clubs they would like to attend.

Year 4 Parents

A reminder that there will be a service in Church at 6pm on Tuesday 25th January for all Y4 who are making their First Communion and Confession this year.

Reminders

Healthy snacks

The children are only allowed to have fruit or a healthy snack at breaktimes. They should bring a water bottle in each day containing water only -no juice please. Sweets should not be sent in to school at all (apart from birthday treats which will be given out at the end of the day) and crisps/biscuits should only be eaten as part of the children's packed lunch. We appreciate your cooperation with this.

PE Kits

Please can PE kits be brought in every Monday and taken home every Friday for washing. Children will need shorts, T shirt and PE pumps as most lessons will take place in the hall this term.

Developing our school grounds

We are very lucky to have such wonderful grounds at Holy Family and look forward to using them to their full capacity in the summer term. However, there are a number of areas that are now structurally unsafe to use and we hope to possibly tap into the expertise of any parents who may be able to help. We would ideally like to be able to fix things rather than remove them permanently, but this will depend on cost and the scale of the jobs. If any parents have the skills to help us, or know anyone else or a company that may be able to meet our needs, we would appreciate your advice and support.

These are the areas we need to develop:

- **Outdoor amphitheatre** is unfortunately not safe to use as the wood and supporting structure has aged and fallen into disrepair. Ideally this would be repaired if possible as it is a wonderful feature on the field.

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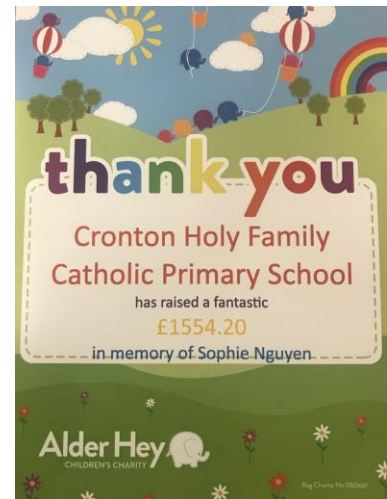
- The tyres on the field have been deemed unsafe to use and would need removing or rehousing and used for another purpose.
- We have had a very generous donation of metal frames to construct sturdy seating areas outside. We now require wood to be used for the benches. If you know where we can source suitable wood we would very much appreciate your support.

If you're able to support in any way, please get in touch with the office. Many thanks.

Thank you

Once again, your kindness and generosity has been overwhelming. Thank you! Year 6 Carol Singing for CAFOD raised an amazing £619.66. Please see the letter from Mr Campbell which outlines where this money will be spent.

We also received a lovely letter this week from Alder Hey thanking the school community for their generous donations in memory of Sophie. Many thanks.



Origami Project for Sophie

Year 5 will soon be having a workshop where they will learn to make the paper cranes for the installation. We would love families at home to join in with this too. Please see the links below to learn how to make the cranes and send them in to school when they are completed.

Resource Website

<https://www.origami-fun.com/origami-crane.html>

PDF Instruction for Origami Crane Model (also copied below)

<https://www.origami-fun.com/support-files/origami-crane-print.pdf>

Youtube Instruction Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ux1ECrNDZI4>



Competition Time

There will be a special prize for the children/family who make the most cranes for our installation. You can use re-cycled Christmas wrapping paper or any other paper cut into squares. The closing date for bringing your cranes to school is **Friday 28th January**.

Have a great weekend

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Youth Connect 5 is a FREE 5 week course for parents and carers
As parents we can't always control life's situations

Youth Connect 5 gives you:

- The knowledge skills and understanding to help your children develop strong emotional wellbeing
- You will learn techniques to strengthen your child's ability to deal with stress and adversity in life- these skills will stay with them into adulthood
- Skills of resilience-being able to handle challenges-being able to bounce back when life gets tough

This 5 week course will be delivered by Knowsley Family Learning

The course will be delivered via zoom. Choose the session which suits you best and contact the relevant tutor to book a place.

Tuesday	1-2pm	Start date 18 th January 2022	Tutor Sharon Fitzgerald
Wednesday	10-11am	Start date 19 th January 2022	Tutor Ann Curley
Thursday	10-11	Start date 20 th January 2022	Tutor Vicky Powell

Email sharon.fitzgerald@knowsley.gov.uk or ring Sharon on 07825117499

Email Victoria.powell@knowsley.gov.uk or ring Vicky on 07825117487

Email Ann.curley@knowsley.gov.uk or ring Ann on 07825117482

We are also offering a one off workshop 'Understanding Your Teenager's Brain', delivered via zoom, on Monday 10th January 1-2pm or Thursday 13th January 10-11am. Contact Sharon Fitzgerald to book a place.

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