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# NEWSLETTER

## Dates for your diary

- 14<sup>th</sup> March** Science Week – please see ParentApp for details of Science workshops on 17<sup>th</sup> March.
- 15<sup>th</sup> March** Extra -curricular clubs resume for 4 weeks
- 15<sup>th</sup> March** Year 5 and 6 St Peter and Paul Spring Concert 6pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> March** KS2 Cross Country race
- 18<sup>th</sup> March** Comic Relief Day – cake sale in school (50p a cake payable on ParentPay)
- 18<sup>th</sup> March** Y4 Class Rejoice Assembly 2.45pm (2 visitors per child please)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> March** Communion/Confession preparation service in Church for Y4 children and parents 6pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> March** PTA Feel Good Friday - PTA doughnut sale (Children to wear school uniform)  
Reception Class Mother's Day Tea Party 1.45pm (see letter from Mrs Mitchell)
- 28<sup>th</sup> March – 31<sup>st</sup> March** Parent and Teacher Meetings on School Cloud/Face to face
- 1<sup>st</sup> April** CAFOD Walk against hunger event
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> April** Y4 First Confessions in church 2pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> April** Year 3 (2.30pm) and Year 5 (2.45pm) Rejoice Assemblies (2 visitors per child please)
- 11<sup>th</sup> April** Nursery, Reception, Year 1/2 discos
- 12<sup>th</sup> April** Year 3/4 and Y5/6 discos (More details about discos to follow)
- 13<sup>th</sup> April** Break up for Easter 1.30pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> April** Back to school for the summer term
- 26<sup>th</sup> April** Year 2 Safari Park 'Wild & Well' trip
- 28<sup>th</sup> April** Year 4 Safari Park 'Wild & Well' trip
- 29<sup>th</sup> April** Year 3 Safari Park 'Wild & Well' trip
- 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> May** Year 6 SATS

## Keep talkin' - I'm owl ears!

Many people will be familiar with the poem of 'The Owl & the Pussy Cat' by Edward Lear but what they might not realise is that this was written by Lear while at Knowsley Hall. This wonderful fact and Lear's connection to the area are being celebrated throughout 2022 culminating with a huge sculptural trail in Knowsley.

The trail will feature 16 pairs of 2-metre-high owls and pussy cats that have been designed & created by local schools and will be displayed in key locations throughout the borough.

Staff and children were delighted to welcome our owl to school earlier this week and are very much looking forward to getting creative in the coming weeks. Be sure to keep an eye on Twitter to follow our journey and watch as we bring our owl to life!



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## Comic Relief Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March



Cakes will be sold for 50p and a payment can be made on ParentPay.

### School Uniform Survey

Thank you to everyone who responded to the survey. After consultation with governors this week, the changes to the uniform policy are summarised below. We are currently in discussion with our uniform providers (Boydell's and Kits for All) to see how soon the changes can be implemented. We will keep you up to date with their responses.

Proposal	Parental Response <i>(105 responses for the survey)</i>	Changes to be introduced
EYFS to have the option of buying unbranded uniform with the choice to have the school badge sewn on	70% in favour	Parents can choose to have branded or unbranded navy-blue tracksuits and white polo top in EYFS. The school badge can be embroidered on separately.
To have an alternative fabric for the skirt and pinafore.	50% in favour	Uniform suppliers will hopefully be able to give parents a choice between the current fabric and an alternative one. Both will still have the tartan pattern. More details to follow as we hear back from the suppliers
To have the option to buy a plain navy-blue tracksuit for PE (or have the school badge embroidered on).	74% in favour	Parents can choose to have branded or unbranded navy-blue tracksuits (no sports logos), with or without school badge. (School PE t-shirt will remain the same)
To wear a white polo shirt instead of a shirt and tie in the summer term.	79% in favour	Parents can choose to buy a plain white polo top, school branded white polo top or continue to wear a shirt and tie.
To use a Holy Family pre-loved TA uniform shop.	56% of parents said they would use this service	PTA will organise collection, laundering and sale of good quality pre-loved uniform. Dates and details tbc.

### Parent and Teacher Meetings

We are offering the choice of face to face or video appointments for this term. Please book all appointments on School Cloud and ensure you state which type of meeting you require. Details have been sent out on ParentApp.



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### Dates for Parent and Teacher meetings (*Nursery meetings will take place after Easter*)

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 and Year 1
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 and Year 2
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 3

### Sports Update from Mrs Speight

What an amazing sporting week we have had at Holy Family! Five children represented Knowsley in the Merseyside Cross Country at Wavertree. Following this event, Isobella from year 6 has been selected to represent Merseyside in the up-and-coming National championships, Year 6 Girls', at Market Harborough on Saturday 26th March 2022. More cross country took place on Monday evening with children from years 4, 5 and 6 competing.



We held our own #Letgirlsplay event on Wednesday. Girls from Nursery to Year 6 all took part in a footballing session and were highly enthused and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to play. Wednesday evening saw the third football league tournament for mixed teams taking place and you will be pleased to hear that Holy Family are currently top of the league with St Leo's Whiston hot on their tail. We have more competitions taking place over the next few weeks with Cross Country for Years 4, 5 and 6 on the 17<sup>th</sup> March and the final Football League Tournament on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April.



**All those children representing 'Holy Family' have done so with pride. We are all so proud of each and every one of them. They have all demonstrated our school values in action!**

#### PE kits

High quality PE lessons continue to take place in school. Please help your child to remember their PE kits (with names clearly marked on them). Could we also ask you to check shoe sizes as lots of children have grown since September and footwear for PE is becoming uncomfortable for some of our children.



### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April

#### We are Walking Against Hunger for CAFOD!

KS1 will be walking laps around the school grounds and field. KS2 will be completing a circular route around the village. Sponsorship – rather than sending out sponsor forms, please can a donation be made for



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CAFOD on the day of the event through ParentPay. We are very aware that many people are also giving generously to other charities at the moment so the focus of our walk will be one of reflection and solidarity. Many thanks.

## Picture News

As a school we explore a different topic in the news each week as part of our curriculum offer. To help us talk about the news in a child friendly and age-appropriate way, we use Picture News which provides resources about topical new issues for Early Years, KS1 and KS2. We have been talking over the last couple of weeks about the ongoing situation in Ukraine to allow children the opportunity to ask questions and give them space to process this global event. Giving children the space to explore topics such as this in a safe environment links to our school values of respect, responsibility and resilience. Should you wish to support your child in discussing Picture News each week, we will include the parents' resource in the school newsletter to keep you updated about what we have discussed.



## TAKEHOME 14<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> March

How important is it to show bravery as a leader?



## In the news this week

Currently, Volodymyr Zelenskyy is thought to be one of the most famous people in the world. Once an actor and comedian, the 44-year-old Ukrainian president is being called a hero, who has bravely refused to bow down to Russia, as his country of Ukraine endures an attack. Before his election in 2019, Ukrainian president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, acted as a president on the TV programme 'Servants of the People'.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- Can you think of a time when you were brave, or you witnessed someone else being brave? What happened?
- Can you think of someone who is your hero? Can you describe them?
- What qualities do you think make a good leader?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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# Donations for Ukraine

Your local collection point is:

The below parish centre is open every day 9am-11pm

St Basil and All Saints, Hough Green Road, Widnes

We are collecting the following items to donate to Ukraine:

- **First aid kits and battlefield first aid kits**  
(including sterile dressings, safety pins, antiseptic fluid/cream/spray, disposable gloves, burn free kits, eye wash)
- **Bandages - different widths**  
(including halo chest seals, tourniquets, splints, QuikClot Combat Gauze, Steri-Strips, triangular bandages, Tourni-Key Plus)
- **Toiletries**  
(including toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo)
- **Bedding, sleeping bags, blankets, mattresses**
- **Generators and different types of chargers**
- **Nappy rash creams and baby bath lotions**  
(all ages and sizes)
- **Powdered baby milk and feeding bottles**
- **Pain relief**  
(e.g Paracetamol, Ibuprofen)
- **Warm underclothing**  
(including socks)
- **Sanitary products**
- **Nappies**  
(all ages and sizes)
- **Rucksacks**

*Please note, as the delivery chain is currently at capacity, we are exploring various options for delivery. In the unlikely event that we are unable to supply these items to Ukraine, all goods will go to a local charity.*



#Liverpool4Ukraine

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# Prayer for Ukraine

Almighty and Great God, accept our gratitude for your boundless mercy towards us. Hear the supplication of our afflicted hearts for the land and people of Ukraine, as they confront foreign aggression and invasion. Open the eyes of those who have been overtaken by a spirit of deception and violence, that they be horrified by their works. Grant victory over the powers of evil that have arisen and bless Ukraine with your gifts of liberty, peace, tranquillity and good fortune.

We implore you, O Merciful God, look with grace upon those who courageously defend their land. Remember the mothers and fathers, the innocent children, widows and orphans, the disabled and helpless, those seeking shelter and refuge, who reach out to you and to their fellow human beings looking for mercy and compassion. Bless the hearts of those who have already shown great generosity and solidarity, and those who prepare to receive their Ukrainian brothers and sisters in Ukraine's greatest time of need. Bring us together as your children, your creation, and instil in us your strength, wisdom and understanding. May you be praised and glorified, now and forever, and to the ages of ages. Amen.

**+Kenneth Nowakowski**  
Eparchial Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic  
Eparchy of the Holy Family of London

We pray for the local Eparchy of Sambir-Drohobych and its bishops.



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