



**Holy Family Catholic Primary School**

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# NEWSLETTER

## Dates for your diary

- 7<sup>th</sup> March** KS2 Cross Country race
- 9<sup>th</sup> March** School Photographer
- 11<sup>th</sup> March** Family Fast Day
- 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 – more details to follow
- 18<sup>th</sup> March** Y4 Class Rejoice Assembly 2.45pm
- 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  
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 and Year 5 Rejoice Assemblies 2.45pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> April** Nursery, Reception, Year 1/2 discos
- 12<sup>th</sup> April** Year 3/4 and Y5/6 discos
- 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

## 9<sup>th</sup> March School Photographer

If you have pre- school children you are welcome to bring them from 8.30am to have their photograph with their older siblings. **Please come to the office doors and a member of staff will take you to the hall.**

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### A prayer for Ukraine

Loving God,  
We pray for the people of Ukraine,  
for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,  
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world, that in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity to our sisters and brothers in need.

May we walk in your ways, so that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people of Ukraine  
and for all the world.

Amen.

**CAFOD**  
Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development

### Thank you

Thank you for donating so  
generously and with short notice  
for the Ukraine crisis. We have  
been saying this prayer with the  
children this week.



### 9th March Girls' football promotion day

#### #LetGirlsPlay

It's time to take a stand, to make a difference for  
girls to play football – one simple message  
#LetGirlsPlay. Today we started our own Holy Family  
Campaign when we entered a girls' team into an  
Everton in The Community Tournament. They  
represented school brilliantly and had a fantastic  
time.



On Wednesday **9th March 2022**, England Football and Barclays want to put on the biggest EVER  
football session for girls in school.

We are asking **all girls from Reception to Year 6 to come to school in suitable footwear to play  
football** and there will be a dedicated space and time for them to practise their skills  
throughout the day.

Pex Hill JFC is an FA Charter Standard Junior Football Club in our local community. There are  
opportunities for girls and boys to play and develop their skills. They have mixed teams and a girls  
only teams. As we are promoting #LetGirlsPlay this week maybe some of you girls might like to  
join the dedicated FA approved Wild Cats all girls team for ages 5 to 11. For further details  
visit <https://pexhillacademy.com/pex-hill-jfc-its-about-the-kids/>



### PTA Fund raising

A reminder that our fundraisin' challenge has been extended until  
the end of next week. Please send your raisin boxes in and every  
penny raised will go to our PTA funds which will be spent on  
resources to benefit the children.

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## Good news!

As Covid restrictions are lifted, we are delighted to begin inviting parents back into school.



As a result, the **Class Rejoice Assemblies** that were due to be filmed and uploaded onto Seesaw will now take place in the school hall. Please see the dates and times for your child's class below. We are taking a cautious approach to opening up so initially we will be limiting the numbers of parents invited in. This will be reviewed in the Summer term.

Class Assembly Timetable (Dates for the other classes will be after Easter)	
Year 4	18th March 2.45pm (2 visitors per child please)
Year 3	8 <sup>th</sup> April 2.30pm (2 visitors per child please)
Year 5	8 <sup>th</sup> April 2.45pm (2 visitors per child please)

## Parent and Teacher Meetings –



### Week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> March

Following the success of the School Cloud meetings in the Autumn term, we are going to trial offering a blend of face to face or virtual meetings. We are aware that the facility to attend remotely is a flexible way for some parents to attend whilst others may prefer to attend in person.

To keep numbers in the building low, a maximum of 2 classes will be scheduled per day.

**Details of how to book the appointments will be sent out on Tuesday.**

Dates for Parent and Teacher meetings	
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

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

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

Our school will join thousands of others walking to help stamp out hunger.

We will be joining CAFOD's Walk Against Hunger appeal to help cover 40,000km – the distance around the world - in solidarity with the 200 million children whose lives are at risk because of malnutrition. . KS1 will be walking laps around the school grounds and field. KS2 will be completing a circular route around the village. More details to follow.

CAFOD is an international development charity and the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

To get involved at home, search 'CAFOD Spring Raffle' on [cafod.org.uk](https://cafod.org.uk), or visit <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/> to join CAFOD's Walk Against Hunger appeal.

Further details at [cafod.org.uk/primary](https://cafod.org.uk/primary)



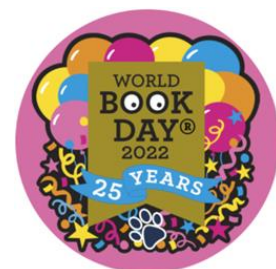
### **KS2 Visit to Church**



KS2 children went to church on Wednesday for an Ash Wednesday service led by Father Michael. They were reverent and respectful throughout, sang beautifully and their Lenten promises were presented on the alter.

### **World Book Day**

What a terrific celebration of World Book Day we have had this year! We have been thrilled to see children dressing up in fabulous character outfits and also to see so many children nice and snug in cosy pyjamas. Our children right across the school have really embraced the purpose of World Book Day- to share and promote a love of reading. The children participated in many online events with some favourite (and newly



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introduced!) authors and illustrators, 10 minute story time sessions with a range of authors, 'Drop Everything And Read!' time and we ended the day with a 'Mystery Teacher Story Time', which was something the teachers enjoyed doing so much, we may have to make it a more regular occurrence! We also completed our first ever Book Exchange, which proved to be a real hit! The children were all more than happy to share with others the books they discovered, and were open-minded about choosing their next book. Thank you for helping this day to be a success. Please be sure to check Twitter for pictures from the day. Happy reading, everyone!

At Holy Family, we want to promote a real love of reading every single day. To help us do this and to enrich our library, please consider donating a book using the Amazon Wish List:  
<https://amzn.eu/9k1zlj2Our>

A link for the Wish List will also be sent out via Parent App. Thank you!

### **Year 5 and 6 Police Officer Visit**

Recently, Y5 and Y6 have both been fortunate enough to have visitors come to class to talk to them which have reinforced our core values of respect, responsibility and resilience.

Both classes had a visit from our designated police community support officer, Hazel Deardon, who spoke to the children about anti-social behaviours and the consequences of these actions. She also went into details about the judicial system and each class were given scripts to act out a trial that included every role in the court (Jurors from both classes quickly found Goldilocks to be guilty of breaking and entering, theft and destruction of property!) In doing this, the children learnt so much about the process in a courtroom and the importance of demonstrating our values at all times, whether we are among friends or in the wider community.

### **Bully Busters**

This week, Y5 and Y6 were visited by Natalie from Bully Busters, who encouraged them to make positive choices and to understand the impact of their actions on others. The children all discussed the importance of taking ownership of their personal actions and they recognised the role they play in making our school a better place. As members of their class, it is up to them to make a difference; they are responsible for everything that happens, so by making positive choices, they can improve any situation!

Bully Busters' main statement of 'Together, we can NAIL it!' (**Nice, Accepting, Inclusive, Listen**) is an acronym that was created here in Holy Family by our children who really absorbed their message! Bully Busters' loved it so much, they adopted it and use it in every school they visit. We know that together, we can NAIL it when we demonstrate our values.



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Thank you to Mrs Guest and Year 4 who organised our Fairtrade sale today as part of FairTrade fortnight. The proceeds of the sale will go the Fairtrade charity.



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