



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

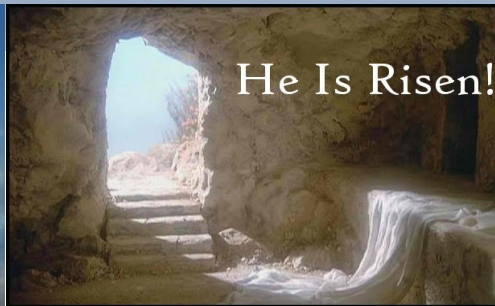
*To work, to pray, to play
in the Light of the Lord*



Newsletter 5

Spring Term

Friday 24th March



The Meaning of Easter

Easter is the celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead and is celebrated on Easter Sunday. It marks the end of Holy Week, the end of Lent, the last day of the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday), and is the beginning of the new liturgical year.

As we know from the Gospels, Jesus Christ rose from the dead on the third day following his crucifixion, which would be Sunday. His resurrection marks the triumph of good over evil, sin and death. It is the singular event which proves that those who trust in God and accept Christ will be raised from the dead.

Since Easter represents the fulfilment of God's promises to mankind, it is the most important holiday on our Christian calendar.

The Easter date is movable and always falls on a Sunday between March 22 and April 25. Easter in the Catholic Church is always on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox.



"Christ the Lord is risen to-day,"
Sons of men and angels say.
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply.



Training Day Monday 27th March





Stations of the cross

Throughout Lent Mrs Rees and Miss Wharton have been celebrating the stations of the cross. This is on Wednesday mornings at 8:35am. Many families have been joining them and other staff to take time to reflect and think about what Jesus went through.

Lenten Activities

Each class are taking it in turns to hold an event to raise money, e.g. Bun sale, Name the teddy, we thank you for all your contributions we really appreciate it and all the children are having a great time getting involved! Well done to year 4 who raised £180 in 1 week.



world book day!

We would like to thank all the adults that helped make the amazing world book day costumes again this year! They were brilliant! Well done to the winners : Tanisha, Aine, Evie Rae, Oliwia S, Lillie D, Evan, Connor, Indi Lee, Weronika, Lathan, Amanda, Maja, Barney, Cody, Anaise, Benas! The school council said it was a very tough decision. We hope you are all enjoying your books!

It looks like Year 6 embraced world book day with their buddies in Reception too! We are looking forward to next years costumes....who knows what the theme will be.



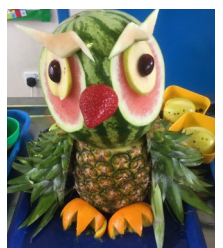
We had a special visitor the other day, Mrs Williams and her baby Jack are doing really well. Jack is now 5 weeks old! They have been going for walks each day and looking forwards to starting some baby swimming classes soon!

We would just like to wish Miss Vickers good luck, as it was her last day Friday 17th March ,we hope everything goes well and we will see you and your new family soon!

Healthy Eating:

Here at Holy Family we like to make sure that all our children are eating healthily, we do regular checks on packed lunches and our dinner staff

come up with fantastic new ways of promoting healthy eating.



Ofsted:

We would like to thank all the parents that took time to fill out the parent questionnaire when we had OFSTED, we are very happy to be able to say we are maintaining our 'Good' level of teaching here. All the staff played a big part and worked like a real team getting things in place, so a BIG thank you to all staff that helped out, you all played a big part in the visit.



Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all parents who completed the Questionnaires, the feedback is really helpful and we will endeavour to use this to help us improve and make things better in future. Parents were overwhelmingly positive about the vast majority of things that occur at Holy Family Primary. Thank you greatly, we feel very lucky as staff to be teaching your children!

Sports update!



Skipping:

Year 2 were practising hard for their skipping competition which was on the 24th of February. It all paid off though because they came 2nd overall! Well done Year 2!



Year 4 will also be taking part in a skipping competition, we wish them all the best and the you will be informed of the result!

Rugby:

Some of you may know that we were given the chance to go watch a Leeds Rhinos match on Friday 17th. The children that went were able to go on the pitch at half time and parade around with our Holy Family banner! It was a good night and it was made better with Leeds Rhinos winning 38-14 against Wakefield Trinity!



Football:

Some of the Year 4 children got the opportunity to take part in the Leeds United Sports Champions at the training camp! It was very fun and all the children played very well and had a good day out!



A report on last Friday's football, the Under 10's were losing half time with 2-0 to Horsforth Newlaithes but by the end of the match they brought it back and won 3-2 Well Done team!



Cross Country



We would like to say a big well done to everyone who participated in the cross country, Lorna, Lillie D and Kacey all got through to the West Yorkshire finals! Well done girls!



Good Shepherd Mass

We are proud to announce that Holy Family will be leading the Good Shepherd Mass on the 19th of May at S.t Anne's Cathedral, Leeds. Our children will be taking part in the procession, readings and singing for the Bishop. Catholic schools across West Yorkshire will be coming together to celebrate the Catholic Care annual Good Shepherd appeal service with Bishop Marcus.

During the period of Lent, staff and children have been coming up with new and exciting ways of raising money for Catholic Care. The service commences with a procession of banners lead by Holy Family around the cathedral. A big thank you to all who contributed! Pictures of the service will be posted on our twitter feed or you can visit the website:

catholic-care.org.uk



Polite Reminder

Children who ride bikes and scooters to and from school should push them once they are in the school grounds.

Football should not be played on the playground before or after school.

There are many parents and grandparents with pushchairs and children who could be hurt by a miskicked football or knocked down by a bike or scooter.

Many thanks for your co-operation.



| Dates: | Events: |
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| Monday 27th March | Training day |
| Tuesday 28th March | Reception trip to Harlow Carr |
| Wednesday 29th March | Year 3 trip to Tong Garden Centre |
| Thursday 30th March | Year 4 fundamentals at Swallow Hill 1-2:30 |
| Friday 31st March | Year 4 'Game over' Road Safety 9:10-10:00am Break up for Easter |
| Monday 10th April | Back to school |
| Tuesday 11th April | HOFFs Easter Egg Hunt |
| Wednesday 12th April | Nursery Easter egg hunt |
| Thursday 13th April | Easter Liturgy 2:30pm Break up for Easter weekend |
| Tuesday 18th April | Back to school |
| Thursday 20th April | Coffee morning |