



# Holy Family Catholic Primary School

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



## Newsletter 6

## Spring Term

## 26th May



# Spring

Did you know the first day of spring is called the vernal equinox. What does that stand for you ask? 'Vernal' is Latin for spring while 'equinox' is Latin for 'equal night'.

### Just some of the things to look forward to in Spring

The hope of bright sunshine for a few days in a row

The first pretty little spring flowers poking out of the dirt

Waking up to tweeting birds outside the window

Seeing the rain through the rays of sunshine

Opening a window for fresh air to clear out the stale air of winter

Feeling energized for spring cleaning

Inhaling the fresh smell of spring

Taking a walk without shivering



## Nursery Trip!

Nursery's trip to ponderosa was on the 22nd of May! They have been to visit the reptiles and looked at all the different wildlife whilst they were there!



## Writers of the month:

Here is a picture of our writers of the month from April!

Well done to everyone, keep up the good work!



## Sports kits:

Please could you make sure that when your child wears a sports kit from school, it comes back ASAP and all of it comes back as there are some kits missing. This means

other children are unable to wear them in other event.



## Year 6: What a week!

The Year 6 children worked really hard all week and were even complimented by a member of the Local Authority who visited during the tests. She said that she had never

seen such dedicated and driven children in a test room before. We are really proud of the children and we hope that all their efforts are rewarded with excellent results. Mr Biedka and I are really proud of them and would like to thank you for supporting them during this period.



## First Holy Communions

First Holy Communions are Sunday 18th June. We are continuing to work hard to prepare ourselves for this sacrament....we did very well making our First Confessions a couple of weeks



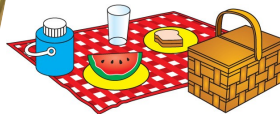
## Miss Walsh's Last day:

It was Miss Walsh's last day last week, She has now had the baby and we cant wait to meet her!



## Exploring!

Reception have been using their imagination and have created a small world scene within their topic of exploring! Looking good reception... I wonder who lives in such a small world!



## Reception trip to St. Leonard's Farm

Reception are loving their topic of exploring!

Reception had a super time when they visited St. Leonard's Farm. They loved getting to meet and feed the baby animals and getting to have a picnic in the field.



The Hoffs rewarded the children with a trip to Lazerzone on Friday 12th May. They thoroughly enjoyed shooting us and eating some lovely pizza. Thank you to all the members of the Hoffs and to all those who support them.



### Visiting the Brownlee centre

On Friday 28th of April, Holy Family were chosen to take some Year 5 pupils to join Jonnie and Alistair Brownlee to officially open the new cycle circuit! The children all had a

brilliant day and really made use of the new cycle circuit. To see more photos check out our Twitter page [@HolyFamilyLeeds](https://twitter.com/HolyFamilyLeeds).



### New Visitors!

We had a new visitor the other day...

Miss Vickers and her new family. Baby Remi was a healthy 9lb 14oz and was born on the 1st of April. He is doing really well and mum and dad are both brilliant parents, hopefully they are all managing to get some sleep!



### Robin wood

Year 6 went to Robin wood on Monday 15th

and came back Wednesday 17th, tired and ready for some sleep but enjoyed a few

days packed full of adventures and challenges. 'It was

just what we all needed after our SAT's,' It was a chance to forget about school and focus on our team building skills helping them to prepare for High school!



### Leeds Book awards

On Tuesday 16th May our school reading group 'Starbooks' were fortunate enough to be able to attend the Leeds Book Awards Ceremony held at Pudsey Civic Centre. Jason Beresford entertained the children with a mix of poetry and audience participation. There was a question and answer session with five of the shortlisted authors, before the 2017 winner was announced as Murder in Midwinter written by Fleur Hitchcock.

The highlight of the morning for the children was the opportunity for them to meet the shortlisted authors and have their books signed. They were particularly impressed to learn that one of the authors, Curtis Jobling, was no other than the designer of the BAFTA winning children's television show Bob the builder.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable event and an amazing experience for the children to be a part of. 'Starbooks' would like to say a big thank you to the HOFFS for purchasing each of them a set of the six shortlisted books to read. Without your continued support for the HOFFS events these types of opportunities would not be possible for the children. So, a special thank you also to all parent and carers.





# HOFFS events



## Den Building

On the 16th of June the HOFF's are hosting a Fathers day den building afternoon! It would be a fab afternoon of team building skills with your dads, uncles and grandparents!

## Summer BBQ

Also on the 30th June the HOFFs are putting on a summer BBQ!

There will be games and lots of delicious food, we hope the weather will be nice to go with it!



There will be a letter coming out shortly with more information!



# The Good Shepherd Mass

## Catholic Care

A service you can believe in



The Bishop's annual Good Shepherd Service at St. Anne's Cathedral on Friday 19th May 2017 was lead by Holy Family Catholic Primary School and supported



by St Paul's. Bishop Marcus and Holy Family led the procession of schools from across West Yorkshire with their banners around the Cathedral on to the altar. During the presentation of cheques some children stood up and reflected on the work Catholic Care does, some of our children even shared their personal stories of how Catholic Care has helped them. They also read poems, prayers and sung a variety of different songs. We had some fantastic

comments from the Catholic Care organisation as well as other schools. Thank you to all the children for making us feel so proud. Well done! Also a final Thank you to Mrs Rees, Mrs Crosthwaite and Miss Wharton for helping to arrange and organise it!







