



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

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



Newsletter 1

Autumn Term

Friday 22nd 2017

BACK TO
SCHOOL

Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a lovely six weeks off and its been lovely hearing what everyone got up to! We are now in the third week of term so are firmly getting back into the routine of hard work and determination. This year will be full of events and fun things to get involved in so keep an eye out!

Spiritual Reflection:

What will this new school bring? We do not know. It will likely bring us it's usual times of work and play, experiences of new learning, success and challenges- all things that are part of school life. May almighty God be with us on this journey, supporting us in times of need and sharing our times of celebration. Amen.

Reminders!

- Please can you make sure that the Office has all your up to date information e.g. phone numbers, addresses etc.
- Please can you make sure that you have registered and downloaded the Holy Family App for Parent Pay so you can pay for school dinner, school trips and other things that will arise in the future.
- You received a letter about withdrawal of consent and school lunches for trips. Please ensure that you had read this and returned it.



New Parent Governor



Here at Holy Family we are now in the position where we are recruiting a new Parent Governor. We will be sending out some letters to explain a bit more about the role and what it encounters. If anyone requires further information about the role please do not hesitate to speak with Mr

Strong .

Sacramental Preparation

Most Catholics will take part in all stages of sacramental preparation. The stages are: Baptism, First Holy Communion, reconciliation, Confirmation, Marriage, Holy Orders and Anointing of the sick. As Catholics we receive the seven sacraments as we go through life and they help us in our journeys to stay on the right path.

By being baptised we have holy water sprinkled on our forehead or of immersing them in water, symbolising purification or regeneration and admission to the Christian Church.

When we first receive the Eucharist for the first time this is a celebration in Church that we are able to have the body and blood of Christ for the first time.

Confirmation establishes young adults as full-fledged members of the faith. This sacrament is called Confirmation because the faith given in Baptism is now confirmed and made strong. During your Baptism, your parents and godparents make promises to renounce Satan and believe in God and the Church on your behalf. At Confirmation, you renew those same promises, this time speaking for yourself.

Marriage is when two people form a partnership with each other and vow to spend the rest of their lives together.

Holy Orders, is when someone would like to become a priest and be in charge of a Parish to help serve God.

Anointing of the Sick is when you have your last blessing before you go to Heaven.

While at Primary school age your child will have the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation, under the direction of Bishop Marcus, these will now be lead by your Parish. School will work with the Parish to support preparation. Details to follow later in the year.



Sports Kits!

Just a reminder, please can you make sure if children are participating in any sports events that they have kit ready. A plea, if you have any old football boots please can we have them in school for spares.



Thank you!

Safety on School grounds:

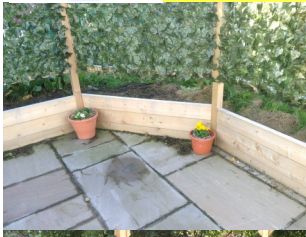
Just a quick reminder please can you only enter school through the pedestrian gate and not the automatic car park gate as cars are in and out constantly. Its dangerous for you to use this entrance for access.

Prayer Garden:



We would all like you to come and have a look at our new Prayer Garden. It is going to be a peaceful place of worship and thoughts. Everyone is welcome to come and take a seat and have some time out for reflection.

We would like to say thank you to Mrs McHale and David Webster for planting all the plants to make it a bit more colourful and making it look more inviting. We would also like to thank Resource print solutions for producing the funds to buy all the lovely plants! We really appreciate it, thank you! Bishop Marcus will join us on Tuesday 31st October for an official opening of the Prayer Garden.



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Holy Family Bake Off

As you may know already we are having our very own Bake Off on Monday 25th September which the Minnie Vinnie's will be judging. If you would like to take part and enter a cake then please send in your application form along with an entry fee of £1 to the office. We are looking forward to all the yummy entries! Good Luck.



All proceeds will go to McMillan Coffee morning Tuesday 26th September in the hall at 8:30-9:00am



Medication, Inhalers and Asthma

It is every parent's responsibility to ensure that school is kept updated with medical information. Please remember we can only administer medicines which are required **four times a day**, have been prescribed by a doctor and have a prescription label **CLEARLY** stating the child's name and the dose required.

If your child has any allergies, including asthma, we need to be kept up to date about the triggers and the epi-pens/inhalers needed at home and in school. Please can you fill in the medical form we have sent out **ASAP even if your child doesn't have any medical conditions.** If your child already has a Individual Health Care Plan (IHCP) for a medical condition which we are aware of, Mrs Rees will be sending a copy home for you to update.

It is a parent's responsibility to ensure that medication kept at school are the correct ones, clearly named and are in date.

Dates for your calendar

School will not be open on May 7th (Bank holiday) and November 17th due to a training day. More training days are yet to be set.



<u>Term</u>	<u>Break up</u>	<u>Back to school</u>
		4th September
October Half term	20th October	30th October
Christmas	20th December	4th January
February Half term	9th February	19th February
Easter	29th March	9th April
May Half Term	25th May	11th June
Summer	20th July	



HOFF's Events



Date:	Events
November 1st	Bonfire/Halloween night
December 1st	Year 3, 4 and 5 Sleepover
December day tbc	Breakfast with Santa
December 8th	Christmas Market
June 29th	Summer BBQ

