



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

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



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The Bishops Visit

On Tuesday 31st October, the right reverend Bishop Marcus Stock visited Holy Family Primary School to bless our recently completed Prayer Garden.

It was 2014 when Fr McGarth chatted with some Y1 children about having a space in school that could be a

permanent place for people to visit to say a prayer as the church at Holy Family is a little walk away, and some people do not get to visit regularly. The Governors looked at the plans for the remodelling of classrooms, an internal space could not be found. A suggestion was

made to look at an outside area that could be used. At a following Governors meeting it was suggested using the area outside near the obstacle course. It was agreed by the school council back in 2015 to raise money to fund the building of the area.

The task was taken up by the AHT Mr Biedka and the school council. Plans were drawn up. It was decided that to create the right space we would need to remove a lot of earth. Mr Biedka arranged to have a JCB come and remove 10 tons of earth to create a space. This cost in the region of £2000. Further funds would need to be raised to build the Garden.

At this point the school caretaker, Mr McGann became involved and offered to construct the garden so only funds for materials would need to be raised. This kept the costs to a minimum, but allowed us to build a very special space.

Mone Brothers very kindly donated a stone Alter, because of this generous gift we were able to use further funds raised to install Yorkshire Stone paving to finish the area.

The final thing to do was to landscape the area by adding plants and flowers. Mrs McHale kindly volunteered to do this and gained funding from Resources Print Solutions. Mr Wester and Mrs McHale have given time and love to ensure the flowers and plants in the garden are cared for.

Bishop Marcus first attended a Liturgy in the school hall with the children, staff, parent teacher association, governors and parents. The Liturgy was focussed on prayer and how we all can be closer to God and that special places, like the new school prayer garden, become areas of hope, love and joy. Bishop Marcus spoke of his recent visit to the Holy land and the place where Jesus visited to speak to his Father (Gethsemane) and how garden's are places where we become closer to the sounds of God's creation. He also wowed the children with amazing facts of olive trees which are 2000 years old and were still producing fruit, that were around when Jesus was praying in that very garden.

Following the liturgy, some staff, children and visitors, took a short walk over to the Prayer Garden where they listened to some prayers and prayed. Bishop Marcus then blessed the Garden and spoke to Mr McGann about how he had built it.



This three year journey was completed by Bishop Marcus but it will not end. The Prayer Garden at Holy Family will serve the school, parishioners and local community for many years to come. Holy Family feel very privileged to have had the opportunity to listen to and share their special place with Bishop Marcus.



Raising money for CAFOD

On 20th October we all brought in some brightly colour buns and cakes as part of CAFOD's 'brighten up Harvest week'. We had so many lovely buns! Thank you for everyone who brought in buns and cakes for us to sell and help raise money.



Minnie Vinnies Pilgrimage

October 18th The Minnie Vinnies went to Ripon Cathedral to take part in the Bishop's Pilgrimage along with many other schools in our Leeds area.

The children processed around the Cathedral with the Holy Family Banner before Mass began. After Mass the children carried on their journey to Fountains Abbey before heading back to school.



MacMillan Coffee Morning

On Tuesday 26th September we managed to raise a huge total of £285.00

We would like to thank all the children and parents who made and brought cakes in to sell. Also a big thank you to the Minnie Vinnies who organised and sold all the amazing cakes!

Fr Tim Swinglehurst

Fr Tim Swinglehurst who is the Episcopal Vicar for Education in the Leeds Diocese joined us in school on Wednesday 1st November to celebrate Mass on the feast of All Saints. Fr Tim will join us on many occasions this year to lead us in Prayer, Spiritually and celebrate Mass.

You can find a copy of the Mass time tables on our website, or follow the link below.

<http://www.holyfamilyleeds.co.uk/catholic-life/liturgical->

Poppies

Throughout the month of November the Minnie Vinnies will be selling Poppies and all other remembrance merchandise.

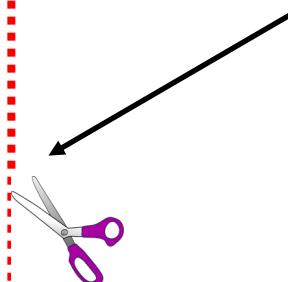
The Royal British Legion is such a great charity helping raise money for all the soldiers, past, present and future.

If anyone would like to fill in a remembrance slip and hand it in to the Office it will be added into our Remembrance book.



November is a month to remember those who have died. Please remember...

Please cut out the slip and hand it in to the office



Building Work:

Some of you may have noticed that we are currently having building work done. We have had the Hall rewired, decorated and a new ceiling installed. The foundation corridor has also been rewired, decorated and had a new floor laid.

The Key Stage 2 Corridor still has work on going. This has undertaken rewiring, New heating, decoration, new doors and flooring.

The cost of the work undertaken will be £78,000. School will have to fund 10% of this (£7,800) from the school budget. We are having to spend a further £4,000 to replace the Hall curtains. Half of this money will be taken from the voluntary contributions you make as parents.

We thank you for your patience and contributions via the voluntary building fund.



Parents Evening:

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Parents evening before the half term. We hope that you found these useful and informative.

We are determined to meet with every child's parents as we feel working together is so important.

Parent Governor:

We still have a vacancy for a Parent Governor for our school. If you would like to consider undertaking this role please feel free to chat to one of our current Governors or see myself one morning or after school. It is very important to have Parents as Governors to lead our school and ensure the children are getting the very best education possible. I am told that some employers allow staff to undertake Governors roles as part of their current work.

Holy Family SCHOOL ADMISSIONS ~ September 2018

If you know of anyone considering Holy Family Catholic Primary School for their child, they are warmly invited to visit us to look around our happy school at work, on Tuesday 12th December 9.30 to 11.00. Children will give parents a tour of the whole school and answer any questions parents have.

The Governors will admit 30 children aged 4+, in September 2018. Children born on and between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 may be admitted full time.

The closing date for applications this year is Friday 15th January 2018

HOFFs Events 2017

Non Uniform Day for a contribution of chocolate	16th November
Sleepover for years 3-5	1st December
Non Uniform Day' Christmas jumper day (for a contribution of alcohol.	4th December
Christmas Market	8th December
Breakfast with Santa	14th December



City Variety Panto

First Direct have again given us free tickets to visit the Aladdin Panto. Tickets for the shows on 9-10th December will be offered to pupils who have 100% attendance and punctuality. If we have more children eligible than tickets, a draw will be held.



Year 4 trip

Year 4 visited Jorvik in York to learn more about how the Vikings lived. We really enjoyed being archaeologists and digging for artefacts. We also went on a fun ride that took us through a Viking village. What a fantastic day!



Year 2 trip

On the trip the children explored parts of Eureka as well taking part in the Gross Lab workshop. The workshop taught them fun facts about the body like why we burp or feel sick.



Cross country

We had our first Leeds League Cross Country race. Holy Family teams are doing very well! Expectational

results were achieved by Natalia Yr4, coming 5th in the girls U9's. Lorna coming 2nd and Lilly.D 5th in the girls U11's. Well done to all our runners, other places were:

Results:

U 9 Girls: Clara 27th, Macey 48th, Maja 49th, Lexie 60th.

U 9 Boys: Ethan 46th, Chris 71st, Tristan 76th, Logan 77th, Tommy 79th



Football:

Leeds Schools FA 7-a-side. The Under 11's team reached the semi-final of the city 7-a-side last month. They lost 4-0 to Woodlesford in the semi finals, despite having other football results recorded a 4-0 win in the group stages.

Results:

U9's Vs St. Pauls 3-2

U11's Vs Sacred Heart 6-0

U9's Vs Farsely fury 2-6

U11's Vs St Josephs 4-1

U11's Vs Christ the King 9-0

U9's Vs Meanwood 3-7

U 11's Vs Lawns Park -9-1

U11's Vs Farsley Fairfield 4-0

U9's Vs St. Pauls A 0-5

U9's Vs St. Pauls B 0-5

Girls Football:

Last Friday the girls football team had an amazing match against St. Pauls, the final score was 0-0. Last night they played Woodlesford at won 4-2! Well done girls keep it up!

Results:

Woodlesford 4-2

Newlathes 7-2

Farsely Fairfield 12-0

St.Pauls 0-0



REMEMBER: TRAINING DAY FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

Sports fixtures

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>
Thurs 9th Nov	Cross Country	Middleton Park	12.45 - 3pm
Thurs 9th Nov	Sportshall athletics	Swallow Hill	3.30-5pm
Tues 13th	U'9 Football V Newlaithes	HF	3:30-5pm
Tues 14th Nov	Girls football V Holy Rosary	HF	3.30pm - 4.30pm
Weds 15th Nov	Netball V Cookridge	HF	3.45 - 4.30pm
Thurs 16th Nov	Sportshall athletics	Swallow Hill	2pm start
Mon 20th Nov	U11 Road to Wembley	Priesthorpe	1-3pm
Mon 20th Nov	Football V Weetwood and Wybeck	HF	3:30-5pm
Tues 21st Nov	She Rallies (Tennis event)	JCCS	12.30- 3 pm
Thurs 23rd Nov	Y4 boys sports festival	Swallow Hill	3.30 - 4.45pm
Sat 25th Nov	Cross Country	TBC	AM
Mon 27th Nov	U'9 Football V West End	HF	3:30-5pm
Tues 28th Nov	Girls football V St. Joseph's Wetherby	HF	3.45pm KO
Thurs 30th Nov	Y4 girls sports festival	Swallow Hill	3.30 - 4.45pm
Thurs 30th Nov	U'9 Football V Woodlesford	HF	3:30-5pm
Tues 5th Dec	Sportshall athletics final	Priesthorpe	3.30pm
Fri 8th Dec	Girls football V Meanwood	HF	3.45pm KO
Thurs 14th Dec	Girls football V St Paul's	HF	3pm KO
Thurs 14th Dec	U9 football	HF	4pm KO
Thurs 14th Dec	U9 football V Calverly and Woodlesford	HF	3:30-5pm

2018-19 Term Dates

Holiday	Schools closes	Schools opens
Summer		Monday 3 rd September 2018
Autumn mid-term	Friday 26 th October 2018	Monday 5 th November 2018
Christmas	Friday 21 st December 2018	Monday 7 th January 2019
Spring mid-term	Friday 15 th February 2019	Monday 25 th February 2019
Easter	Friday 5 th April 2019	Monday 15 th April 2019
Bank Holiday	Thursday 18 th May 2019	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019
May Bank Holiday	Friday 3 rd May 2019	Tuesday 7 th May 2019
Mid Summer Holiday	Friday 24 th May 2019	Monday 10 th June 2019
Summer Holiday	Wednesday 24 th July 2019	Provisional: Subject to change

You can also find a copy of this and other calendars on the school website:

<http://www.holyfamilyleeds.co.uk/calendar-1/school-calendar-2017-2018>