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"With Jesus as our guide; we love, live and learn together."

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Dear Parents

I hope that you and your families have all had a good week.

Please remember to continue to follow your Eastertide 'Walk with Me' calendar to provide a daily focus for your family during this very special season of the church's year.



Holy Name PTA
family BINGO and quiz night
in the school hall
Doors open at 7pm with 7.30pm start
Free admission: just pay to play

Full bar all night and snacks available

music and a kids quiz round

prizes to be won

Friday 26th April 2024

All family welcome and all money raised goes to our wonderful school

Please remember it's our PTA Family Bingo and Quiz Night in the school hall tonight!

Everyone is welcome!

HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF SCHOOL OPENING:

Our school is **70 years old this year!** Holy Name Catholic Primary School has been open since **4th January 1954!**

To commemorate this amazing milestone, on **Saturday 29th June**, there will be a special celebration of Mass at **12.30pm** in Holy Name church followed by our PTA summer fair which will include our school being open for past pupils, parents and staff to visit and take a look around.

Miss Edmunds would like to collect photographs, school reports and memorabilia from the past seven decades to display as part of our celebration. If you think you may have any items of interest and you would like to share or lend them to us then please speak to Mrs Potter in the school office. Thank you.

Y4 Parents' Meeting - Statutory Multiplication Tables Check - Wednesday 1st May at 5.00pm:

All Y4 parents are invited to a meeting in the school hall to explain the expectations and content of the Y4 Multiplication Tables Check (which is a statutory assessment required by the government) and to also explain how you can work in partnership with school to help us to work together to prepare our children as well as we possibly can.



Number Fact of the Week:

This week's number fact is:

It is really important for our pupils to learn their multiplication facts as quickly as possible. By the end of Y4, it is expected that all pupils will be able to instantly recall all of these up to 12 x 12.

Every week, Mr Shanahan, our maths leader, will be setting a challenge to learn a specific number fact.

Be prepared: when he sees you around school he will be testing you!

$7 \times 2 = 14$

or

$2 \times 7 = 14$



Reception - Y6 Reading Challenges:

Our Reading Challenges are a great way to ensure your child is reading a range of texts which are age-related (with some challenging texts too!)

Congratulations to the following pupils who won a brand-new book of their choice for entering the reading competition:

- Y6: Niamh K-G Y4: Symora N Y2: Emmanuel A YR: Tommy C
- Y5: Connor B Y3: Alexa B Y1: Litheeshan N

To make it super easy to participate, we have uploaded a direct form link accessible on your Marvellous Me accounts. The form is called 'YR RC' / 'Y1 RC' etc and they are also available on the school website – just click:

'Curriculum and Gallery > Reading' and scroll down to 'Reading Challenge'.

Or click on the links here: [Y6](#) [Y5](#) [Y4](#) [Y3](#) [Y2](#) [Y1](#) [Reception](#)

Every time your child reads a book from the specially selected list, they just need to complete an entry on the form and they will automatically be entered into a prize draw!

All of these books will support your child's love of reading and further enhance their vocabulary and encourage a love of reading.

The more books that you read the more chances that you have to win!

KS2 Writing Competition:

Mrs Kavanagh would like to invite all of our junior pupils to take part in 'Once Upon A Dream' the creative writing competition that encourages imaginative thinking! '

The 'Once Upon A Dream' writing competition encourages creativity, providing junior pupils with the chance to shine and become confident writers. Using any style or technique, they can write about incredible worlds or fantasy creatures, conjure up nightmares to face their fears, or write about real-life dreams such as their ambitions or goals, hopes or wishes.



Should you wish to enter, ask Mrs Kavanagh for an entry form! All entries are to be received by Friday 9th May.

Masses this Half Term:

All **parents** and **parishioners** are warmly invited to all of our school masses in **school** at **9.15am** or in **church** at **11.30am**.

Date:	Information:
Wednesday 1 st May	Infants' mass in school hall at 9.15am .
Thursday 9 th May	Whole school mass in school hall at 2.00pm (The Feast of the Ascension - Holyday of Obligation).
Wednesday 15 th May	NO MASS (SATS WEEK)
Wednesday 22 nd May	Y3 Thanksgiving Mass for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in school at 9.15am



Diary Dates:

Date:	Information:
Friday 26 th April	PTA Family Bingo & Quiz Night in school hall. Doors at 7.00pm
Monday 29 th April	Y5&6 Hockey Club 3.15pm - 4.15pm
Tuesday 30 th April	Reception Multi Skills Club 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday 1 st May	Y4 Parent Meeting – Multiplication Tables Check – in school hall at 5.00pm
Thursday 2 nd May	Y3 Family Prayer Service in school hall at 2.40pm (all Y3 parents are invited to join us) KS2 French Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Friday 3 rd May	Celebration Assembly (Gifts from God) in the school hall at 9.05am (all parents are invited to join us)
Monday 6 th May	SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS – BANK HOLIDAY
Saturday 11 th May	Y3 First Holy Communion Mass in church at 10.00am
Monday 13 th May	Y6 SATS week

Happy birthday to:

Lola C (Y6), Abraham A-Q, Millie S (Y2) and Alexander B (Y1) who all have a birthday to celebrate next week.

Yours sincerely

A. Neenan

Mr A.G. Neenan

Headteacher

One of the precepts of being a Catholic is to attend Sunday Mass (or the vigil Mass for Sunday) every week and on all Holy Days of Obligation. This weekly commitment gives us the opportunity to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord which is why Sundays are known as the Lord's day.

Mass at Holy Name Church:

Saturday 12.30pm

Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am



Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Gospel: John 15:1-8

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus is teaching his disciples. He calls himself the "true vine".

Do you know what a vine is? What grows on a vine?

Grapes grow on vines.

Do you like grapes? What other fruit do you like?

Jesus called us his branches because he supports us, like a tree supports its branches.

He wants us to bear him fruit. What do you think this means?

Do you think he wants us to grow grapes?

What Jesus means is that he wants us to follow his teachings, and love our neighbour. By doing this it will be like bearing fruit for his vine, because we will be sharing his love with others.

Our Catholic Mission:

There are many ways that we can show our love for our neighbour both here and around the world. Can you think of some more?

How will you show your love for your neighbours both here and around the world, so that you will be like the branches on the vine?

Prayer:

Generous God,
support us in all we do as a vine supports its branches,
and help us to support and share with others around the world,
especially those who have had to leave their homes.
Amen.

Reflection taken from CAFOD Children's Liturgy

