

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

Newsletter 27: Friday 19th April 2024

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 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.

Values and Virtues:

In our whole school assembly this morning, Miss Edmunds shared the values which will be reflecting on this half term: **'Eloquent and Truthful'**.

We will be learning that **eloquence** must be used in a **truthful** way – to speak truth about myself and others, about relations between people, about the world, and about God.



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

All Y4 parents are invited to a meeting 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:

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!

This week's number fact is:

5 x 8 = 40

or

8 x 5 = 40



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!)

To make it super easy to participate, we have uploaded a direct form link which is accessible through 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!

The next prize draw will be on Friday 26th April.

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

Musical Madness Competition Winners!

Thank you to all of the children who took part in the Musical Madness Competition. It was fantastic to see your amazing musical creations. With the help of the School Council and Year Two, Miss Doody is delighted to announce that the following children have won the competition for their key stage:

Infants' Winner: Mia M (Rec) Juniors' Winner: Lena C (Y3)

A big well done to the following children who also entered the competition:

Kian R (Rec), Levi M (Y2), Finley H (Y3) and Kacper C (Y5).

All children who took part will receive a certificate and prize in next Friday's celebration assembly.

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.

Holy Name PTA

family

B I N G O

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 its our PTA Family
Bingo and Quiz Night in the school hall
next Friday!

Everyone is welcome!



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 24 th April	Y4 and Y5 joining the parish for mass in church at 11.30am
Wednesday 1 st May	Infants' mass in school hall at 9.15am .
Wednesday 8 th May	TO BE CONFIRMED
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:
Monday 22 nd April	Y5&6 Hockey Club 3.15pm - 4.15pm
Tuesday 23 rd April	Reception Multi Skills Club 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Thursday 25 th April	KS2 French Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Friday 26 th April	Celebration Assembly (Gifts from God) in the school hall at 9.05am (all parents are invited to join us) PTA Family Bingo & Quiz Night in school hall. Doors at 7.00pm
Wednesday 1 st May	Y4 Parent Meeting – Multiplication Tables Check – in school hall at 5.30pm
Thursday 2 nd May	Y3 Family Prayer Service in school hall at 2.40pm (all Y3 parents are invited to join us)
Saturday 11 th May	Y3 First Holy Communion Mass in church at 10.00am
Monday 13 th May	Y6 SATS week

Happy birthday to:

Niall B (Reception) and Saavi K (Nursery) who both 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



Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Gospel: John 10:11-18

In this Sunday's gospel Jesus calls himself the good shepherd, who carefully looks after his sheep.

Why do you think Jesus calls himself a shepherd?

Who do you think that the sheep are that Jesus talks about in this story?

When he says sheep, Jesus means us, because he cares for us and for all people around the world.

How does it make you feel to know that Jesus loves and cares for you that much?

If a wolf came to attack the sheep in a field, someone who did not care about them would run away, and the sheep would scatter. But Jesus loves his sheep so much he is prepared to die to save them from danger!

Sometimes it can be very difficult to stop someone or something that we do not like or that we know is wrong. We might be afraid that we will be hurt or laughed at.

Have you ever felt like running away and hiding instead of standing up for someone? What happened? What did you do?

Jesus wants us to follow his example. He asks us to care for all our brothers and sisters around the world, no matter who they are or where they come from. And he doesn't want us to run away when things are difficult. He wants us to stand up for what we believe and know to be right.

Our Catholic Mission:

Jesus loves everybody the same amount, no matter where in the world they are from. How do you think we can do the same and show our love for everybody throughout the world?

How will you stand up for what you know is right and show your love for our global family this week?

Prayer:

Loving God,
help us to love and care for all your people throughout the world
and to work together to make the world a better place.
Amen.

Reflection taken from CAFOD Children's Liturgy

