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

## Newsletter 1: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents

I hope that you and your families all had a good summer. Welcome to the start of the new academic year and especially welcome back to all of our pupils! It is so great to have all of our classes open again and all of our pupils and staff in school. I sincerely hope that this will continue for as long as possible.

On behalf of our school staff, I would also like to say thank you to the parents and pupils who sent in many generous gifts at the end of the summer term. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

### Term Dates 2021-22:

2021-22	Term starts:	Half Term Holiday:	Term Ends:
Autumn	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
Spring	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February to Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April
Summer	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July

N.B. Our term dates can always be viewed on the school website.

### Teacher Training Day:

School will be closed to pupils on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November**. School will reopen for pupils after the half term break on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

### Informing School of a Positive Test Result for Coronavirus outside of normal school hours:

If your **child** receives a positive test result for coronavirus outside of the usual school working day or at the weekend, then please inform school by emailing our school office: [headteacher@holyname.sandwell.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@holyname.sandwell.sch.uk) using the subject heading: **POSITIVE TEST RESULT**.

Please note, schools are no longer expected to undertake contact tracing. Close contacts are now being identified via NHS Test and Trace.

Children under the age of 18 years old are no longer required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test.

Our school expectation is that parents will arrange a PCR test for their child if they are advised to do so. Please note, if your child is symptomatic then they will need to isolate while they wait for their test result.

School can refuse entrance to pupils in order to protect others from possible infection with COVID-19.

Please see the NHS flyer which has been circulated with this newsletter for more information.

## COVID Data for This Week:

<b>Rate per 100k resident population:</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Aug – 5<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>
National	304	332
Sandwell	383	347
Birmingham	435	283

### Class Places Available:

At the present time, we have places available in a number of our classes including our new Reception 2021 class. If you, or any families you know may wish to apply for a place for a place at Holy Name Catholic Primary School then please contact Sandwell Admissions on 0121 569 6765 or speak to Mrs Brennan, our office manager.

### Drop Off and Collection Arrangements:

Please move away from the school site entrance and exit as soon as you have dropped off / collected your child to enable clear access to and from the school site. Our staff will fully supervise your children safely into the school building after they have entered the school site.

Please remember that only **Reception** and **Nursery** parents should enter the school site to drop off their children in the morning.

### **Y1 parents should not walk down the path with their children in the mornings.**

All pupils in **Y1 – Y6** should walk down the school path by themselves – our school staff will supervise the children to ensure that they enter the building safely.

At **3.15pm**, the school gate is opened for all parents to enter the school site and follow the one-way system to collect their child.

Thank you for your help and cooperation especially with the longer walk around the school site at hometime.

### Uniform:

The children have looked very smart in their full school uniform this week. Please could I please remind any parents of pupils with long hair to keep hair tied back, plaited or in a 'bun'. This is for hygiene reasons.

Please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school everyday.

Please ensure that all items of school uniform are clearly labelled using your child's full name so that any lost items are able to be returned. Thank you.

### Snacks and Drinks:

The governors would like to remind all parents and pupils that the only 'snacks' that are allowed to be brought into school are **fresh fruit**. No other snacks are permitted.

Water is available in school for all pupils at all times. Any 'water' brought into school should **not be mixed with squash**. No fizzy drinks or juice should be brought into school (this includes pupils who have sandwiches for lunch).

### Parking on Cross Lane and surrounding roads:

Please ensure that local residents are able to access their properties safely and easily if you drive your child to school. Parking in prohibited and / or inappropriate places creates an unnecessary hazard for our pupils and places the school in a difficult position when trying to build positive relations with our neighbours. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Y4 & Y5 Swimming Lessons:

Y4 and Y5 will be receiving swimming lessons on Mondays this term – starting from **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September**. Mrs Chapman sent a letter home to all Y4 and Y5 parents this week.

### Parent Teacher Association Race Night – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September:

Our PTA are hosting a race night next Friday at Great Barr Social Club from 8.00pm. Entrance is £2 per family (on the door). Everyone is welcome. This is a great opportunity for our new Nursery and Reception parents to socialise and have some fun. Please see the attached flyer.

**Parent Teacher Association Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September:**

The first PTA meeting for this school year, which is also the AGM, will take place on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September** at **6.30pm** in the school hall. All parents are welcome to attend. Please also see the PTA newsletter which has been circulated with this week's school newsletter.

**Admission Applications for Reception and Year Seven places for 2022:**

The admissions application process has now commenced for those parents whose children are eligible to start in Secondary School from September 2022.

The process for **Reception intake 2022** opens on **13<sup>th</sup> September 2021**.

The deadlines for applications to your Local Authority are:

**Secondary School:** 31st October 2021

**Primary School Reception Class:** 15th January 2022

For those parents wishing to apply for a place at Holy Name, as soon as you have made your application to your Local Authority, please request a supplementary information form from the school office. You will need to complete and return this to school along with a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate. This will enable the school to accurately rank your child as a Baptised Catholic and report this back to the Local Authority.

When applying for a Catholic Secondary school place, evidence of Baptism is also usually required to rank your child correctly so it would be advisable to check this to ensure that you have provided all of the necessary information for your child.

Sandwell residents can apply online at:

[www.sandwell.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/admissions)

If you require help or further information then please phone the Sandwell Admissions Parent Support Line:  
**0121 569 6765**.

**Y4 – Y6 Homework Letter:**

Please see the letter from Mrs Chapman which has been circulated with this week's newsletter.

**Happy birthday to:**

Maisie S (Y6), Michael D-N (Y5), Max S (Y2) and Evie T (Reception) who all have a special day to celebrate next week.

Yours sincerely

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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:**

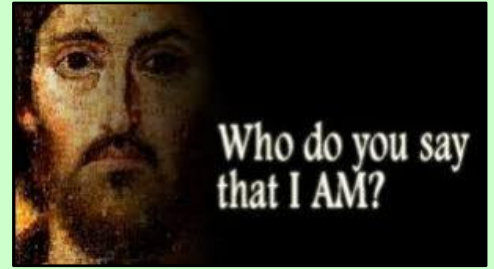
**Saturday 12.30pm**

**Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am**

## Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

**Gospel:** Mark 8:27-35

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus asks his friends, the disciples, a question. He asks them who people think he is.



What answer do the disciples give? (Elijah, John the Baptist)

Jesus then asks the disciples who they think he is. What does Peter say?

Peter believes that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. He has faith in Jesus.

But then Jesus starts to tell the disciples about what will happen to him. That he will suffer and be killed, but that after three days he will rise again. Peter struggles to believe all this - he does not want to believe that his friend, the Son of God, will suffer and die.

Peter feels afraid that Jesus might leave them. And he wants to protect Jesus from harm because he cares about him.

It is sometimes hard to do what God wants us to do, just like it was for Peter, because we are afraid, and we do not want to get hurt, or for those that we love to be hurt.

Jesus tells us that it will not always be easy to follow him, but that we must have courage, because God will always be with us.

Can you think of a time when you were afraid and needed courage?

What does it mean to follow Jesus? What can we do to show that we are following Jesus?

### **Our Catholic Mission:**

Can you think of a time when you have found it difficult to do what you knew was right and follow Jesus? Why was it so difficult?

Will you be brave in the coming week? What will you do over the coming week to show that you follow Jesus?

### **Prayer:**

God of light,  
as we try to follow you,  
give us the courage to reach out and help others,  
so that we can build a fairer world.  
Amen.