



## Holy Family Catholic Primary School

**Pentecost Term**

**Newsletter No.38**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

Dear Parents

It was lovely to see so many families gathered together to celebrate Father Kevin at his Jubilee mass held at St Joseph's last Sunday. We know Father Kevin had a joyful day and are very grateful to him for the years of selfless service he has gifted to our Parish. The mass was wonderful and jubilant.

On Monday, Year 3 enjoyed their trip to Littlehampton beach. The rain fortunately held off for them, and the children took part in a range of activities. They field sketched the human and physical features of the beach, ate ice cream and built sandcastles. A big thank you to the parent volunteers for accompanying them on the trip.

The weather was also very kind to us on Wednesday and Thursday when we held the Year 3/Year 4 and Year 5/Year 6 Sports Days. Thank you to the children for their fantastic efforts and for supporting their fellow competitors so enthusiastically – it was really lovely to hear the cheers of support around the school. Thank you also to the teachers for organising the events so well, and to all the parents who came to spectate and offer support.

We hope all parents have enjoyed reading their child's report which was sent home last Friday, and found the reports to be an honest and comprehensive reflection of their child. Some parents attended the optional parents' evening on Thursday and we hope this enabled those parents to gain clarity and support on any questions they may have had. Our KS2 SATS results show us to be not only back at the level we were pre-Covid, they are the highest results we have ever achieved with a Year 6 cohort. This is a great affirmation of the partnership work between staff, pupils and parents which enables children to reach their potential. Well done all.

Thank you to the three pupils from St Bernard's Grammar School who undertook work experience with us this week. The pupils were based in Nursery/Reception, Year 2 and Year 5 classes. The St Bernard's pupils commented on how welcoming, friendly, polite and bright our children are. Thank you to the teachers who supported these work experience students.

The end of the summer term is a busy time in school as we prepare to say goodbye to our oldest pupils and prepare to welcome new pupils through home visits and an induction morning.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend and good luck to the England football team on Sunday!

God bless

Mrs Benn

## DIARY DATES

<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Week 1 of the Menu Final Week of Extra Curricular Activities Year 3 & Year 4 Gymnastics Display - Parents invited to watch display at 4.15pm
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 1 UK Day Year 6 (Mrs Ragg) visit to Langley Library
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 1 & Year 2 Gymnastics Display - Parents invited to watch display at 8.20am Year 6 Retreat Day at St Bernard's Convent Year 5 (Mrs Fox) Library Visit
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 1 & Year 2 Gymnastics Display - Parents invited to watch display at 8.20am <i>Reception Children Induction Morning (this is for those children who will be starting in one of the Reception classes in September 2024, including any children who currently attend HFCS Nursery)</i>
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Year 5 & Year 6 Gymnastics Display - Parents invited to watch display at 8.20am Year 4 Visit to Milestones Nursery Teddy Bears' Picnic 11.30-12.30
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	EYFS Visit to Whipsnade Zoo
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	End of Year Mass at Holy Family Church 10-11am (Year 6 Parents Welcome)
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Last Day of Term for Nursery Year 5 Brazil Day Year 6 Leavers' Production 9.15-10.15am (Year 6 Parents Welcome) Year 6 Leavers' Party at Richings Park Sports Club 7-9.30pm
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>END OF TERM - SCHOOL CLOSSES TODAY AT 12.15PM</b>
<b>(Summer Holidays: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024)</b>	
<b>Holy Family Summer Camp: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2024</b>	
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY</b>

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**

**Start of Advent Term for Reception – Year 6**

### **Amazing Achievements**

We have many amazing achievements to celebrate this week.

Congratulations to Zoe Rogulska (Reception) who, last weekend, performed in her first show for her group Aiming High Performance Arts. Zoe was in lots of the dances, gave her maximum effort, and, most of all, really enjoyed the experience.

Congratulations to Patrick McMahon (Year 1) for training hard, practising his skills and progressing to Stage 3 in his swimming lessons.

Congratulations to Natalia Przybylska (Year 2) for passing her recent karate exam, achieving 7 KYU grade with red belt. Congratulations also to Natalia for taking part in 3th Karate Grand Prix with Eagle Institute and achieving: 1st place and gold medal in Kumite, 1st place and gold medal in Kata, 2nd place and silver medal in Punching Bag and 2nd place and silver medal in Family Kata.

Congratulations to Margot Doyle (Year 4) for winning bronze in the 50m breaststroke, 50m backstroke and 25m butterfly at the swimming gala she attended last weekend.

Congratulations to Áine Kelly, Francesca Caruso and Sinatra Vas (Year 6) who, last Sunday, performed on behalf of the Pauline Quirke Academy (PQA) Windsor alongside PQA Wakefield and PQA Barnsley at Her Majesty's Theatre west end London. The show was 'Across the line' and was especially written for PQA (Pauline Quirke Academy).

Congratulations to Aliceia Hough (Year 6) who has a place in the 'Junior Premiere League' with Slough Town Football Club. It's the first academy Slough Town FC have had and so this is amazing for Aliceia and for girls football.

Congratulations to Arjan Brainch (Year 6) who passed his Karate grading this week, achieving the yellow belt after just 2 and a half months of classes.

Congratulations to Laura Przybylska (Year 6) who took part in 3rd Karate Grand Prix with Eagle Institute and achieved: 1st place and gold medal in Kumite, 1st place and gold medal in Punching Bag and 3rd place and bronze medal in Kata.

Congratulations to Matilda Doyle (Year 6) who won first place in both the 50m backstroke and 50m freestyle at the swimming gala she attended last weekend.

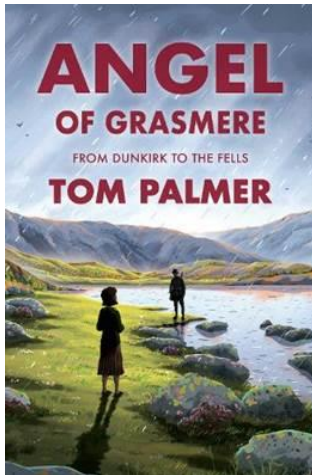
Well done to all of you for your hard work, effort and fantastic achievements.

### **Celebrate Success!**

To link in with our Vision statement, 'To value, inspire and challenge all', we invite parents/carers to notify us of special achievements (outside of school e.g. music, sports, positive contribution) your child has achieved so they can be recorded on their school record and shared with children and staff. Please email [bethany.chandler@hfcs.org.uk](mailto:bethany.chandler@hfcs.org.uk) for notification. Your child will receive recognition for their achievement from their class teacher, who will award them a marble for the class jar, and Mrs Benn, who will issue a 'Head teacher's Award' certificate. If you send a photo of your child's achievement it will be posted on Mrs Chandler's 'Wall of Fame.'

### **Book of the Week**

Each week, I will recommend a lovely new book, which will hopefully inspire our children to broaden their reading tastes.



**Author:** Tom Palmer

In the midst of war, a mysterious figure is performing acts of kindness in a Lake District village. Can Tarn find out who it is? An excellent addition to fiction about World War II. (Age 9+). Mrs Doyle.

### **Summer Reading Challenge**

This year's popular Summer Reading Challenge began last weekend and the theme this year is *Marvellous Makers!* We will be promoting this challenge as a way of encouraging all of our children to keep up their reading habits over the long summer holiday. Please find more information about how to sign up and what's involved by visiting <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> or by visiting your local library.

### **Year 5 Brazil Day**

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July will be Brazil Day for Year 5. On this day, Year 5 can come to school wearing brightly coloured clothing - preferably in green or yellow. However, please do not go to the expense of buying any new items of clothing for this day. Thank you.

### **Unauthorised School Absences – Penalty Notice Changes**

As of 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024, the national framework for issuing penalty notices for unauthorised absence is changing - please see the attached poster for more information. If you have any queries, please contact the school's Attendance Officer, Mrs Oakes at [emma.oakes@hfcs.org.uk](mailto:emma.oakes@hfcs.org.uk).

### **Year 6 Leavers**

#9 days of primary school left! Please hold the following dates:  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 10-11am Mass at Holy Family Church  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 9.15-10.15am Y6 Show in School Hall  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 7-9.30pm Party at Richings Park Sports Club

## Staffing Update

Children will spend one lesson with their new teacher in the final week of term. Please see below for information regarding which teachers will be leading each year group in 2024/2025:

<b>Nursery</b>	Mrs Forrest (Mon/Tue/Fri) and Miss Herring (Wed/Thurs)	
<b>Reception</b>	Miss Herring (Mon) Mrs Scott (Tues-Fri)	Mrs Harris
<b>Year 1</b>	Mrs Hume	Mrs Hendy
<b>Year 2</b>	Mrs Powell	Miss Macfarlane
<b>Year 3</b>	Mrs Martinez (Mon/Tues) Mrs Kukla (Wed/Thurs/Fri)	Ms Iqbal
<b>Year 4</b>	Miss Dardis	Mrs Green (Mon/Tues/Wed) Mrs Evans (Thurs/Fri)
<b>Year 5</b>	Mrs Fox	Mrs O'Reilly
<b>Year 6</b>	Mrs Ragg	Mrs Doyle (Mon/Tues) Miss Caswell (Wed/Thurs/Fri)

We have a new Get Active sports coach joining us in September, Mr Holder. He has been in school twice this week auditing all our equipment to ensure when he starts in September everything is in good order. We look forward to welcoming Mr Holder in the new term.

## Lost Property

As we near the end of this school year, please claim any missing items from the Lost Property container (opposite the year 3 classrooms). The container will be emptied at the end of term and any unnamed items will be disposed of. Thank you.

## Summer Holiday Camp

We still have some places available for the HFCS Summer Holiday Camp. The dates of the camp are: Monday 29th July – Friday 2nd August and Monday 5th – Friday 9th August. For further details and the booking form, please see the Summer Holiday Camp letter which is attached to this newsletter. Please note that places are limited to 40 children (Reception to Year 6) on a first come first served basis. Booking forms must be handed to Mrs Gonoud at the school office (and not to class teachers) by Friday 19th July. Once the booking form has been accepted/processed, the relevant charges will be added to ParentPay; therefore, please can parents regularly check their child's ParentPay account in order to make payment prior before the end of term. Thank you.

## PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)

### Tuck Shop

Next Friday 19th July, the PTA will be holding a small tuck shop after school (3.15-3.40pm), selling crisps, sweets and fizzy pop. All items will be £1 or less, and, as we can only accept cash, please do remember to bring a small amount of change with you on the day. Thank you.

## **OTHER**

### **Slough Town Football Club Summer Camp**

Slough Town Football Club will be running an outfield and goalkeeper summer camp at Arbour Park Stadium during the holidays. Please see the attached flyer for further information and how to book a place.

### **Slough Music Service Summer Camp**

Please see attached flyer regarding summer camp led by Slough Music Service. A registration form is also attached for paying parents.