



Holy Family Catholic Primary School

Pentecost Term

Newsletter No.34

Friday 14th June 2024

Dear Parents

Well done to Mrs Scott's and Mrs Mulrooney's Reception class for their moving assembly this morning. Our youngest children told us why they love their dads, shared loving photographs and paintings of their dads and called them superheroes. In addition, they drew comparisons to St Joseph who was an inspiring father to Jesus. Children said they were excited and scared at the same time! It was lovely to witness how excited they were to see their parents in school and how much they enjoyed the 'big hug' that came at the end of assembly.

We officially opened our new library 'The Whispering Pages' this week, much to the delight of our children. To mark the day, all children enjoyed poetry and performance sessions with Poet Zohab Zee Khan. Children also enjoyed an ice lolly and received a bookmark. Well done to Chiranjeev Sangha (Year 5) for naming the library. Chiranjeev cut the ribbon to officially open our library and we hope our library will further develop children's love of reading.

Thank you to the gentlemen who joined our Father's Day coffee morning. It was lovely for staff to be able to have conversations rather than just exchanging pleasantries and there was some good networking between dads.

Summer term is always very busy as we prepare Year 6 for transition to secondary school and induct our new families due to start in September; there are numerous day trips, reports to write, assessments to complete, Sports Days to plan and much more. This week, Wayne Dixon visited Year 6 to share his transition tips and gave them each an activity booklet to help them prepare for transition.

Well done to Year 4 who and Year 1 who have respectively completed their Multiplication Check and Phonic Screening Check. Staff are really pleased with how well children have performed in these assessments. Thank you for your support in practicing with children.

Thank you to the kind parent who very generously donated many drinks for children to enjoy after school this week. On Monday, cold drinks were kindly donated by Ramandeep Singh (father of Harman Warya in Year 3). This was to mark Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib, which is a Sikh festival commemorating the life of Guru Arjan. As June is the hottest month in India, on 16th June, chilled drinks and water are freely distributed in Gurdwaras and in neighbourhoods to everyone, irrespective of their own religious beliefs.

There is now only one week until the Summer Fair, and we hope that the weather will be kind to us on the day of the fair. Next Friday (21st June), children are invited to wear their own clothes to school in exchange for bringing in donations of bottles of wine and/or toiletries for the Tombola at the Summer Fair. Please can I also remind everyone to return any raffle tickets they have. Thank you to all those who have offered support so far.

Please remember our Year 3 children in your prayers as many of them will receive the Eucharist for the first time this weekend. We hope they all have a blessed and joyous day with their families as they make their First Holy Communion.

We wish all our Dads, and marvellous men in the eyes of our children, a very Happy Father's Day.

Thank you for your continued support and I hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

God Bless

Mrs Benn

DIARY DATES

Saturday 15th June	First Holy Communion
Sunday 16th June	First Holy Communion
Monday 17th June	Week 1 of the Menu
Tuesday 18th June	Year 1 Class (Mrs Hume) Visit to Langley Library
Wednesday 19th June	Diversity Day Year 6 Swimming Year 6 Class (Miss Caswell) Visit to Langley Library
Thursday 20th June	New Reception Parents Welcome Evening 7pm
Friday 21st June	Year 3 Class (Mrs Martinez & Mrs Kukla) Saints Day – St Thomas More Non Uniform Day – Donations for Summer Fair
Saturday 22nd June	Summer Fair 11.30am-2.30pm
Monday 24th June	Week 2 of the Menu Year 2 Class (Mrs Hendy) Saints Day – St Mother Lupita Slough Music Service Summer Music Festival at The Hexagon Theatre Reading (Choir Only)
Tuesday 25th June	Year 3 Class (Miss Macfarlane) visit to Langley Library Year 5 Visit to Bray Lake (<i>half the year will visit on this date, the other half on 3rd July</i>)
Wednesday 26th June	Year 6 Swimming Year 6 Class (Mrs Ragg) Visit to Langley Library
Friday 28th June	Year 1 Classes (Mrs Hume and Ms Iqbal) Saints Day – St Peter & St Paul Reception Class Assembly (Mrs Harris) Parents Welcome 9am

Monday 1st July	Week 1 of the Menu
Tuesday 2nd July	Year 1 Class (Ms Iqbal) visit to Langley Library
Wednesday 3rd July	Year 5 Visit to Bray Lake (<i>half the year will visit on this date, the other half on 25th June</i>) EYFS/KS1 Sports Day 9.30-11.30am Year 4 Class (Mrs Green & Mrs Evans) Visit to Langley Library
Sunday 7th July	Father Kevin's 50 th Anniversary Mass at St Joseph's School 11am

Advance Notice of School Closure

Please note that school will be closed on Thursday 4th July 2024 as school will be used as a polling station. Therefore, the following trips have been rescheduled:

EYFS School Trip to Whipsnade Zoo: This will now be on the 22nd July. We had originally stated that we would go ahead with the trip on the 4th July (Holy Family School's polling day). However, we are aware that parents may be at home with older siblings due to school being closed that day, and we wanted to ensure that all children still came on the trip and that we would be able to recruit enough parent helpers. We apologise for any inconvenience caused. A letter about the school trip will be sent out next week. Thank you, Mrs Scott and Mrs Harris -EYFS Teachers.

Year 5 Trip to Bray Lake: The Year 5 day trips to Bray Lake will take place on Tuesday 25th June (re scheduled from Thursday 4th July) and Wednesday 3rd July (original date) – *half of Year 5 will attend on the first date, with the other half attending on the 2nd date.* Thank you, Mrs Fox and Mrs O'Reilly - Year 5 Teachers

Amazing Achievements

Congratulations to Rajvir Sur (Reception) for winning a Penalty Shootout at football camp which took place during the May half term.

Congratulations to Jovan Sur (Year 2) for passing his Stage 2 swimming lessons and moving to Stage 3.

Congratulations to Nick Brumby (Year 1) for completing Storylands in Reading Eggs and progressing to the next stage – Reading Eggspress.

Congratulations to Kamila Uka (Year 3) for passing Stage 3 swimming lessons and moving to Stage 4.

Congratulations to Áine Kelly (Year 6) for completing Reading Eggs.

Well done Rajvir, Jovan, Kamila and Áine on your hard work and success.

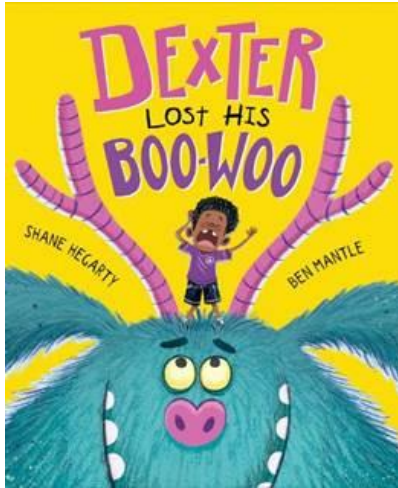
Celebrate Success!

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 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: Shane Hegarty

Illustrator: Ben Mantle

A funny and rhyming picture book about favourite toys, blankies and snugglies, and what happens when we lose them, with a really enjoyable, readable rhyme. (Age 4+). Mrs Doyle.

A Celebration Of Our Diversity

On Wednesday 19th June, we would like to acknowledge and celebrate the diversity that is present within our own school community. On this day, we are asking everyone to come to school dressed in either cultural dress or the colours of their nationality's flag. During the day, each year group will be learning about one of the many different countries that make up our diverse community here at Holy Family.

Thomas Becket Festival Competitions (Optional)

To celebrate the Becket Festival, the Diocese is running two competitions - to design your own Thomas Becket Crest and Storyboard. Please see attached two leaflets with all the details of the competitions. If you would like to take part, please return competition entries to school by 24th June 2024 and we will arrange for all entries to be sent to the Diocese. Thank you.

Music Through The Ages

Some members of the Holy Family Choir have been invited to participate in 'Music Through the Ages'. They will be taking to the stage at the Hexagon in Reading on 24th June 2024 with other students from Slough schools to perform a great selection of songs. It's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy some live music and get any budding young musician inspired – please see the attached flyer for further information regarding the event and tickets. Mrs Green.

School Gates Open At 8.40am

The single pedestrian gate is opened at 8.40 by a member of staff. However, sometimes parents/children are entering the school site prior to 8.40am either when staff or visitors enter through either of the gates at the vehicular entrance. We politely request that, unless pre-arranged, families do not enter the school site prior to 8.40am. Thank you.

Class Photographs

The school photographer was in school on Tuesday (11th June) for class photographs. For details of how to order, please see the information card that was sent home with your child on Tuesday. Photographs should be available within 2 weeks. Thank you.

The Toby - Car Parking

For those parents who have taken up the generous offer to park in The Toby car park at school drop off and pick up times, please note that from Monday 8th July, the smaller car park at the rear of The Toby (off the High Street) will be closed for a number of weeks; any cars that park here will be ticketed and The Toby will not be able to resolve/cancel any tickets issued.

A polite reminder that The Toby has asked that parents park in the larger car park to the front of the restaurant (off the London Road) and as far away from the restaurant as possible. As The Toby kindly allows us to use their car park, please can we all try to help them by adhering to this request. Thank you.

Secondary School Application Information for Year 5 Parents

We will pass any information we receive from secondary schools relating to the secondary school admissions process, open days etc to Year 5 parents/carers as soon as possible following receipt.

Further to this, please see the message below from The Langley Academy.

How to apply to Secondary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you and your family are well. We are rapidly approaching the end of Year 5 and thoughts of secondary school may have already crossed your mind. The move from primary school to secondary school is a big step, and we want to help you through it. I am pleased to be able to offer the opportunity to attend a session at The Langley Academy about the secondary school application process.

We'll be hosting a friendly session to guide you through the process. We understand that choosing the right school for your child is a big decision, so we've put together some helpful tips and advice to support you.

During the talk, we'll cover everything from application timelines to what to look for in a secondary school, along with the important documents you'll need. It's a great chance to ask any questions you may have and get some useful insights.

Date: 20th June 2024

Time: 16.30 – 17.00

Location: The Langley Academy, SL3 7EF

We encourage all parents and guardians to join us, as it will give you the knowledge and resources to make informed decisions about your child's secondary education. To sign up for this event, use this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/TKH9ahy54Z>

If you have any questions or need more information, feel free to reach out to us at amelia.winch@langleyacademy.org

We're looking forward to welcoming you and providing you with valuable guidance as you and your children take this important step.

Yours sincerely,

*Miss Amelia Winch
Raising Standards Leader for Year 7
Transition and Admissions*

Summer Fair Saturday – One Week To Go – 22nd June 11.30am-2.30pm

Raffle Tickets: All children have been given raffle tickets to take home. We would be very grateful if you could please sell these to family and friends and return the stubs and monies to school on or before Friday 21st June. If you would like more raffle tickets, please ask at Reception

Raffle Prizes: If anyone is able to donate a prize suitable for the main raffle, please contact Emma Oakes, Chair of PTA (pta@hfcs.org.uk).

Volunteers: If you are free on Friday 21st June and/or Saturday 22nd June and are able to help set up, run a stall or clear away, (even if only for an hour or so) please email Emma Oakes, Chair of PTA (pta@hfcs.org.uk).

Donations: We would welcome donations of new/used (in good condition) books, toys, games and bric-a-brac. Please leave donations with your child's class teacher or at the main school Reception.

Non Uniform Day: Next Friday 21st June, children are invited to wear their own clothes to school in exchange for bringing in donations of bottles of wine and toiletries for the Summer Fair.

What are the PTA raising money for?: The PTA is raising funds to update additional learning areas around school.

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St Joseph's Catholic High School – Mini Bus Driver Required

If interested, please see the attached advert.