



## Holy Family Catholic Primary School

**Pentecost Term**

**Newsletter No.38**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

Dear Parents

Although we are drawing closer to the end of the school year, we are yet to take our collective foot off the pedal! We have had yet another extremely busy and productive week in school, and children remain engaged in their learning alongside lots of lovely experiences.

On Monday, staff welcomed Father Kevin into school to celebrate and congratulate him on his fifty years of priesthood. It was wonderful to spend time with him, thanking him for all he has done and continues to do as head of our parish. Our choir performed one of their songs for him too, and it was an all-round joyful morning.

Year 1 celebrated UK Day on Tuesday by wearing a montage of red, white and blue and engaging in a range of creative activities celebrating the end of their geography topic. Thanks to parents for supporting us in this and all other curriculum days – these are when the children make the best memories!

Year 6 spent the majority of the day at St Bernard's Catholic Grammar School on Wednesday, as a retreat day to mark the end of their time at primary school. They spent the day with the school's chaplain and older students who led them in reflection and prayer, with a focus on their upcoming transition to their various secondary schools. It was a pleasure to spend the day in a quieter, less 'busy' environment, which gave the children a chance to think.

On Thursday we welcomed our new incoming reception classes for their visit morning. Despite a few nervous faces coming in the gate, the children had a wonderful time with their new teachers. We look forward to seeing them again in September when they will – very quickly – become part of our school community.

Thank you very much to those Nursery parents who joined in with the Teddy Bear's Picnic today – a lovely time was had by all.

Also today, our Year 4 children celebrated the end of their history topic – the Victorians – by visiting Milestones Museum.

Well done to all the children who participated in the end of term gym performances this week. You all did a fantastic job and well done on all your efforts to improve your skills during the course of this school year.

Next week will mark the end of a very long and much-valued relationship with thirty one of our Year 6 families, as the following families will be leaving HFCS:

Aaron, Atreya, Baptista, Barros Bain, Bojarski, Brainch, Caruso, Doll, D'Souza, Duffy, Farci, Fiazoe, Green, Gumbs N, Gumbs S, Haury, Hough, Jasko, Joseph, Karwowski, Kelly, Mucherla, Mwaura, Pawar, Popa, Rodrigues, Salih, Slessor, Smiger, Thapa and Vas.

We are looking forward to giving our Year 6 children a lovely send-off next week when we welcome Year 6 parents to join us for their Leavers' mass on Tuesday and their Leavers' assembly on Wednesday morning. The Year 6 children will all be treated to a well-deserved party on Wednesday evening.

Enjoy the sunshine and wishing you all a lovely weekend.

God bless,

Mrs Benn

### **DIARY DATES**

<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) <i>Winter uniform please</i>
<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>

**(Summer Holidays: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024)**

**Holy Family Summer Camp: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY</b>
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Start of Advent Term for Reception – Year 6</b>

### **Amazing Achievements**

We are very happy that we are able to celebrate lots of amazing achievements again this week.

Congratulations to Shanaira Khaneja and Aeva Garg (Reception) who recently performed their Bollywood dance in Artsdeco. Well done also to Aeva for progressing to Stage 2 in her swimming lessons.

Congratulations to Avia Alphonz Dijo (Year 1) for passing Level 6 in her swimming lessons.

Congratulations to Jack Cutting (Year 1) who has been awarded Level 4 in swimming.

Congratulations to Ciara Robinson (Year 3) who took part in her first feis this weekend and won a 2nd place trophy in her reel and also some medals for being in the top 10 in her 3 other dances.

Congratulations to Devante Romney (Year 3) for passing his piano exam with excellence. Devante also received an award for his commitment in his Drama lessons in

addition to receiving his red belt in Martial Arts, which means he is officially a candidate and will start preparation for the black belt.

Congratulations to Emma Kathy Leo (Year 3) for winning the bronze medal in the multi event sports in Club Championship by Slough Junior Athletic Centre.

Congratulations to Evie Forrest (Year 3) for progressing to Stage 5 in her swimming lessons.

Congratulations to Jacob Henriquez (Year 4) who played in the Maidenhead Boys FC tournament with his new team last Saturday, and the team won the tournament for the U9 category! The following day, Jacob and some of his team mates voluntarily joined the Slough Anti- Litter Society to help clean up Harvey Park. In total, the volunteers collected 29 bags of rubbish in just over an hour!

Congratulations to Hollie Forrest (Year 5) for achieving her Gold Award at Brownies. Hollie will be moving up to Guides in September.

Congratulations to Tashi Jain (Year 5) who has been learning Kathak (an Indian Classical Dance Form) and recently passed her Grade 1 exam achieving a Merit position. Tashi has also learnt some Bollywood songs and has been performing her dance at different cultural occasions in and around Slough.

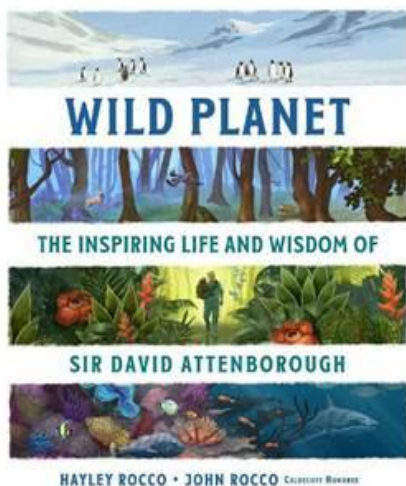
Well done to all of you on your success!

### **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](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:** Hayley & John Rocco

This wonderful picture book highlights the work of David Attenborough, a national treasure, and carries an important message about rewilding and conservation. (Age 6+). Mrs Doyle.

### **Summer Reading Challenge**

This year's popular Summer Reading Challenge has already begun and the theme this year is *Marvellous Makers!* Please encourage 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.

### **Extra Curricular Activities**

A polite reminder that there will be no extra curricular activities taking place next week as these have now finished for the term.

### **Next Term's Extra Curricular Activities**

The leaflet for the Advent Term's (September – December 2024) extra curricular activities is attached. A copy will also be sent home with children on Monday (22<sup>nd</sup> July). If your child is interested in joining any of the extra curricular activities, we please ask that parents return the completed form to Mrs Gonoud by the end of this term (Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July). Apologies for the short turnaround time but this will enable us to notify parents as to which clubs their child is enrolled sooner in the new term. Thank you for your help with this.

### **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**

#4 days of primary school left! Year 6 parents are invited to join the following celebrations:  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 10-11am Mass at Holy Family Church (*Winter Uniform Please*)  
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

### **Class Teachers 2024/2025**

Children will spend one lesson with their new teacher on Monday. 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)

### **RE Survey**

This week, we are sending a link to the third and final parent survey. Thank you for such great engagement so far, with our Catholic Life and Religious Education surveys that were sent out in Advent and Lent respectively. This latest survey focuses on Prayer and Liturgy in our school, and we would be very grateful if you would take a few moments to complete the 9 multiple choice questions; it should only take a couple of minutes and will give us really useful information about what we provide and how it can be improved. Please follow the following link: <https://forms.gle/STtdan6xf3j6yLK9A>

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> August and Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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)**

#### **Thank you**

Thank you so much to all the parents and staff that have helped with and/or supported the PTA events this school year.