

Holy Family Newsletter

*We are a caring family.
We pray, learn and grow together*

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Send a Children's Christmas Wish Campaign:

This year our school is supporting the Three Wishes Charity 'Send a Children's Christmas Wish campaign'. We are asking children to donate £1.00 instead of sending Christmas cards to all their friends. All the money raised will go towards raising funds and 'Doing More' for children and babies at Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Hospitals. Please send your donation into school in an envelope clearly marked Christmas Wish Campaign.

GIFT Chaplaincy Team:

On Sunday 3rd December the Commissioning of the GIFT Pupil Chaplains will take place at Holy Family Church. All parents and carers are welcome to attend at the 11.15am Mass.

Caritas Ambassadors:

Our Caritas Ambassadors have delivered a special prayer and worship session in our whole school assembly to celebrate the 1st World Day of the Poor week – well done to them.

Free School Meals – Urgent reminder

All children in Key Stage 1 are entitled to a free school dinner. However, it is very important that any parent who believes their child is entitled to Free School Meals because you are receiving qualifying benefits, completes the appropriate application form through the benefit system – please call into the school office for more information if required.

School receives funding for **all children** whose parent/carer has completed the application form for Free School Meals; without this funding the school finances will be under pressure.

Reception Starters 2018

If your child is due to start school in September 2018 you need to complete an application form either via Wigan Council's online system or by getting a form from school. The deadline for applications is strictly 15th January 2018. Please call into the school office for a form if you are unable to access the online application.

Christingle Service

The Christingle service will be held in church led by the children in Year 2 and Year 6 and the school choir. Please bring your families to join us for this very special service – Thursday 14th December at 6pm.

Thank You and Well Done:

- School Football Team – well done for taking part in the Football Tournament at Robin Park.
- Thank you to all parents/carers who attended Parents Evening.
- Well done to all children for making Anti-Bullying week a success... keep an eye on the website for pictures and more information on the week.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 20 th November 2017	NASAL FLU PROGRAMME – Reception – Y4
Fri 1 st December 2017	Own Clothes Day – bring a bottle to support the Church Christmas Fair.
Sun 3 rd December 2017	Holy Family Church Christmas Fair
Thurs 7 th December 2017	Advent Mass in School
Tues 12 th December 2017 (afternoon)	KS1 Nativity Play
Weds 13 th December 2017 (morning)	KS1 Nativity Play
Thurs 14 th December 2017	School Christmas Dinner
Thurs 14 th December 2017	Christingle at Holy Family Church – 6pm
Fri 15 th December 2017	HSA Cinema Night
Tues 19 th December 2017	KS1 & KS2 Christmas Party Day
Thurs 21 st December 2017	Christmas Jumper Day – LAST DAY IN SCHOOL

Class Updates:

Mrs Bird's Class

Reception are very proud of their hard work creating a Winter Garden by planting colourful heathers and red and white cyclamen flowers. We hope you enjoy the splash of colour during the winter months.

Miss Measey's Class

In Year 1 we have been writing a special poem all about bonfire night thinking about lots of rhyming words.

Mrs Hawkrigg's Class

In Year 2 Science we are learning about being healthy... we have discussed what should be included in a healthy meal and chose our favourite healthy meal. Using this information we created a tally chart and a block graph.

Mrs Lord's Class

The teachers in Year 3/4 are extremely proud of the children on the delivery of their fantastic assembly. It was a reflection on Remembrance Day and what it means. The children explained why we wear poppies and gave us an opportunity to remember all who have died and been injured in conflict. Well done children and thank you to everyone who came.

Mrs Rogerson's Class

Year 4/5 have been looking at how Roald Dahl used the theme of bullying in his books. We think it is very important to celebrate our differences and treat each other as equals. We have been thinking about how we can offer the hand of friendship to each other.

We are very proud to announce that Jacob Webster and Ethan Sidlow have now joined the Stewards of the Creation group in school, well done to both of them.

Mrs Summerton's Class

In Year 5/6 we have been working hard adding and subtracting fractions. It isn't easy but we have stuck with it and are getting better all the time.

We have also been thinking about what we can do to prevent bullying. Everyone has thought carefully about this and drawn up their own '20 acts of kindness' to try and make our school welcoming for everyone.

Class Attendance Championship:

	LAST 7-WEEK AVERAGE SCORE	Week Eight (30th Oct – 3rd Nov)	Week Nine (6th – 10th Nov)	AVERAGE SCORE OVER 9 WEEKS
Mrs Bird (R/Y1)	85.7%	97.8%	100%	89.0%
Mrs Hawkrigg (Y1/2)	95.4%	98.7%	97%	96.0%
Mrs Lord (Y3/4)	98.9%	99.2%	99.2%	99.0%
Mrs Rogerson (Y4/5)	96.3%	97.8%	99.3%	96.9%
Mrs Summerton (Y5/6)	97.1%	98.8%	97.2%	97.3%

Mrs Lord's class is still in the lead this week with an average of 99.0% attendance

The class with the best attendance at the end of this term will win a prize!

Mr Gallagher - Headteacher