

Holy Family Newsletter



Welcome Back - September 2017

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope that you all enjoyed a good summer break. The children have settled back in very quickly back into school. We are looking forward to another exciting year ahead.

Staffing

We would like to welcome Miss Measey as our Year 1 Teacher, Emma Scannell as a Teaching Assistant and Elle Miller as a Modern Apprentice Teaching Assistant.

Building Works

Over the summer holidays we have had a part refurbishment of the school hall; as with the majority of building works, unexpected additional work was identified and as result there will be some building work taking place during the next couple of weeks – please be assured this will not affect your child’s learning in any way and all health and safety procedures will be in place. The final phase will then take place during the October half-term, when new windows will be fitted in the hall.

Money Matters

Just to remind everyone to please pay for milk and toast every Monday. For children who do not pay we must assume that they are choosing not to have milk or toast as this is a personal choice. All children are to have their money in an envelope marked clearly with their name please:

Milk	£1.25 per week (milk is subsidised by the Government)
Toast	£1.50 per week

Dinner money is only for KS2 children and can be paid weekly on a Monday or in advance via Live Kitchen (please contact the office for more information on how to sign up to Live Kitchen).

Dinners	£11.00 per week	(£2.20 per day)
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Data Collection Sheets / Consent Forms

Your child will be bringing home their data collection sheet, a Privacy Notice and consent forms; please check all these carefully and return them signed to school with any changes / updates as soon as possible. Please bear in mind that in case of an emergency we need at least **Three** reliable contacts.

New Reception 2018

If you have a child starting next September 2018 please make sure that their name is registered at the school office before the end of October.

Holiday Requests

Holidays in school time will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. A holiday request form must be completed and handed into the school office for authorisation at least six weeks before the requested date.

Uniform

Please make sure all items of uniform are named. No jewellery is permitted except watches. Footwear should be black/dark coloured.

Medicines

If your child requires prescription medicine to be taken 4 times or more a day it may be administered in school; medicines must be handed into the school office and appropriate paperwork must be completed.

Going to High School

The online application service for admission to Secondary School 2018 is now open. The link to the online service is:

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Education/Schools/School-Admissions/Secondary-schools.aspx>

UID letters will be posted today to Y6 children who are Wigan residents. The letter contains details about applying for a place in Y7 for 2018. The letters also contain a UID code which parents can use along with their child's DOB when applying online. The UID is not necessary to apply online, parents can choose the 'No UID' option if they are having difficulties using the UID. If for some reason you are unable to complete an online application you can collect a paper application form from the school office.

Dates for your Diary

13 th September (every Weds)	Forest Schools After School Club – Year 5
14 th September (every Thurs)	Forest Schools After School Club – Year 6
20 th September – 18 th October	S7 Olympic After School Club
25 th September	KS1 Parents Welcome Meeting – Time TBA
26 th September	KS2 Parents Welcome Meeting – Time TBA
28 th September	Winmarleigh Meeting – 3.15pm
16 th October – 20 th October	ASSESSMENT WEEK
19 th October	Learning about other Faiths- the Diwali festival
20 th October	Celebrating Harvest Day – whole school
20 th October	Y6 Class Assembly – 9.15am
23 rd October – 27 th October	HALF TERM

Class Updates:

Mrs Bird's Class	Our Reception children have settled well into school life and are enjoying playtimes with their buddies from Year 6.
Miss Measey's Class	The children are settling well into our new class; as have Miss Measey and Miss Miller.
Mrs Hawkrigg's Class	The children of Year 2 have made a good transition into their new class and have settled well.
Mrs Lord's Class	We have started swimming lessons every Monday and Violin lessons on Wednesday mornings – this is all new for our Y3 children
Mrs Rogerson's Class	A great start to the year by the Year 4/5 children. Well done everyone!
Mrs Summerton's Class	The children have arrived back at school with excellent attitudes and are rising to the challenge of life in Year 5/6. Well done!

Twitter Updates

Don't forget to follow your child's new class on twitter for updates on the catholic life of our school:

Mrs Bird	HolyFamilyRec
Mrs Hawkrigg	HolyFamilyYear2
Mrs Lord	HolyFamilyYear3
Mrs Rogerson	HolyFamilyYear4
Mrs Summerton	HolyFamilyYear6