

Holy Family Newsletter

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

Welcome Back - September 2018

Dear parent/carer

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

Staffing

We would like to welcome Miss Winstanley as our Y1/2 class teacher and Miss Philbin as our Y4/5 class teacher.

Job Opportunity

We are still looking for someone to join our lunchtime welfare staff, 12noon to 1pm Monday to Friday, term time only. If you are interested please contact Mrs Beckett for more information.

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*. Please note that as advised before the summer break, the cost of dinners has increased by 10p per day to £2.30 – please ensure you send the correct amount into school.

Dinners	£11.50 per week (£2.30 per day)
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Data Collection Sheets / Consent Forms

Your child will soon be bringing home their data collection sheet; please check all the information 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.

Before the summer break we also sent out a revised privacy notice that requires a signature and a photo consent form, again requiring completion. If you have not already done so, please return these to school as soon as possible.

New Reception 2018

If you have a child starting next September 2019 please make sure that their name is registered at the school office before the end of October and you have completed a Supplementary form.

Holiday Requests

Term time holidays and extended leave are not allowed as a rule, and parents/carers are discouraged from arranging holidays or extended leave of absence during term time. Any time-off, authorised or unauthorised, will be marked in the school register as an absence and will impact on your child's overall attendance percentage; a two week holiday would give an overall percentage of 94.7%... this is without any days taken for illness. Attendance of less than 95% is known to compromise attainment.

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 not just sent in with your child, and the appropriate paperwork must be completed.

Going to High School

The online application service for admission to Secondary School 2019 is now open. The link to the online service is:

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

Parents/carers of children currently in Y6 should have received a letter reminding them to apply - the letter contains 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

Thursday 13 th Sept	Whole school mass in church – 9.30am
Wednesday 19 th Sept	Pirate Day
Friday 21 st Sept	Cinema night at school, 6pm – 8pm
Monday 24 th Sept	KS2 Parents' Welcome Meeting: Y3/4 – 5.00pm Y4/5 – 5.30pm Y5/6 – 6.00pm
Tuesday 25 th Sept	KS1 Parents' Welcome Meeting: Y2 – 5.00pm Y1 – 5.30pm R – 6.00pm
15 th – 19 th Oct	Winmarleigh Y5/6 Trip
15 th – 19 th Oct	Assessment Week
22 nd – 26 th Oct	HALF TERM

Class Updates:

Mrs Bird's Class	The Reception children are settling in well and are being looked after by their Big Buddies. We are learning about 'people who help us' this term – looking for the people who have the 'xtra factor'
Miss Measey's Class	Year 1 have come back to school with their thinking hats on. We are already writing our first story – Pirate Adventures. We can't wait to show them to everyone.
Miss Winstanley's Class	We have enjoyed getting to know each other and are already working very hard. We are very excited for the year ahead.
Mrs Lord's Class	The children have had a great start to the year and are working hard. We are looking forward to learning all about the Romans. We have started our violin lessons on Wednesday mornings – this is new for our Y3 children
Miss Philbin's Class	What a wonderful couple of weeks we've had in year 4/5. We have had a go at using the green screen in English and have blown Miss Philbin away with our place value skills – what a great start to the year.
Mrs Summerton's Class	Year 5/6 have settled down well in the new school year. We have been working hard on our ghostly story of Alma and we are enjoying learning about WWII.

CLASS ATTENDANCE COMPETITION TO START ON THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!

*Mr Gallagher
Headteacher*