



Holy Family Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carers,

This is a very busy term for our children and staff, everyone in Holy Family is working hard and learning lots.



Sacraments

The following dates have been confirmed with Father Brown:

First Reconciliation Tuesday 7th March at 7pm

Confirmation Thursday 27th April at 7pm

First Holy Communion Saturday 20th May at 11am

The preparation for these Sacraments has begun and if you have any questions regarding this please contact the school office or class teacher.

Transition to High School

Transition work with Cardinal Newman High School is already under way, children have met some teachers and have taken part in PE lessons. The next events are linked to science, CNHS will visit our school on the week beg. 17th February and then our children will visit there on the 17th March. The dates for 2 day transition visits are; May 23rd and 24th.

Parent Council

Our next Parent Council meeting will be in the Parish Centre on Thursday 9th February at 6.30 pm, all parents/carers are welcome to join us. After our First Friday Mass on 3rd February and 3rd March the Parent Council will be hosting tea and coffee in the school, all are welcome.

Diaries/Homework

Please remember that the children's diaries can be used for enquiries or to keep your child's teacher up to date with any issues they are having, in order that we can best support your child.



PE

We are asking that the children wear full school uniform every day. Children will have time to change for PE lessons and should bring their PE kit, a yellow t-shirt and navy or dark shorts or jogging bottoms/leggings. If you do not have a yellow t-shirt a dark plain t-shirt would be suitable, no football tops please. Jewellery should not be worn on PE days.

Name Labels

Please ensure your child's name is on their belongings so that we can try our best to reunite children with their lost property. Having names on items left helps us to get it back to you promptly.

Laudato Si

As part of our work on sustainability we are creating a piece of art work that uses recycling materials, could we please appeal for different coloured plastic bottle tops from your recycling, children could deliver these to Miss McDevitt.

General Childhood Illnesses

Now all restrictions are lifted we are seeing an increase in the incidence of childhood illnesses across the school, as we would expect. NLC are encouraging all children to attend school as often as is possible; Covid restrictions no longer apply. Please also be aware of the need to check for head lice as this is often prevalent wherever there are groups of children.

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child has a suitable water bottle with them every day with sufficient supply to last them all through the day. Children are able to refill their bottles.



Allergies

Please remember that we are a nut free school when you are giving your child their snack or packed lunch. Your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Communication



We have a growing number of followers on twitter - @holyfamily_ps and would ask if you could please follow us in order to keep up to date with news and events. The school website is an excellent source of communication also as it is regularly updated <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/holyfamily/>. We will continue to communicate through the e-mail system and ask that you check this regularly to keep up to date.

Thinking Circles

Thinking circles have recommenced, these take place on a Friday from 11.15 to 11.45am we would welcome any volunteers to help take part in these, please contact the school office.

Swimming Lessons/Dry Side

From Tuesday 14th March for 12 weeks until the 20th June P5 and P6/5 will be attending Sir Matt Busby to take part in swimming lessons and dry side sports. If any parents are available to help walk the children up and down to the sports centre please contact the school office, they will leave school at 12pm and return by 3pm. Children in these classes will have an early lunch break on these days.

Lenten Events

To support SCIAF and Missio the Captains and Vice-captains will be planning fund raising and awareness raising events, including H Factor. Dates relating to this will be communicated in a letter separately.

Important Dates

6th to 12th February Children's Mental Health Week

Mid-term break 13th to 15th February inclusive

Ash Wednesday 22nd February – children will attend 9.30am mass

Lenten masses Monday and Wednesday 8.30 am from week beginning 27th (children attending will be given toast and drink on returning to school)

27th February – 5th March Cyber Scotland Week

13th March Science week

School closes Friday 31st March at 2.30pm for Easter break

As always if there is anything in this newsletter that you would like to discuss or indeed any aspect of school life, please contact via enquiries-@-holyfamily@northlan.org.uk

Yours sincerely
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