

HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

General Update

It has been a busy couple of weeks here at Holy Rosary with lots of different events, meetings and assemblies taking place. Our Director of Performance and Standards, Kate Mann, has been in working with Mr Brogan and Mrs Dyche on our school improvement priorities moving forward. Our focus for this year continues to be improving writing. We're also prioritising higher levels of challenge in maths through targeted reasoning and problem solving. Our PTA volunteers met on 3rd October and have prepared a letter to ask for your support at events planned between now and Christmas, including the Curry Night from 7:30pm **tonight**, an outside clean up, craft events and the Christmas Fete. If you're able to help out at any of the events, tick the relevant box and return your letter to school. The CAFOD Fast Day on 5th October was a huge success and really resonated with lots of children. Many pupils are now preparing events which will take place next week to raise awareness and funds for the 'Brighten Up' campaign.

To stay up to date, view the [school calendar](#), [Class Dojo](#) or follow us on Twitter [@HolyRosary](#)

Academy Masses – Hall - 9:15

22nd October

17th December

Class Masses – St. Joseph's - 9:30

Year 5 and 6 – 15th October

Reception, year 1 and 6 – 12th November

Year 2 and 3 – 19th November

Year 4 – 8th October, 26th November

If you are able to walk to mass with your child's class, please inform their teacher.

Term/INSET Dates

Aut/Advent 1	5 th Sept – 26 th Oct
Aut/Advent 2	5 th Nov – 21 st Dec
Spr/Lent 1	7 th Jan – 15 th Feb
Spr/Lent 2	25 th Feb – 12 th April
Sum/Pentecost 1	29 th April – 24 th May
Sum/Pentecost 2	3 rd June – 19 th July
INSET (School closed)	30 th November 15 th February 22 nd July

Extra-curricular (Autumn/Advent 1)

	During school	After school
Mon	Music Tuition Recorder	Choir Football
Tues	-	Netball
Weds	-	HR Harriers Girls Football
Thurs	-	Tennis
Fri	Homework	-

PTA Curry Night – TONIGHT!

Tonight's PTA event is for adults only so call in the babysitters, grab a bottle, buy a ticket from the office (for the very modest price of £5) and join us in the hall. Bring your own alcohol. Everyone is welcome.

Key Dates

Oct

13th – Hill Street Charity Concert – 19:00

16th – My Childs Art – 13.15

17th – Tempest Photographs (siblings and individual)

21st – PTA Clean Up

22nd – Parent Book Look

23rd/24th – Year 6 Bikeability

26th – Disco KS1 6-7pm KS2 7.15-8.15pm

Nov

12th – Anti-Bullying Week

27th – Flu Vaccinations, Rec to Year 5

28th – Design a Christmas T-shirt 3.30-5.30pm

30th – INSET – School Closed

Dec

3rd – SEND Parent Consultation – 15:30

10th – Autumn Progress Reports

12th – Parent Consultations – 14:00-18:00

14th – Christmas Jumper/T-shirt Day

PTA Christmas Fete 15:30-17:30

19th – Early Years Christmas Performance

20th – Year 1/2 Christmas Performance

21st – Year 5/6 Christmas Performance

Autumn trips will be shared by class teachers.

Class Assemblies – 2:00 pm

Year 6 – Friday, 19th October 2018

Year 4 – Friday, 9th November 2018

Year 3 – Friday, 1st February 2019

Year 1 – Friday, 8th March 2019

Year 5 – Friday, 10th May 2019

Year 2 – Friday 21st June 2019

Reception – Thursday, 18th July 2019 (9:30 am)

Statements To Live By

Please spend some time with your child to talk about these ideas to help them understand the importance of social justice, as well as develop independence and responsibility: *I know what to do if I see anyone being hurt - I understand that rights match responsibility - I try to stand up for myself and others without hurting anyone - I try to be just and fair.*



Building loving hearts and strong minds, in union with God and each other.

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The Messengers

In the Achievement Assembly last week, our new chaplaincy team were awarded their 'Messenger' badges and shared their vision for faith development. On Wednesday, Joe Hopkins, the Lead lay Chaplain for our MAT, came to work with the Messengers. Together they explored what good leadership looks like and how they could develop Catholic life and worship within our school. They created a liturgy together focused on belonging, which they shared with Mr Brogan and will be sharing with pupils. Joe commented on the Messenger's enthusiasm, energy and support of each other, shown in the activities completed during the day. It was a great start to shaping the vision for the Chaplaincy team this year and the team are keen to get started on some great ideas for prayer and vocation. Keep a look out on the school story and twitter for more Messenger updates coming soon...

Tempest Photography

On Wednesday, 17th October from 8.00 am, Tempest will be in to take photos of individuals and siblings. If you would like a photo of your younger children with pupils at the school, feel free to come into school early.

Pobble Consent

We're working with Pobble as one of the ways to improve attitudes towards and enjoyment of writing. Please give consent for your child's work to be published on Pobble so that you are able to see what they have produced and allow them to share their work with the world. For more information about this, speak with Mrs Dyche.

SRS CMAT Christmas Card Competition

All entries for the SRS CMAT Christmas Card Competition must be handed in to class teachers by Monday, 5th November 2018.

Excel Music School

Mr Mansfield would like to remind all children who have music lessons with him to bring in their music books on a Monday and Thursday. Thank you.



PTA Outside Clean Up

Before the colder weather comes, the PTA are meeting on Sunday, 21st October from 10-11:30 at Holy Rosary to give the grounds a clean-up. If you're up for a bit of bushing, scrubbing and dumping, please just turn up at school.

Bikeability for Year 6

On 23rd and 24th October, year 6 will be completing 'Bikeability' training. Letters have already been sent out. Please ensure they bring a suitable bike on both days and a safety helmet.

Parent Handbook

If you require a Parent Handbook, paper copies are available from the school office. An electronic version can be downloaded from the homepage of the school website.

Parent Book Look – Monday, 22nd October

This year, you'll have noticed that parent consultation evenings are closer to the end of term. This allows us to share with you precise and detailed information about your child. Each term, you will receive a report on your child's progress and the parent consultation will give the opportunity to discuss the report.

We've set aside 3 formal dates for you to come into school and see your child's work and their classroom. The first date is Monday, 22nd October. All you have to do is collect your child as usual and head straight into their classroom where their books will be ready for you to view.

If you have any questions or queries about your child, please speak with their class teacher.

Parking

We are working closely with all members of our community to improve the parking situation at school. Mrs Wells has developed an action plan after meeting with local residents and the parking enforcement team and we need your support with it. If you would like to attend our next meeting, please speak with Mrs Wells.

Developing a calm, orderly drop off and pick-up system will not only improve the wellbeing of and good feeling within our community, but more importantly, minimise the risk to your child's safety.

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