

HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

General Update

We've had a really positive eight weeks here at Holy Rosary and so much has happened to make it a great start to the academic year. Even though we're now a Voluntary Academy within a new MAT, the Ofsted Executive Board meetings will continue until we are out of the 'special measures' category. Last Thursday, we had our first meeting which was chaired by Sean McClafferty, CEO of the St Ralph Sherwin CMAT, and attended by Kate Mann, our DoPS, a group of our governors and our senior leadership team. The aim of the OEB is to validate, question and challenge our improvement. The meeting went well as we discussed our priorities for 2018/19 and what we have acted on and achieved already this year.

On Sunday, a number of parents and pupils met at school for the PTA Clear Up. It was a fabulous morning with teams focussing on different areas of the site. Thank you to everyone who gave up their Sunday morning; you can really see the difference to the school grounds.

The first 'Parent Book Look' took place on Monday - they provide an opportunity for you to look at all the work your child has completed in the year. There will be two more this year, taking place on the last Monday in Spring 1 and Summer 1. If you are unable to attend but want to see your child's work, let their class teacher know.

After half-term, the countdown to Christmas is on. There will be a number of events taking place so please read the newsletter, view the [school calendar](#), [Class Dojo](#) or follow us on Twitter [@HolyRosary](#)

Academy Masses – Hall - 9:15

17th December – Year 3 leading

Class Masses – St. Joseph's - 9:30

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 2)

	During school	After school
Mon	Music Tuition Recorder	Choir Football
Tues	Liturgy Club	Handball
Weds	-	HR Harriers Girls Football
Thurs	-	-
Fri	Homework	-

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Key Dates

Oct

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

Nov

6th – Festival of Light Lunch

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 Consultations – 15:30

7th – Christingle Event – 14:00

8th – PTA Breakfast with Santa – 10:00

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 – 9:30

20th – Year 1/2 Christmas Performance – 9:30

21st – Year 5/6 Christmas Performance – 14:30

Autumn trips will be shared by class teachers.

Class Assemblies for Parents – 2:00 pm

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)

Newsletter Paper Copy

If you would like a regular paper copy of the newsletter or wish to be added to the mailing list, please speak with the office staff.



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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.*



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.

Hill Street Concert – The Leaside Singers

The concert on 13th October, organised by Mr Mansfield, raised £470 for the Pancreatic Cancer Charity. Thank you to the choir and all their families for supporting this event.

Brighten Up Campaign

Last week, our pupils organised events to raise awareness for CAFOD's Brighten Up campaign. They raised £430.00 The KS2 playground was a hive of activity so well done to everyone involved.

My Child's Art

Last week, your child produced a piece of work in school that you can use for gifts and cards for Christmas.

Please log in to: www.mychildsart.co.uk and type in the school's details to gain access to your child's image. You can find their image using their unique reference number and purchase any gifts you'd like.

Royal British Legion Assembly

Members of the Royal British Legion will be coming into school on Monday, 5th November to talk to the children in preparation for Remembrance Sunday. If you would like your child to make a donation at the end of the assembly, please feel free to send them in with a small amount of money.

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.



Community Traffic Meeting

A meeting took place yesterday that was attended by members of the school and local community. 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.

Park and Stride

We would like to remind you that we have a 'Park and Stride' scheme in operation from the Freemason's Hall on Ashby Road. Please feel free to park your car in this car park and walk your children the short journey to and from school. It is a great alternative to parking in the school's immediate vicinity particularly with the current construction and building on Alexandra Road. Your co-operation with this would be very much appreciated. Please get in touch if you need help with locating the Freemason's Hall.

Walking Bus

Please get in touch if you would like to volunteer to help on our Freemason's Hall or The Anglesey Pub Walking Bus route. You can contact the school office to leave your details or email: scunningham@holynosary.staffs.sch.uk for further details.

Pre-school and Reception – Make and Bake a Ginger Biscuit Morning

Parents/carers of Pre-School and Reception classes are warmly invited to spend the morning helping their children make and bake a ginger biscuit on Tuesday, 6th November.

New Website

During the first week back after half term, we'll be launching our new website. Look out for the new address.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

The school will be taking part in the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal again this year. Leaflets and further information is available from the school office. Collection of the shoe boxes will be week commencing 12th November. Please leave your shoe boxes with the school office.