

Holy Family Catholic Primary School is committed to the safeguarding of children. Our designated safeguarding leads (DSL) are Mr Tindall & Mrs O'Neil

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Newsletter

OPEN MORNINGS

We are holding the following Open Mornings for our 2019/20 intake:

Tuesday 2nd October (9.15am), Wednesday 3rd (10.45am), Tuesday 9th (9.15am), Wednesday 10th (10.45am), Thursday 18th (9.15am), Wednesday 7th November (10.45am), Thursday 15th (10.45am). If you are applying for your child to join Reception in September 2019 and would like to come along for a tour of the school please contact the office to book a time.

To apply to Holy Family you will need to complete our Supplementary Information Form which is at the office or on our website. You will also need to apply to Surrey County Council—you can get a Surrey leaflet with more information from the office.

Any current families with a sibling for entrance in September 2019, please make sure you have registered with the school office.

PRAYER & REFLECTION FOR OCTOBER, MONTH OF THE ROSARY



We will be holding some quiet, reflective prayer opportunities during October to celebrate our special relationship with Our Blessed Lady, the mother of Jesus. These sessions provide an opportunity to gather together in a calm, relaxed environment to contemplate all the blessings bestowed upon us and to gather strength and comfort from those around us. **The Space will be open for silent prayer at 8.30am on the following dates: Mon 8th, 15th & 29th October.**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY APPOINTED YEAR 6 LITURGY LEADERS!

The following children have volunteered to help plan and lead our liturgy, prayer and Catholic life this year. This is a highly prestigious and important role in our school and I am thrilled that we had so many children volunteer to be part of this team—they will be working closely with myself throughout the year: supporting younger children across the school : Harriet, Rosa, Bella, Hannah, Keira, Adam, Lexi, Xixi, Amoya-May, Thomas, Abigail, Ellen, George, Alfie, Harry C, Joseph, Harry J, Brandon, Luke, Patrick, Conor, Aoife, Emma, Ollie

GRANDPARENTS AFTERNOON TEA PARTY

Thank you to all grandparents who have replied to the invitation to join us for afternoon tea and entertainment on **Thursday 4th October at 1.30pm. We only have 25 spaces left available. Please note that all replies should be received by the school office by 3pm on Monday 1st October.**

YEAR 1&2 TRIP TO BROOKLANDS MUSEUM

On Wednesday 3rd October Year 1&2 children will visit Brooklands Museum as part of their cross-curricular learning on Transport. I'm sure everyone will enjoy a fabulous day of fun and learning.

XAVIER CET IN-SERVICE DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED

A reminder to all parents that school will be closed on **Friday 5th October** as we join colleagues from all the Xavier schools on a day of partnership learning.

YEAR 6 ISLE OF WIGHT PARENT MEETING

These will be held in Year 6 at **3pm on Wednesday 10th October** led by Mrs Holt. Please try to attend this meetings if your child is currently in Year 6. Thank you

FORTHCOMING FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Tuesday 9th October (home) v Cobham Free School (Under 10 & Under 11) 3pm

Monday 5th November (away) v St Charles Borromeo (Under 10 & Under 11) 2.30pm

Wednesday 7th November (home) v Stepgates (Under 10 & Under 11) 3pm

PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS

A reminder these will take place in the school hall on Tuesday 16th (4.30—7.00pm) & Thursday 18th October (3.30—6.00pm). Online booking will be available soon. Governors will be present on both days and parents are welcome to ask any questions about how the school is run or discuss future plans and initiatives.

Please visit the school's website at: www.holy-family.surrey.sch.uk
Along with the schoolcomms, notice board and newsletter, it is the School's way of keeping parents up to date with events going on in and around our School.

PARENT STEERING GROUP

This group meet every half term for 1 hour with the sole purpose of making the school an even better place for every child. Please support your class rep by sharing any proactive ideas, suggestions, offers of support to be brought to each meeting. Your class reps are: **Vacancy (Reception)**, Caragh Chilstone (Year 1), Fiona Clare (Year 2), Sarita Chivers (Year 3), Linsey Meredith (Year 4), Paula Madison (Year 5), Katie Noto (Year 6)

The dates of the meetings this term are Friday October 19th & Friday November 30th.

HARVEST MASS IN SUPPORT OF THE SVP SOCIETY—On **Friday 19th October at 9.15am** all parents are welcome to join us in church for our Harvest Mass in support of the St Vincent de Paul Society. The SVP support the needy in our parish and will distribute the food that you very kindly donate. For many people, these food parcels are a life-line; on behalf of them all, I thank you in advance. May God bless you all.

A FOND FAREWELL TO MRS FULLER

At half term we will sadly be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Fuller as she embarks on her retirement after almost 20 years amazing service at Holy Family. The success of our school is built on the warmth, commitment and care provided by our staff ; Mrs Fuller embodies this perfectly and we thank her for all she has done for the children over many years. We are very sad to be saying goodbye but wish her every happiness and joy in a long and relaxing retirement.

OUTDOOR PAINTING SUPPORT FOR THIS SATURDAY

A huge thank you to the small band of parents who have volunteered to help Mr Tindall paint the KS1 playground on Saturday. So far we have: Mr & Mrs Plumridge, Mr & Mrs Griffiths, Mr Hounsell , Mr & Mrs Bowdery & Vicky Norris. If anyone else is available, we'd be delighted to see you from 10am tomorrow! **There will be no painting on Sunday due to lack of numbers.**

PANATHLON TEAM TO REPRESENT SURREY AT NATIONAL FINALS!

Following their amazing win at the county final last term, our Panathlon team (led by Miss Quinn) will represent Surrey at the National Finals on Wednesday 21st November. This even will take place at The Copperbox Arena in the Olympic Park , London. It is an amazing opportunity for our children and our school to appear in such a prestigious event. Well done team! (Riley Dare, Harry Lowden, Olivia Emson, Lola Hubbard, Poppy Pearson, Harry Pearson, Javi Salguero-Fernandez, Elijah Benedict & Conor Banks)

ATTENDANCE TARGET FOR THIS YEAR... is 97.4%. This is very challenging BUT we can do it. **Our total for September is 97.94%**. Well done everyone—this is a great start and slightly above our September total for last year. Please remember that requests for absence in term time **should only** be made in **exceptional** circumstances—I am, of course, always happy to talk to parents should a request need to be made. **Please also be aware that Surrey are now issuing fines to parents who take unauthorised absence during term time and we will inform the LEA should this occur at Holy Family.**

FOR EXCELLENT ADVICE ON HOW TO KEEP CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE AT HOME...

...Please visit www.internetmatters.org This website features a wealth of great ideas, information and advice for staying safe online.

NEXT EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER... Will be published on Friday 19th October