

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

AVIVA COMMUNITY FUND

Thank you so much to everyone for your incredible support in voting for the community garden project via The Aviva Community Fund. For a small school to generate 6,670 votes shows the fantastic commitment and unity we enjoy at Holy Family. We have countless tales of people starting business meetings at work and school staff meetings in other schools by getting everyone to vote for us, grandparents asking their friends, people involved in weekend sports getting team mates to vote for us and many other fabulous efforts to back the cause. Sadly, we were up against some huge organisations and we were unsuccessful in reaching the final however this should not detract from how successful this campaign has proven to be. We have raised awareness within our community and generated significant interest...the community sensory garden project will be completed!

TESCO BLUE TOKENS

Please don't forget that throughout December you can continue to vote for our community garden by putting your blue Tesco tokens into the Holy Family slot when shopping in the store. We are hopeful that this will earn us at least £2,000 towards our project.

GENERATING AWARENESS & INTEREST WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES

The strategy groups, established last term, are working very hard behind the scenes to help move our school community forward. One of the current main focus areas is to try to raise our profile with local companies and businesses in the hope that some may be interested in a working partnership with the school. This could be in the form of sponsorship, a one-off project donation or joint ventures (as we have done previously with Bourne Valley Garden Centre). An introductory letter has been created but to have maximum chance of success, we need to make sure this letter reaches a named contact within the business. We are asking for your support – if you know anyone (particularly at management level) within any local companies or businesses, please get in touch with us. We can then send the letter directly to them and hopefully our ideas will be shared and discussed with those who lead the organisation. This type of approach really works – our Table of Unity shelter and our current partnership with St George's College are two successful examples.

EXCITING NEWS ON THE HALL PROJECT

I am very pleased to announce that the hall refurbishment project has been given the green light by The Xavier Catholic Education Trust board of directors. This is a big project and is fabulous news for our school. Funding for this project comes from a separate capital funding pot issued directly from the government to the academy trust. It can only be used on fixtures and fittings, building work, renovations or decoration so we are very grateful to the MAT for supporting us. Capital funding does not cover technology so the school will need to fund the purchase of new projectors and sound system. These are desperately needed in our hall and we are currently negotiating with technology companies to secure the perfect solution. This project is planned to be installed and completed over the Easter break

THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING PARENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

On behalf of everyone, I would like to offer my sincere thanks to the PA committee for all their incredible energy, commitment and hard work in putting on a range of exciting fundraising events this term. It has been an incredibly successful term with lots of money raised for the children. Thank you also to everyone for supporting these events.

THE FLAME NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER EDITION OUT TODAY!

The November edition of our monthly RE newsletter 'The Flame' is published today. The Flame will be emailed to all parents and will also be available to read in the church from this Saturday onwards. Written and produced by our Year 6 liturgy leaders, The Flame is a very interesting read.

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Congratulations to our winning classes for the attendance awards this term. These results are shown below:

September – Year 1 98.7% October – Reception 98.54% November – Year 4 98.33%

Our current leaders after 3 months are Year 5 with 98.35%

Each class has now adopted a new fluffy & cuddly 'attendance friend' and these new friends will be available to help anyone who is feeling a bit sad in the mornings as well as celebrating in the success of being monthly attendance champions. Thank you to the PA for providing our 7 new fluffy friends.

Our whole school attendance for this term is 97.59% which means we are currently on track to hit our challenging yearly target of 97.4%+

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

Anyone who has been in school throughout November will, I'm sure, have noticed the beautiful remembrance display that has adorned the main corridor along with our very own silent soldier standing alongside the Holy Family statue at the front of the school. We have spent a lot of time with the children talking about remembrance and the importance of working for love and peace in the world. We also supported the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and I'm very pleased to announce that we raised a fantastic total of £203.57 in support of this very worthwhile charitable cause. Thank you, as always, for your incredible generosity.

KS2 HOUSE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Please accept our apologies for the postponement of the house football tournament last Tuesday. This will be re-played on Tuesday 4th December at 3pm. The weather forecast is again not great but we will go for it this week. Everyone is welcome to join us and cheer the children on.