



15th September 2017

Welcome

Hello again! It is wonderful to be back at school, seeing the children looking very relaxed and refreshed after the summer holiday - I hope you all managed to enjoy some family time! We have started a very busy year with high expectations and lots of fun. The children have been exercising with Joe Wicks (The Body Coach) every day, celebrated Roald Dahl's birthday and started weekly visits to Mersey Parks.

To enhance learning at Holy Family, we will be making a few changes to our routine:

- KS1 and KS2 will have separate playtimes which will provide the children with more space to play at break times. As a result, toast will NO LONGER be sold at play time. Children can bring in **fruit as a break time snack** (no cereal bars, crisps, chocolate etc). Thank you for supporting our ethos as a Healthy School.
- Collective worship and assembly at 9am on a Monday morning will be open for parents to attend from Monday 18th September. The children will gather in key stages on alternate Mondays, however you are welcome to attend every week. Our Thursday class-led collective worship will continue. Please come along.

Autumn 1 st half term			
Reception, Y1 and Y2	Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6	Thursday collective worship	
25 th September	18 th September	14 th September	6Y
9 th October	2 nd October	21 st September	2H
	16 th October	28 th September	5D
		5 th October	12M
		12 th October	6R
		19 th October	1D

Another change, which we hope will enable children to be collected safely at the end of the day, is that parents will be invited on to the playground to meet the children as they leave the building. This will cut congestion at the gate and also allow you to talk to staff more easily.

Both gates will be opened as normal. EYFS will exit as normal; Y1 and Y2 will be collected from outside their classrooms; Y3 and Y4 will exit from the door at the bottom of the yard; Y5 & Y6 will exit from the top door. Staff will be on the gates and playground to assist you find the right area to collect your child.

Conduct of all visitors on the school grounds must support a peaceful, safe environment. Any of the following **will not be tolerated** and will result in dismissal from the grounds:

- *Disruptive behaviour or disorderly conduct which interferes or threatens to interfere with the operation of the school*
- *Use of loud/or offensive language, shouting, swearing, cursing, using profane language, attempting to physically intimidate, use of aggressive hand gestures or displaying temper.*
- *Threatening to harm a member of school staff, visitor, fellow parent/carer or pupil regardless of whether or not the behaviour constitutes a criminal offence.*
- *Damaging or destroying school property.*
- *The use of physical aggression towards another adult or child. This includes physical punishment against your own child on school premises.*
- *Approaching someone else's child in order to discuss or chastise them because of their actions towards your own children.*
- *Smoking and consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs on school premises.*
- *Dogs being brought on to school premises with the exception of assistance dogs.*

Permission slips, contact information

Thank you to those who have returned paperwork promptly. All children must have written permission to leave school, verbal consent cannot be accepted. Also, contact information, including emergency telephone numbers are essential to ensure your child's safety. Please make sure we have contact details of another adult, to use in case of emergency.

Website & Twitter

Check our school website for key information: www.holy-family.co.uk

All classes now have their own Twitter account. Keep up to date with the learning taking place in your child's class and across the school.

Classes		Other	
@HolyFamilyL8_FS	Miss McGhee, Mrs Bowes, Miss Crawford	@HolyFamilyL8	Mrs Davidson (Head)
@HolyFamilyL8_1D	Ms Dohren	@HolyFamilyL8_DH	Mrs Snell (Deputy)
@HolyFamilyL8_12	Miss McClelland	@HolyFamilyL8_PSHE	Mrs Clein
@HolyFamilyL8_2H	Miss Holme	@HolyFamilyL8_mu	Miss Evans
@HolyFamilyL8_3L	Miss Lacey		
@HolyFamilyL8_34	Mrs Radford		
@HolyFamilyL8_4L	Miss Lawne		
@HolyFamilyL8_5D	Mrs Doherty		
@HolyFamilyL8_5T	Miss Toal		
@HolyFamilyL8_6R	Mr Ross		
@HolyFamilyL8_6Y	Mrs Young		

Governors

Are you interested in becoming a school governor? There is the potential for a new parent governor to join the Governing Body in the new academic year. If you are interested or would like further information, please call in to the school office or contact Mrs Davidson.

School dinners

A letter will be coming home explaining that children cannot switch from school lunch to packed lunch or vice versa during a half term. You will need to agree which lunch type your child will have for a full half term. The cost of a school lunch will need to increase if the current situation does not change. Parents will not be able to call school and request a school lunch as excess food cannot be supplied.

- **School uniform**

Jewellery is not to be worn for school. A watch and stud earrings are allowed (except for PE days).

Hair accessories are becoming a distraction in school. Long hair must always be tied back and if clips or a bow are required then they should be small and in school colours (purple and grey). **'JoJo's bows' are not to be worn.**

PE kit is needed every week – black shorts, purple PE t-shirt and trainers or pumps. PE is not optional and children must have the correct equipment for lessons.

Shoes must be plain black (or white for summer) – no boots, sandals, jellies or heels.

- **Safeguarding**

- Please consider the safety of all children when parking around the school. It is safer to park and walk a short distance rather than an accident happening due to careless driving/parking.
- **Children who arrive late to school will need to be escorted and signed in by an adult. Arrival after registers close (9.30am) will be recorded as an absence. Please ensure children are in on time.**

Dates for your diary:

25.9.17	Y6 height and weight – school nurse team
26.9.17	Tempest photography
29.9.17	Macmillan coffee morning (am), Parents' Health Afternoon
16.10.17	KS2 Restart a heart sessions
17.10.17	KS1 Restart a heart sessions Fire safety assembly – Merseyside Fire Brigade
18.10.17	KS2 Bullybusters assembly
23-29.10.17	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
3.11.17	Reception – Y4 Flu vaccines – school nurse team
19.12.17	END OF TERM – Christmas holiday