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# Newsletter

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19<sup>th</sup> March 2018

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KS1 learning about Kitty Wilkinson

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## Welcome

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### Busy classrooms

In EYFS we have been learning about pets. We have our own pet shop where children have been counting out money, measuring food labels and weighing or comparing pet treats. This week we are opening a pet groomers and will be learning how to care for our pets. In our 'Come and See' we have completed activities about how animals and plants grow. This week we will also be investigating sunflowers.

In KS1 we have been very busy. In Year 1 and 2 through 'Talk for Writing' we have been planning and completing our own stories based on the text 'Dogger.' In Maths we have been using Mathematical equipment to explore what different fractions look like. In History we have been finding out about Kitty Wilkinson and what influence she had on us today. We explored different items that would have been used in the 'Wash House' and even had a surprise visit from Kitty Wilkinson herself!

In Y3 and 4, we have been busy learning about fractions - understanding fractions, finding equivalents, and adding and comparing fractions. We have been continuing our Talk 4 Writing work in English, learning how to retell a story using pictures and then write our own version. We have discovered the different climate zones and biomes of the world in Geography and have learnt about the different parts and functions of a plant in Science.

Year 5 have been enjoying getting to grips with 'talk for writing' and have nearly completed our first independent write. We are enjoying learning to sing old football songs with Mr Manning from the cathedral prior to our performance on 25th April. In Maths we have started our new topic of measurement - beginning with converting different metric units of measure and enjoying our active maths sessions. In Come and See the children have answered questions such as what are the costs and rewards of sacrifice? Before exploring Jesus' sacrifice and the reasons behind Judas' betrayal. We have looked at young carers around the country and learned to appreciate how we can make sacrifices for others.

In Year 6, we have been writing our own narrative stories based around Beowulf, linking to our Viking topic in History. We will also be planning, writing and editing our own Information text based on a monster from the story.

In mathematics, we have been learning about 2-D shapes, their properties and measuring angles. We will learn about 3-D shape nets and their properties. In Science, we have learning about the life cycle of a flowering plant and how fertilisation and pollination is extremely important in this process.

In music, children have been unleashing their creativity composing songs using sample packages. Once they are completed, they will be uploaded to the website for you to listen to, watch this space. In other news, Samba band have started rehearsals with a big bang! They will be performing publicly later on this term.

### In the Community Room:

New courses coming up in the new term;

Starting 17th April (am) - Cup Cake and Cup Pot - 10-week course.

Starting 26th April (pm) - Massage Course - 8-week course

Monday & Tuesday (pm) - Stay & Play

Wednesday (am) - Yoga

### 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, white 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

- It has been brought to our attention that more and more children are playing 'Fortnite' – it is an X-Box and PS4 game which can also be accessed online. The age rating is 12. Many children are coming in to school tired from playing it during the night; others are coming in angry because of falling out with friends whilst online and bringing the argument into school. This effects their concentration and learning in class. Please be mindful of the negative impact this has on your child.
- Children who arrive late to school will need to be escorted and signed in by an adult.

## Website & Twitter

Check our school website for key information: [www.holy-family.co.uk](http://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_EY	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	Mrs Delve (formerly 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		

**REMINDER: all children finish school for the Easter holiday on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm – this is Maundy Thursday.**

### Dates for your diary:

21 & 22 March	3.30pm	Parents' evening
26 March		4L Apple Store visit
27 March	6:30pm	Easter Bingo
28 March	10.30am	Holy Week Service (OLMC church)
	2.30pm	School nurse drop-in
	6.30pm	Photography Exhibition (Community Room project)
<b>29 March</b>	<b>1.30pm</b>	<b>End of Spring term</b>
<b>9 April</b>	<b>8.55am</b>	<b>Start of Summer 1</b>
11 April		3L Apple Store visit
17 April	3.30pm	Y4 sacraments – final session
2-4 May		Y5 PGL residential
14-18 May		Y6 SATs
25 May	all day	INSET – school closed to children
<b>28 May-8 June</b>		<b>Half Term</b>
<b>11 June</b>	<b>8.55am</b>	<b>Start of Summer 2</b>
6 July	all day	Y6 secondary school transition day
20 July		End of term