



January 2019

We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break and have returned the school routine with excitement and anticipation of a productive term. The children have already started lots of learning across the curriculum, have enjoyed a visit from an author and been to the park to carry out some investigations. This will be a busy but exciting term...

EYFS have come back to school well rested and ready to learn. The children ran in on their first day back with huge smiles on their faces. All the children were excited to talk about the exciting things they had been up to over Christmas. It was lovely to hear of the lovely family times the children have had. This half term we will be continuing learning our sounds and applying our knowledge of these to read simple books and begin to write sentences. Our topic this half term is 'Food Glorious Food'. We will be doing what we do best in Early Years: baking, cooking and sampling lots of different foods. This ties in nicely with the children's New Year's Resolutions, as lots of the children said they want to eat and try more fruit and vegetables. We are hoping to visit a food establishment to carry out some cooking of our own in a real chef's kitchen. The children have a Fruit and Vegetable Role Play shop to practice their maths skills and a restaurant to serve up culinary delights.

Year 1 have had a very exciting start to KS1. We really enjoyed our visit to Spaceport, where we rode in the space simulator and watched the planets in the space dome. We've still got a bag of rockets to make too! Luckily for us, we sailed on the 'Dazzle' ferry across the Mersey and the grown-ups couldn't resist a sing! Last week brought the excitement of the giants, so we took the opportunity to design a giant's sandwich for the picnic in the park, followed by a delicious sandwich for ourselves! We have finally received the delivery of our creative outdoors play apparatus and can't wait to let our imaginations run wild.

In **Year 2** we have started our topic of Life on Earth by learning the story of 'Owl Babies'. We have learned lots of new words, such as predator, prey, nocturnal and habitat. We are going to be writing the story using adverbs, commas in a list and inverted commas. In Science, we have been out and about looking for minibeasts in their own microhabitats. Next week we will be designing and making a microhabitat that provides everything for a minibeast of our choice. In Come and See, we have been learning all about our favourite books at home, in school and in church. We have talked about some of our favourite Bible stories, including Creation, David and Goliath, and the Christmas story.

Year 3 have enjoyed writing poems and a 'defeating a monster' tale this half term based on our Talk 4 Writing novel, 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We have been learning about place value in 3 digit numbers and are beginning to use this knowledge to help us add numbers. In Science, we have been investigating the different types of rocks and how fossils and soil are formed. In History, we have been learning about the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages and are looking forward to a special visit from an archaeologist after half term to tell us more.

In **Year 4**, we have been reading The Gladiator Boy and using this to help us write our own conquering a fear tale. In maths, we have been developing our place value skills and will be moving on to addition and subtraction after half term. We have been studying The Romans in our topic lessons and looking at the impact they had on Britain. In science, we have been having lots of fun learning about the human digestive system and different food chains.

It has been a whirlwind start to **Year 5**. In Come and See we have been looking at the gifts and talents that have been given to us by God and how to use these to help others. In Maths we have been learning about the place value of numbers and reinforcing our knowledge of addition and subtraction. In English we have used the novel "Beowulf" to write our own, modern defeating the monster tales.

In **Year 6**, we have been learning exactly where the phrase 'the Eagle has landed' came from - it was courtesy of Neil Armstrong. We've also been considering what would happen if there were two suns in the world! In maths, we've been beginning to look at long multiplication, factors and multiples. Our new Come and See topic has also begun where we are looking at what it means to have a vocation and what it means to show commitment.

Our **School Council** is now in place with children voting for their class representative. Macy (Y5) will be the Chair of the council and Beau (Y4) the vice chair. We are also delighted that Maja (Y6) was voted to stand as a Junior Lord Mayor candidate – she has a big day on Monday when she needs to make a speech to all Liverpool schools involved in Schools’ Parliament, hoping to be voted in as a Junior Lord Mayor. Good luck Maja!



There has been lots of excitement around school as Miss Crawford prepared for her wedding. We send huge congratulations to Mr and Mrs Wilding on their marriage - May God bless the two of you abundantly in love, joy, and happiness.



With sadness we will saying goodbye at the end of this half term to Mrs Delve. She has been such a huge part of school life for a long time and we will really miss her. We wish her good luck with her future musical adventures.

Free breakfast club daily 8-8.45am - various board games, art and craft, pool, table football, reading area.

Stay and Play - Open Mon 1.30-3pm

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_EY	Miss McGhee, Mrs Wilding	@HolyFamilyL8	Mrs Davidson (Head)
@HolyFamilyL8_1SB	Mrs Snell, Mrs Bowes	@HolyFamilyL8_DH	Mrs Snell (Deputy)
@HolyFamilyL8_2M	Miss McClelland	@HolyFamily_P SHE	Mrs Clein
@HolyFamilyL8_2H	Miss Holme	@HolyFamilyL8_mu	Mrs Delve
@HolyFamilyL8_3L	Miss Lacey		
@HolyFamilyL8_4S	Mrs Speight		
@HolyFamilyL8_4L	Miss Lawne		
@HolyFamilyL8_5I	Mr I'Anson		
@HolyFamilyL8_5B	Mrs Barker		
@HolyFamilyL8_6D	Mrs Doherty		
@HolyFamilyL8_6Y	Mrs Young		

School uniform

- School uniform remains the same however for PE children may wear **black shorts and plain white t-shirt**. Purple, logoed t-shirts are not necessary. Also, children can wear trainers for PE but must remove them for the rest of the day.
- There are a number of girls wearing hooped earrings for school - these are banned for safety reasons. Only small studs may be worn. You will be required to come and remove hooped earrings if they are worn to school.
- Large bows (Jo-Jo) are not allowed for school.

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. Parking is NOT ALLOWED on the yellow zig zag markings at any time during the school day.
- **Children who arrive late (after 8.55am) 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:

18.10.18	Y2 Beeston Castle trip
19.10.18	INSET day - school closed
22-26.10.18	Half term
30.10.18	R-Y5 flu vaccination
5.12.18	Y4 'Christmas Spectacular' at Anglican Cathedral
20.12.18	End of term
7.1.19	School starts for Spring term

Dates for Christmas events will be sent out after half term.



Collective Worship:

1.11.18	1SB
8.11.18	6Y
15.11.18	2H
22.11.18	4S

29.11.18	2M
6.12.18	5I