



There will be a newsletter next week, please read this bulletin carefully as there is important information and dates for your diary.

Secondary School Applications

Applications for secondary school places are now open for parents of children in Y6. Information about this process has been shared with Y6 parents and applications close on 31st October. Details of open evenings of schools in Hertfordshire have been shared. **The Saint John Henry Newman School** will hold their open evening on Thursday 28th September between 5.30pm – 7.30pm, the head teacher's address will be at 7.30pm. This is open to parents and pupils in Y5 & Y6.

Mr Carrasco-Morley Head teacher of SJHN will visit Holy Family on 25th September. If you would like to attend a meeting with him at 9am please fill in the form [here](#).

Please click [here](#) for further information on applying for a Secondary place

Gaming and online safety

Do you know what your child is playing?

Do you know who they are playing with?

Do you know who they are talking to?

Do you know how long they are spending playing video games?

The trade body for interactive entertainment, Ukie, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people.

Please click [here](#) to see lots of top tips for setting boundaries around gaming



Applications for September 2024-25

Families who wish to apply for a place in our reception and nursery classes for the academic year 2024-25 are welcome to visit our school for a tour with the head teacher. This can be arranged by making an appointment via the school office.

Please share this information across our wider community.

Nursery Applications for January start

If your child turns 3 between September and December you may wish to apply for a nursery place for them to start in January. Please contact the school office should you wish to make an application.



Scooters and bikes

It is great to see so many children using their bikes and scooters to get to and from school. The playground is very busy, especially at home time, and therefore for safety reasons once the children enter the gates before and after school they should walk their bikes and scooters to and from the bike shed. Please ensure your child does not ride their bike or scooter until they have left the school premises.

New playground equipment

We are very excited that we will be getting new playground equipment for the children. The installation will commence from Monday 18th September and will take approximately 7 days. The area will be fenced off but during this time, we ask that all parents and carers ensure that children are staying safe when entering and exiting the playground and do not go in any areas that are fenced off.

Daily Mile Track

From Friday 22nd September parents will be able to support their child/children to keep healthy by walking/running around the school track on the school field. The gates in the car park to the school field will be opened up from 8.30am. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Class Email addresses

If you wish to contact the class teacher to ask a general question about something in the classroom, work or passwords etc, please use the relevant email address below. They are the first point of contact if you have any concerns or questions about your child.

Nursery@holyfamily.herts.sch.uk

Reception@holyfamily.herts.sch.uk

Year1@holyfamily.herts.sch.uk

Year2@holyfamily.herts.sch.uk

Year3@holyfamily.herts.sch.uk

Year4@holyfamily.herts.sch.uk

Year5@holyfamily.herts.sch.uk

Year6@holyfamily.herts.sch.uk



Parking and driving in Crookhams

Please be reminded that there is an 'unofficial' one way system in operation and drop off and pick up time to ease the flow of traffic. All cars should enter Crookhams via the Rowans end, please be aware that members of the public may not be aware of this arrangement and at times this can cause hold ups. Under no circumstances should cars stop in the middle of Crookhams to allow children to get out of the car as this is extremely dangerous. Parking, or stopping on the yellow zig zags outside school is illegal and also highly dangerous for pedestrians. Do not park on the grass verges in or around Crookhams.

Dates

September

- 18th – Year 5 Swimming commences
- 20th – Welcome Mass (Y1-6) – 2pm all welcome
- 25th – Mr Carrasco-Morley HT SJHN visiting
- 26th – Individual and sibling photo's
- 27th – Year 5 Fun Run, Stanborough School
- 29th – Aylesford retreat Y6

October

- 2nd – Multiplications meeting Y3 & Y4 parents
- 3rd – EYFS welcome service 11.30 – all welcome
- 9th – Saint John Henry Newman Feast Day
- 11th – Coffee morning for nursery and reception parents – 9am
- 18th – Parent consultations face to face
- 19th – Parent consultations virtual
- 20th – Harvest Mass (Y1-Y6) all welcome
- 20th – Finish for half term 3.15pm