

22nd September 2023

THE HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

**'As a family we live, love, learn and celebrate
with Jesus.'**

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Thank you to Fr Norbert and Fr Marco for celebrating our 'Welcome Mass' with us earlier this week. It was good to have so many of our school community in attendance. The children sang and read very well and we are all looking forward to what this new academic year will bring.

You will have seen that our new play area under the trees at the front of school is beginning to take shape. It is looking very exciting! We hope that it will be finished by the end of next week.

Today we had a successful 'Emergency Lockdown' drill. We are required to practice this at least annually. The children were very sensible and took the change to the normal morning routine in their stride.

Thank you to those parents who attended the Meet the Teacher meetings last week. If you were unable to attend the information shared is on the class page of the school website. There were some questions around the teaching of RSHE (Relationship, Health & Sex Education.) When this was made a statutory requirement to teach as part of the National Curriculum (2020) we consulted with parents about the scheme we would be using to deliver the content. Statutory means that schools legally have to teach RSHE as prescribed by the Department for Education. As a reminder there is a page on our website [here](#) that has information about the teaching of RSHE, what is taught when and a login to the **parent portal** of 'Life to the Full' where you can see the materials used by teachers to deliver the content. Should you have any queries around this please speak to a member of the senior leadership team.

'A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another.' **John 13:34**

God Bless
Mrs Linnane



Upcoming Events

September

- 25th – Mr Carrasco-Morley HT SJHN visiting
- 25th – Pre loved uniform sale
- 26th – Individual and sibling photo's
- 29th – Aylesford retreat Y6

**For regular news, updates and photos
about life at our school!**

Please see our website:

www.holyfamily.herts.sch.uk

Facebook: [TheHolyFamilySchoolWGC](#)

Twitter: [@holyfamilyWGC](#)



Stars of the week

22.09.23

Year R	Poppy
Year 1	Harry
Year 2	Ona
Year 3	Luther
Year 4	Rio
Year 5	Jason
Year 6	Saoirse

TTRS

Winning Class – Year 6

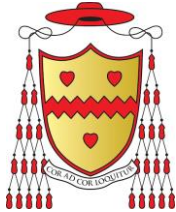
Winning pupil – David Year 4

Whole school attendance this week:

98%

Head teacher of the Saint John Henry Newman School

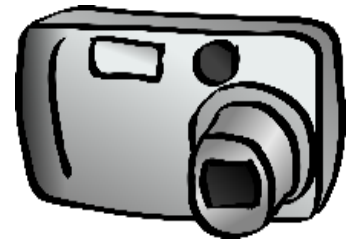
Mr Carrasco-Morley, the new head teacher of SJHN will be visiting our school on Monday 25th September. He will hold a meeting for parents of **Y5 and Y6 pupils** at 9am. If you would like to attend please fill in the form [here](#).



Individual school photographs

Individual and sibling photographs will take place on Tuesday 26th September. Please ensure all children are dressed smartly in the correct uniform.

If it is your child's PE day, please send them in their school uniform and the PE day will be re-arranged via the class teacher.



Punctuality

There are number of children only just arriving at school for 9am. The school gates open at 8.45am and children should arrive promptly and be ready to start their lesson at 9am. Arriving to school late can have a significant impact on your child's learning.

Hair cuts

Please be reminded that haircuts should be sensible, no extreme styles or shaving is allowed.

Holidays

Please be reminded that family holidays should **only be booked during the school holidays**. Holidays during term time will be recorded as unauthorised. 15 unauthorised sessions, 1 session being a morning or an afternoon, across 2 terms could result in fines being issued.

200 Club

Are you a member?

The 200 club is a monthly draw with 2 prizes a month of £50 for first prize and £25 for second prize. At Christmas a special prize draw will take place and you have the chance to win £100, £50 or £25. Membership to the 200 club is £1 per number, per month and you can have as many numbers as you wish.

Click [here](#) and join today

Winners March 2023 – September 2023

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

March 2023 Draw

L Hopkins £50.00
S Cowan-Dickie £25.00

April 2023 Draw

P Shepherd £50.00
M & C Williams £25.00

May 2023 Draw

S Cowan-Dickie £50.00
S Henley £25.00

June 2023 Draw

A Levett £50.00
D Alves £25.00

July 2023 Draw

L David £50.00
M & C Williams £25.00

August 2023 Draw

P Shepherd £50.00
D Alves £25.00

September 2023 Draw

K Lawton - £50.00
S Duffey £25.00

Cheques will be available from the office on Friday 29th September 2023.

Pre-loved uniform SALE

We will be holding a pre-loved uniform sale on Monday 25th September in the playground straight after school. Cash and card payments accepted.

All donations will go towards equipment and resources for children at the Holy Family Primary School.



PARKING

If you see some parents parking opposite the school gates, this is due to them having a disabled badge or an agreement with us on a short term basis. We are aware of the parents who these circumstances apply to and would therefore be grateful if all other adults refrain from parking in between the school parking signs.

Please also note that it is not ok to park in front of people's drives.

We would like to thank those parents who park away from the school this has eased congestion.



Year 3

Year 3 have had a brilliant start to the new term. This week we took our RE lesson outside as the children were reflecting on the different forms of prayer we use. We decided to make a prayer tree for our classroom and the children could add a prayer that is special to them or a special place they like to pray. In Science, we have been grouping and classifying rocks within the classroom. We then went on a rock hunt in our outdoor learning area. This was great fun, and the children enjoyed comparing their different rocks. We then received a letter asking for the children's help in finding a material for a bird bath; so we became rock detectives and carried out an investigation to find the most suitable rock.

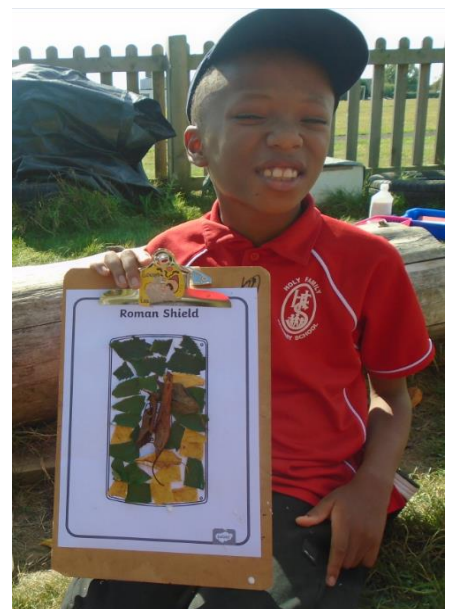


Year 4

We have had a great start to our year 4 learning since starting our new term. We have taken our RE lesson outside by designing pictures from Jesus' life for our class cross. We had different stories from the bible that we believed were important moments in Jesus' life and put them into an El Salvadorian style. They looked beautiful. We also took our art lesson outdoors. The children are making



Roman mosaics at the moment all linked to our history topic. The children earlier in the week made a roman helmet in a mosaic style so we decided to design a shield but only



using natural items and again keeping to the square only objects style. This was great fun.

Year 5

In English this week Year 5 have enjoyed our new text called *Wolves in the Walls*. We explored the feelings of the characters through drama and role play and wrote persuasive arguments about the best thing for Lucy to do. In maths this week we have been exploring decimal numbers. In RE our topic is ourselves and we have been thinking about the gifts and talents God gave us and how our House Saints can inspire us. In outdoor learning the children drew still life sketches of trees and plants.



Year 6

Young Leaders

This week we were trained as young leaders. We learnt some new games with Mrs Moxham for our LOTC and PE session. We also had great fun recalling some of the games we remember when we were younger. Games like, 'What's the time, Mr Wolf?' and 'The Bean game.' We then had the chance to try our leadership skills on year 2. We had two rules, we must enjoy it and they must enjoy it. We ALL really did enjoy being Young Leaders.



Dates for the Diary

September

25th – Mr Carrasco-Morley HT SJHN visiting

25th – Pre loved uniform sale

26th – Individual and sibling photo's

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 – HFFA School disco

20th – Harvest Mass (Y1-Y6) all welcome

20th – Finish for half term 3.15pm