

# Holy Family Newsletter

2nd October 2023

Dear Parents

What a busy start to Term 1!

Summer was a busy time in school. We are so pleased that our new kitchen was just ready in time for our first meal back in September! We also had new water heaters and taps installed in the children's toilets. And you will also have noticed our new gates!

This term we welcomed Miss Miskella and Mrs Keary to our team, they have already become invaluable members of staff. This week we will sadly say goodbye to Mrs Daniels who will leave us after many years at Holy Family. Her work, especially with the Chaplaincy team, will be missed.

Huge welcome to our new Reception children who have settled in so well.

We have had much to celebrate this year in our assemblies—if your child earns any awards at outside clubs please feel free to send the certificate/medal into school on Friday and it can have a mention in our Celebration assembly.

Thank you for your support over the last couple of weeks whilst we awaited our new menus and food ordering system. Although this is not completely working as it should be yet, we are almost there! Parents should now order meals for their children at home, before 9am. All payments are made via the app and dinner money can no longer be accepted at the office.

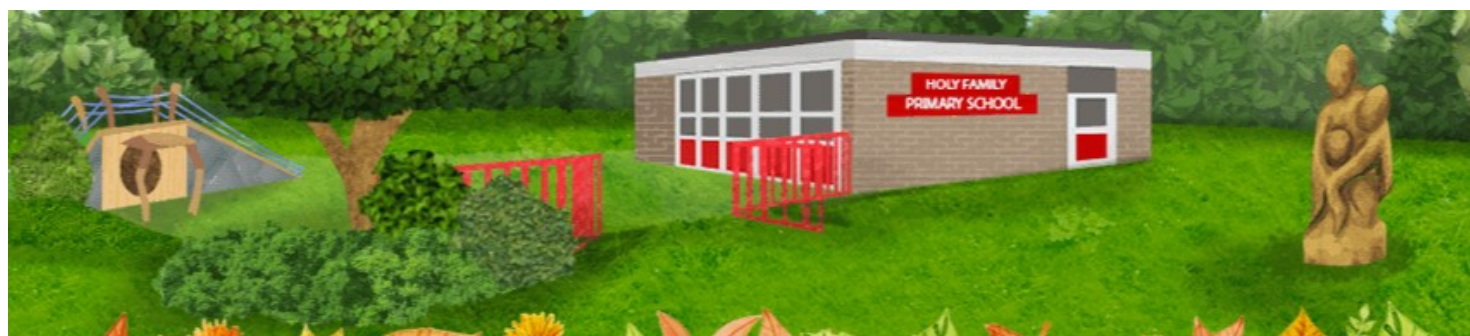
We are holding Open Mornings for prospective Reception parents on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th October from 9.30—11.30am and again on Friday 1st December 9.30-11.30am. If you have any friends or family looking for a Reception place for September 2024 please ask them to come and have a look at what we can offer.

We are so proud of our Chaplaincy Team who recently led a CAFOD National Assembly—we have received so many compliments both from our own parents but also from other schools throughout the country.

Year 2 have today visited the fire station—we look forward to hearing all about their visit. Year 6 will be visiting Bristol to look at Bristol in the Blitz—we think they will find this so informative.

I will not be in school for the next two weeks as during the summer holidays I welcomed a little baby girl and am now going to take my paternity leave, having delayed this as I wanted to be in school for the start of the school year.

Mr Harding



## MacMillan Coffee Morning

What an amazing turn out for our coffee afternoon on Friday! We had so many cakes and so many parents. It was a wonderful atmosphere and has raised £480 for this amazing charity so far. We plan to sell the remaining cakes on Thursday after school!

Thank you for your support.

## Brownies

A Brownie pack (4th Patchway Holy Family) meets here on Wednesdays from 6pm. If you have a girl who may be interested in becoming a Brownie, aged between 7 and 10 then please contact Mary Poulter on 07817266952 to find out more.

## Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers to help in school. Parents to listen to readers, accompany the children swimming, to help in many different ways. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please email [admin@holyfamilyprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@holyfamilyprimary.co.uk)

## Fox Cubs & Breakfast Club

Our After School Care Club is getting busier. The club runs every day after school. Sessions can be booked until 4.30pm or until 6pm (5pm on Fridays). See website for full details of how to book.

Breakfast Club is also available each day from 7.45am—please contact the office for a booking form.

Dear God,

Blessed are you, Lord God, Creator of body and mind and heart;

you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge to guide your people in all their ways.

At the beginning of this new school year, we implore your mercy:

bless the students, teachers, and staff, that together we may grow in faith, hope, and love

as we learn from you and each other how to follow your Son Jesus.

Expand the horizons of our minds, that we may grow in wisdom, understanding, and knowledge;

deepen our commitment to seek the truth of your ways; and enliven our faith to reach out to those in need.

Glory and praise to you, Lord God, in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever.

Amen



## Is my child too ill for school?

The DfE have provided attendance guidance as we move into the winter months. This guidance says that: 'It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above.' The following link is a useful guide also: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>.

## NUT FREE

A reminder that our school is NUT FREE and no products containing nuts should be brought in. Some of our children and staff have severe allergies and the best way to keep everyone safe is to not have these products in school. This includes Nutella and other similar products. We are unable to allow children to eat this in school so please don't put any items containing it into lunchboxes.

### Important Dates:

Tuesday 3rd October	Year 3 & 4 swimming
Wednesday 4th October	Year 1 Forest Schools
Thursday 5th October	Open Morning for prospective Reception 2024
Friday 6th October	Open Morning for prospective Reception 2024
Tuesday 10th October	Year 6 to Bristol Blitz walk
Tuesday 10th October	Year 3 & 4 swimming
Wednesday 11th October	Year 2 Forest Schools
Wednesday 11th October	Year 6 to Patchway Library
Friday 13th October	Pig Race in aid of HCPT
Tuesday 17th October	Photo Day—class photos
Tuesday 17th October	Year 3 & 4 swimming
Wednesday 18th October	Reception Forest Schools
Friday 20th October	End of Term 1
Monday 23rd—Friday 27th October	Half Term
Monday 30th October	In Service Day—school closed to children
Tuesday 31st October	Term 2 begins

All dates are available on our website.

