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"With Jesus as our guide; we love, live and learn together."

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Dear Parents

I hope that you and your families have all had a good week.

We celebrated a lovely mass in school yesterday for The Feast of the Ascension. We would like to thank Father Jibu for coming to school to lead our celebration. Thank you also to all of the children who read and assisted with our celebration and the parents and parishioners who joined us.

Tomorrow our Year Three pupils will be meeting Jesus through the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the very first time. We are all extremely proud of how well they have prepared for this very special day. Thank you to Miss Edmunds and Miss Chahal for preparing the children for their First Holy Communion Mass.

Next week (Monday - Thursday) is SATS week for our Y6 pupils. We are extremely proud of them and all of the hard work that they have put into their preparation at home and in school. Please remember Y6 in your thoughts and prayers.

Please remember to continue to follow your Eastertide 'Walk with Me' calendar to provide a daily focus for your family during this very special season of the church's year.



HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF SCHOOL OPENING:

Our school is **70 years old this year!** Holy Name Catholic Primary School has been open since **4th January 1954!**

To commemorate this amazing milestone, on **Saturday 29th June**, there will be a special celebration of Mass at **12.30pm** in Holy Name church followed by our PTA summer fair which will include our school being open for past pupils, parents and staff to visit and take a look around.

Miss Edmunds would like to collect photographs, school reports and memorabilia from the past seven decades to display as part of our celebration. If you think you may have any items of interest and you would like to share or lend them to us then please speak to Mrs Potter in the school office. Thank you.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – HOLY NAME PARISH – HELP FOR FAMILIES:

The St Vincent de Paul society in the parish of Holy Name have asked for this information to be shared with our families:

The aim of our society is to seek and find those in need and provide them with practical support and friendship in a spirit of justice, while tackling the causes of poverty. The help we give **is not limited to Catholic families** - poverty, loneliness and the need to share problems are as urgent and relevant to all communities in Great Barr just as they are in the rest of the country.

The help we can give covers all aspects of daily life. We have been providing families within the parish with food bags every fortnight for the past three years and we can provide access to the local foodbank if that is required. We are able to help parents, and guardians, **with the purchase of school uniforms** and associated items such as **shoes and P.E. Kit**. When the weather turns cold, we can also help to provide winter coats. Families have also been provided a family with bedding, electrical white goods such as washing machines and energy bills.



Firstly, everything we do is confidential and is not shared with others. Secondly, we do not give anyone money, all purchases are made by ourselves on behalf of our beneficiaries. Thirdly, we cannot help everybody consequently it is necessary for us to be able to talk face to face to those requiring help so that we can build a relationship with them for when further help may be needed.

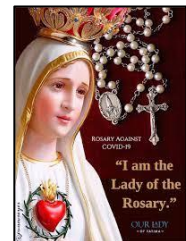
To access this help, please contact the Parish Office, and leave your name and contact telephone number and ask for the SVP to contact you. The SVP will then take it from there:

Parish Office: 0121 357 1351 holyname.bham@rcaob.org.uk

May - The Month of the Rosary:

May is one of the special months of the year where we focus our minds, hearts and prayers on Mary, our Mother. During the month of May we aim to pray the rosary each day. Each weekday has a special focus on a set of mysteries of the rosary.

Days of the Week	Mysteries of the Rosary
Monday & Saturday	The Five Joyful Mysteries
Tuesday & Friday	The Five sorrowful Mysteries
Wednesday and Sunday	The Five Glorious Mysteries
Thursday	The Mysteries of Light (Luminous)



Hot Weather:

Please send your child into school with a suitable hat and a labelled bottle of water to help to reduce the potential for any ill effects which could possibly result from hot weather conditions. Please also make sure that your child has a **coat** in school in case the weather changes!



Number Fact of the Week:

It is really important for our pupils to learn their multiplication facts as quickly as possible. By the end of Y4, it is expected that all pupils will be able to instantly recall all of these up to 12 x 12.

Every week, Mr Shanahan, our maths leader, will be setting a challenge to learn a specific number fact.

Be prepared: when he sees you around school he will be testing you!

This week's number fact is:

$$11 \times 11 = 121$$



Y1 & Y2 Music Showcase:

On Friday 24th May at 2.40pm, Y1 and Y2 will be performing some of the songs that they have learnt this year in their music lessons. We hope as that as many parents as possible will be able to join us for this performance.



Masses this Half Term:

All **parents** and **parishioners** are warmly invited to all of our school masses in **school** at **9.15am** or in **church** at **11.30am**.

Date:	Information:
Wednesday 15 th May	NO MASS (SATS WEEK)
Wednesday 22 nd May	Y3 Thanksgiving Mass for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in school at 9.15am



Diary Dates:

Date:	Information:
Monday 13 th May	Y6 SATS week Y5 & Y6 Hockey Club 3.15pm - 4.15pm
Tuesday 14 th May	Y2 Educational Visit to Cadbury World Reception Multi Skills Club 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Thursday 15 th May	KS2 French Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Friday 17 th May	NO ASSEMBLY
Wednesday 22 nd May	Y3 Thanksgiving Mass for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in school at 9.15am
Friday 24 th May	Celebration Assembly (Gifts from God) in the school hall at 9.05am (all parents are invited to join us) Y1 & Y2 Music Showcase in the school hall at 2.40pm

Happy birthday to:

Elsie W (Y3), Destiny I (Y2) and Noah H (Reception) who all have a birthday to celebrate next week.

Yours sincerely

A. Neenan

Mr A.G. Neenan

Headteacher

One of the precepts of being a Catholic is to attend Sunday Mass (or the vigil Mass for Sunday) every week and on all Holy Days of Obligation. This weekly commitment gives us the opportunity to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord which is why Sundays are known as the Lord's day.

Mass at Holy Name Church:
Saturday 12.30pm
Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am



Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Gospel: John 17:11-19

In this Sunday's gospel Jesus is talking to God. He is praying.

Do you pray? What do you pray for or about?

Jesus is asking God to help the disciples, to help them to follow his word and to protect them from harm.

Jesus knows that he will be leaving his disciples and that it will be hard for them to be without him.

But he has also given his disciples a very special job to do and he wants them to carry on doing this, even after he has gone away. What job does Jesus want his disciples to do?

Jesus wants his disciples to follow him, to love everyone just like Jesus loves us, and to encourage others to do the same.

Do you think Jesus has a special job for us to do as his followers? What do you think that job might be?

As followers of Jesus we are called to share God's love with others. How do you think that we can do that?

We can share God's love by caring for one another, by helping each other and by trying to make sure that all people have a happy life and become the best that they can be.

Our Catholic Mission:

How do you think that you can help others – near or far away – this week?

How will you show that you are following Jesus, listening to his word and sharing God's love this week?

Prayer:

God of all people,
move us to follow your Son,
to share your love with others as we try to help anyone who needs it,
and work together to make the world a fairer place.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Reflection taken from CAFOD Children's Liturgy

