

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

Newsletter 29: Friday 3rd May 2024

Dear Parents

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

Thank you to all of parents who have joined us in school in the past week for a number of special events including the Y3 family prayer service, Y4 maths meeting and PTA Bingo night. It is always wonderful to see so many of you in school.



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.

Please also remember that Monday 6th May is a bank holiday so school is closed.

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.

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:

$$6 \times 4 = 24$$

or

$$4 \times 6 = 24$$



KS2 Writing Competition:

Mrs Kavanagh would like to invite all of our junior pupils to take part in 'Once Upon A Dream' the creative writing competition that encourages imaginative thinking!'

The 'Once Upon A Dream' writing competition encourages creativity, providing junior pupils with the chance to shine and become confident writers. Using any style or technique, they can write about incredible worlds or fantasy creatures, conjure up nightmares to face their fears, or write about real-life dreams such as their ambitions or goals, hopes or wishes.



Should you wish to enter, ask Mrs Kavanagh for an entry form! All entries are to be received by **Friday 9th May**.

NUT Allergies:

Please remember that any products containing nuts are not allowed in school. Nuts can be found in many items, such as chocolate spreads and cereal bars. Please make sure that items such as these are not sent into school as playtime snacks – only fruit is permitted – or in **lunchboxes**. Some of our children have severe nut allergies – we need to be as careful as possible to keep them safe. Thank you for your help.

PTA UPDATE:

Many thanks to all who attended the Bingo night last Friday. Everyone enjoyed the night and we raised £700 for school.

The Summer Fair is taking place on Saturday 29th June.

We need helpers for this important annual event. We have no help at the moment from Nursery, Y1 and Y4. Raffle tickets are ready and will be handed out in the next month. Every ticket sold will support your school.

Kind regards - Your PTA

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:
Thursday 9 th May	Whole school mass in school hall at 2.00pm (The Feast of the Ascension - Holyday of Obligation).
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 6 th May	SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS – BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 7 th May	Reception Multi Skills Club 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Thursday 9 th May	Y5 Educational Visit to Black Country Museum Whole school mass in school hall at 2.00pm (The Feast of the Ascension - Holyday of Obligation) KS2 French Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Friday 10 th May	Celebration Assembly (Gifts from God) in the school hall at 9.05am (all parents are invited to join us)
Saturday 11 th May	Y3 First Holy Communion Mass in church at 10.00am
Monday 13 th May	Y6 SATS week

Happy birthday to:

Charlotte D (Y6), Symora N (Y4), Christabel A, Evan L, Pleasant I-K (Y1), Lyla J, Nathanael M (Reception) and Javin N (Nursery) 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



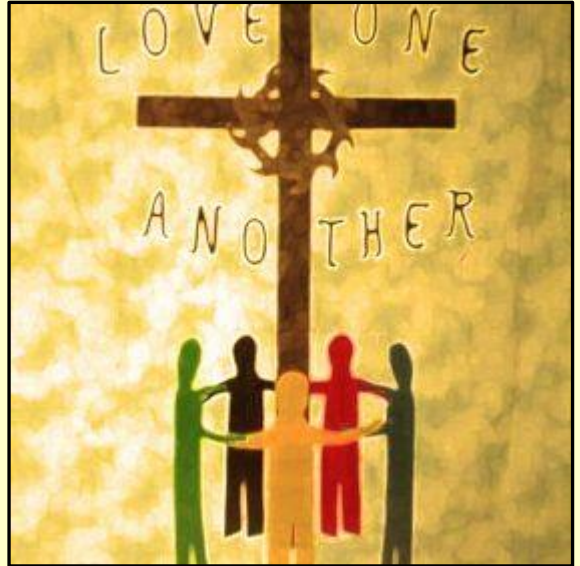
Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Gospel: John 15:9-17

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus is telling us he loves us very much.

How does it feel to know that Jesus loves each of us so much?

Jesus says he chose us all to be his friends, and we should love others in the same way as he loves us. He says that we should all do as much as we can to help our friends, and that if we follow his teaching, we will be friends of Jesus.



Who are your friends? What do you like about your friends?

Friends can make us happy and laugh. They help us when we find things difficult. They are kind and share with us. Can you think of something one of your friends has done to make you happy?

What do you do to help your friends up when they are sad or finding something difficult?

Our Catholic Mission:

Jesus asks us today to love others as he has loved us.

How will you be a good friend to everyone this week?

And how will you follow Jesus' example of love for all people no matter where they are in the world?

Prayer:

Generous God,
we give thanks for our friends and the joy they bring us.
Help us to be generous, loving and kind to all people around the world,
so that they may know that we are their friends.
Amen.

Reflection taken from CAFOD Children's Liturgy