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

## Newsletter 35: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

Dear Parents

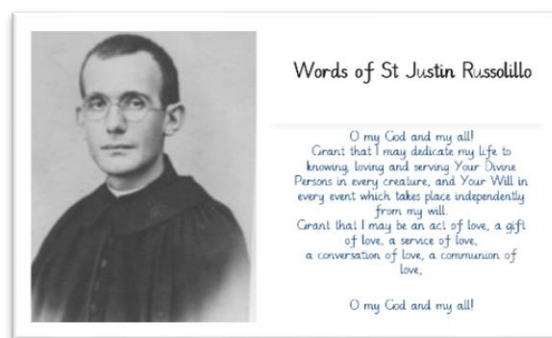
I hope that you and your families are all well.

Please check the diary list at the end of the school newsletter for details about masses and sports days as well as other school events which are taking place this half term.

### Vocations Day:

Yesterday we held a very special Vocations Day in school when we all reflected on our special calling from God. We were very lucky to be joined by Brother Andrew Ferris from the Sacred Heart Fathers & Brothers, who spent time exploring scriptures linked to vocation in each class with our children.

We also had the opportunity to learn a very special hymn written by Rebecca Thompson which was inspired by the words of Fr Justin Russolillo "O, my God and my all".



### Parent Governor Election:

Please read the letter from our Chair of Governors seeking nominations for the very important role of parent governor and return the acknowledgement slip to school. Please note that the reply slip is not for nominations it is merely an acknowledgement that you as a parent have been informed that an election will be taking place.

If you would like to discuss the role of parent governor with a serving member of our governing body, then please leave your contact details with the school office and a governor will make contact with you at the earliest opportunity. Please consider whether this is a role which you may be able to take up. Thank you.

### Y3 & Y5 Musical Showcase:

On **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 2.40pm**, Y3 and Y5 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.

### 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass – School Choir:

We would like to invite all of our Y2-Y6 pupils to sing as part of our school choir at our special mass at **12.30pm on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June**. Please click on the link below to complete the form to confirm that your child will be able to join us. All pupils and parents are invited to join this special celebration.

## [CHOIR FORM](#)

### HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF SCHOOL OPENING:

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

To commemorate this amazing milestone, next **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

## HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ART COMPETITION:

As part of our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, Mrs Berry is holding an art competition which is open to **all** pupils.

We would like you to create a drawing or painting which represents our **school building**. This can be completed on A4 or A3 paper and can be completed using any art materials.

All entries will be displayed in a gallery in the school hall during our celebration event and our visitors will choose the winning **KS1** and **KS2** entry.

All entries should be handed in to Mrs Berry by **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June**.

**All entries should be clearly labelled with your name and class on the back.**

There will be a small prize for the winning entries from **KS1** and **KS2**!

## PTA – Donation Days:

We will be asking for donations over the next few weeks as part of the preparation for the annual PTA summer fayre which is taking place on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June** from **1.00 – 4.00pm**.

The PTA would like as many people as possible to enjoy the summer fayre. Polish sausages, beers and cakes will be on sale. There will also be vegetarian options at the BBQ.

The PTA is in the process of buying £2,000 worth of books for the school library.

Please hand all raffle tickets back to the school office.

### Donations for Next Friday:

Next **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June**, the PTA are asking for **sweets and chocolates**. All donations will be gratefully accepted.



## TALENT COMPETITION AT PTA SUMMER BARBEQUE:

We will be once again hosting a talent competition at this year's PTA summer barbeque! All of our children are invited to take part as a solo act, in a pair or small group in their class 'heat'. Singing, dancing, drama and joke-telling acts etc. are all welcome. Each class will be represented by one act: any acts who wish to take part will first of all perform in front of their own class who will then select which act will represent them at the final at the PTA summer barbeque. Please make sure that you and your child are available from **1.00 - 4.00pm** on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June** so that they will be able to take part if their class chooses them! We are really looking forward to this!

### 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  $12 \times 12$ .

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:

$$11 \times 7 = 77$$

or

$$7 \times 11 = 77$$



### Reception - Y6 Reading Challenges:

Our Reading Challenges are a great way to ensure your child is reading a range of texts which are age-related (with some challenging texts too!)

To make it super easy to participate, we have uploaded a direct form link which is accessible through your Marvellous Me accounts. The form is called 'YR RC' / 'Y1 RC' etc and they are also available on the school website – just click:

'Curriculum and Gallery > Reading' and scroll down to 'Reading Challenge'.

Or click on the links here: [Y6](#) [Y5](#) [Y4](#) [Y3](#) [Y2](#) [Y1](#) [Reception](#)

Every time your child reads a book from the specially selected list, they just need to complete an entry on the form and they will automatically be entered into a prize draw!

All of these books will support your child's love of reading and further enhance their vocabulary and encourage a love of reading. Good luck!

**The next prize draw will be on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June.**

### Reception Class Writing Competition:

Calling all Reception Class writing enthusiasts! Mrs Kavanagh would like to invite all of our Reception Class pupils to take part in 'Me and My Family' the creative writing competition that encourages imaginative thinking!

Combining writing and art, this competition encourages creativity, providing pupils with the chance to shine!

Should you wish to enter, please ask Mrs Kavanagh for an entry form! All entries are to be received by **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June**.



### 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 26 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Infants' mass in school hall at 9.15am. CANCELLED.</b>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>Y4 and Y5 joining the parish for mass in church at 11.30am</b>
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Infants' mass in school hall at 9.15am.</b>
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Y6 Leavers' Mass in school at 9.15am</b>

### Diary Dates:

Date:	Information:
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Y4, Y5 &amp; Y6 netball club 3.15pm – 4.15pm</b>
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Y2 &amp; Y3 Rugby Club 3.15pm – 4.15pm</b>
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Y4 Educational Visit to synagogue</b>
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Y4, Y5 &amp; Y6 netball club 3.15pm – 4.15pm</b>
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Y2 &amp; Y3 Rugby Club 3.15pm – 4.15pm</b> <b>Y6 Leavers' Performance in school at 6.00pm</b>
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Y5 Educational Visit to Islamic Exhibition</b> <b>Y3 &amp; Y5 Musical Showcase in the school hall at 2.40pm</b> (all Y3 & Y5 parents are invited to join us) <b>KS2 French Club 3.15 – 4.15pm</b>
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Celebration Assembly (Gifts from God) in the school hall at 9.05am</b> (all parents are invited to join us)
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass for Holy Name School in church at 12.30pm</b> <b>PTA Summer Fayre 1.00 – 4.00pm</b>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>Induction meeting for September 2024 Reception class at 9.15am</b>
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Y3,4,5,6 sports day in school at 9.15am</b>
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Reception, Y1, Y2 sports day in school at 9.15am</b>
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Nursery sports day in school at 11.00am</b>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Last day of summer term</b>

**Happy birthday to:**

Jack B, Gabriella C (Y6), Yaye D Y3, Iretomiwa B (Y2) and Benjamin T (Y1) 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**



## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

### Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus is in a boat with his disciples, when the wind starts to blow really strongly. And the waves start crashing against the boat. They were so high that the boat almost sank.

Have you ever been on a boat when the weather was bad? What was it like? How do you think you would have felt if you were on this boat?

What was Jesus doing while all this was happening?  
Was he afraid?

What did Jesus do when the disciples woke him up?

Jesus told the wind and the sea to be quiet and still. The wind stopped blowing and the waves stopped crashing against the boat. Jesus asked the disciples why they were frightened and why they didn't have faith that everything would be ok.

If you had been one of the disciples on that boat, with the wind blowing and the waves crashing, do you think you would have trusted Jesus that everything would be ok?

Sometimes when everything around us is scary and going wrong, it can be hard to keep our faith in God. We can feel like God is no longer with us and it is hard to see how things will get better.

But in this reading Jesus tells the disciples not to be afraid. They should know that God is always with them, especially in the difficult times.

God works through us and through others who are there to help and support us in the difficult times.

Who makes you feel better when you are sad or frightened?

The next time that we are sad, or afraid, let us remember that we are never alone. God is always with us.

### Our Catholic Mission:

Let's try to see God in those who make us laugh and be happy, or who help us when we are frightened – our friends, our family, our teachers...

And let's also try to be there for other people when they are facing difficult times, so that they know that God is still with them too.

### Prayer:

God of courage,  
help us to be brave when things are difficult,  
and to be there for others who are facing hard times,  
so they may know that they are not alone.  
Amen.

*Reflection taken from CAFOD Children's Liturgy*

