

Holy Family News

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy term it has been! I would like to say a huge thank you to all who supported our Coronation Celebrations. We have very talented cooks! The 'Coronation Bake Off' was fabulous and provided delicious cakes for our afternoon tea following the planting of our tree! It really was a lovely afternoon, thank you for making it such a memorable day. In school, the children have been working extremely hard. I would like to give Year 6 and Year 2 a special mention. Year 6 completed their SATS tests and were a credit to both their teachers and parents. The tests were challenging especially the Reading test, however, they showed great resilience and determination and we are extremely proud of them. Year 2 have been completing their SATS this week and like Year 6 have worked extremely hard. It is important to remember that they only check where your child is on that particular day, please take the time to read the poem below.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our wonderful staff here at Holy Family. We have a great team who work exceptionally hard to provide the best possible education and care for your children. Thank you Holy Family Team!

Thank you all for your continued support,
Mrs. A. Tunncliffe



The SATS do not assess all of what makes each of you special or unique.



The people who create these tests and score them do not know each of you the way we do....

They do not know that some of you love to sing or draw. They have not seen your natural talent for dancing or playing a musical instrument.



They do not know that your laughter can brighten the darkest day.



Please remember that there is no way to 'test' all of the amazing and awesome things that make you, YOU!

LYDIA MONKS/ SPIRE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Sponsored Walk

As I am sure you are aware, one of our children is trying to raise a significant amount of money for an operation to improve her quality of life. To support the family we are going to be holding a sponsored walk – hopefully a mile around the school grounds. A letter has been sent out today with your child. If you are able to make a donation it will be very much appreciated. The walk will take place on the first Monday back after half term. Fingers crossed for a dry day!!

Happy Half Term

Please remember school closes today at 3pm and opens on Tuesday 6th June at 8.50am. We hope you have a very restful and enjoyable half term break.

Year 1 Phonics

On the week beginning the 12th June, Year 1 Phonics screening will take place. This is a simple screening to see how each child is doing with their reading and nothing to worry about!! Please keep helping your child with the phonic games suggested by Miss Baggaley but remember it has to be FUN!!

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Please book online if you require a place at our breakfast or after school club. If you are experiencing any difficulties booking on please speak to Mrs Ordano in the office who will be happy to help. It is essential that parents book on and pay to ensure that we are able to continue with the clubs.

Year 4 Times Tables Check

On the week beginning 6th June Year 4 will be completing their Times tables check. Please keep practising their tables with them – but again make sure it is FUN!

Please carry on reading to find out what your child will be learning about next term!

Early Years

Next term, in the Early Years Foundation Stage, the children will become artists in our topic 'Magical Creations'. In this topic we will use the stories 'Matisse's Magical Trail' by Tim Hopgood and Sam Broughton, and 'Ish' by Peter H. Reynolds to support our artistic explorations! There will be a focus on the work of the French artist, Henri Matisse, who is known for his use of colour and shape, and the children will also have a go at artistic techniques such as pointillism. We cannot wait to show you our creations!

Year 1

Next half term will be very exciting for Year One! We will be learning all about toys from the past in our history lessons and comparing them to our toys now. We will be asking grown-ups at home all about toys they used to play with as children. We will be writing non-chronological reports about toys during Literacy and even making our own toys in Design and Technology. As you know, we will have our phonics screening, please keep up the homework on this, particularly the phonics games (phonics play and phonics pop) as well as the weekly alien word sheets. This is a fantastic opportunity for your children to celebrate all of their progress in phonics. We will be having a special party at the end of our screening as a special treat for the class!

Year 3

Next term, Year 3's science topic is 'Rocks and Soils'. During this topic, the children will learn about different types of rocks including, sandstone, limestone and slate. The children will also learn about fossils and soil. Throughout our geography topic, the children will learn about key aspects of physical geography, including volcanoes and earthquakes. Our English texts are 'A Pebble in My Pocket' and 'The Firework Makers Daughter' which will link closely to our topics. The children will be writing poems and creating firework art.

Year 5

During the final half term in year 5, we will be learning about Shape, Statistics and Position and Direction in Maths; we will be reading 'The Man who walked between the Towers' and 'The Great Kapok Tree' in English; learning about forces in science, deforestation in Geography, 'Community' in RSHE and 'Transformation' in RE. We will also be preparing the children for their transition to year 6. We are looking forward to a fun final half-term in year 5!

Year 2

Next half term in geography, year 2 will be learning about the seaside and comparing it to our local area. We will complete some fieldwork and use map skills when we visit Southport Beach. In science, we will be learning about animals including humans. In particular, we will look at animals and their offspring, what animals need for survival and the basic needs in order for animals to grow into healthy adults. Our class text will be 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' by Ronda and David Armitage.

Year 4

We will be learning about the history of the Titanic. This will link directly into our English as we write a diary as if we were a passenger. In maths we will be learning about time and money. We will have our multiplication check after the holidays so please don't forget to use Times Tables Rock Stars over the holidays!

Year 6

After an very intense half term, preparing for SATs, Year 6 will be will be asking the question: "Who are we?" This will be the theme throughout Science, where we will be looking at inheritance, our bodies and how to keep in the best of health. This theme will also be covered by our book "Pig Heart Boy" in literacy, which we will use to build up our writing portfolios. In maths, we will be learning about ratio and algebra, to build up the skills they will need in Secondary School. Of course, as this is their last half term, Year 6 will be putting together their end-of-year play, having days out at Crucial Crew and Gulliver's World and preparing for transition... and you thought they got to take it easy after SATS!!!

We hope you all have a wonderful break! School reopens **Tuesday 6th June!**