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We follow in Jesus' footsteps

Holy Family Church

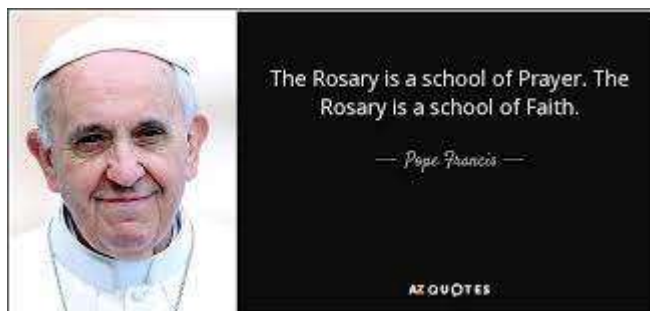
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Wishing you all a wonderful half-term break – let's hope the weather improves!

"Mary, the Mother who cared for Jesus, now cares with maternal affection and pain for this wounded world."(Laudato Si', 241, Pope Francis)



A prayer for you...

We pray especially for families around the world

A world filled with conflict and violence

We pray for peace



Star of the Week Awards

YR - Colby & Grace
Y1 - Nadia T & Korbi
Y2 - Henry & Peter
Y3 - Neha & Hooriya
Y4 - Jaxon & Benjamin
Y5 - Nadia & Jayden
Y6 - Ollie & Arvin



Good Samitan Awards

YR - Mikolaj
Y1 - Imogen
Y2 - Julia
Y3 - Toms
Y4 - Maryam
Y5 - Alan
Y6 - MC

IMPORTANT CHANGES FROM NEXT HALF TERM

When we return after the half term break on 30th October there will be the following changes in school:

- The school day will finish at 3:10pm instead of 3:20pm. The children will still have the same amount of learning time, lunch will be shortened by 10 minutes.
- School dinners will increase in price from £2.30 per day to £2.50 per day for Key Stage 2 children who are not entitled to free school meals. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to universal free school meals. If your child is in year 3, 4, 5 or 6 you must either pay for school meals via SCOPAY or apply for free school meals on the Lancashire County Council Website: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/>

ATTENDANCE

This week:

Reception - 85.6%

Year 1 - 90.4%

Year 2 - 92.8%

Year 3 - 86.4%

Year 4 - 93.6%

Year 5 - 96.2%

Year 6 - 93.8%

Our school attendance target is 96% but pupils should strive for 100% attendance wherever possible. **Holidays during term time will not be authorised.** When a child is absent, unauthorised, for 5 days or more a penalty notice will be issued by Lancashire County Council.

If your child is unwell or is going to be absent from school for any reason please telephone the school office on 01772 727471 and leave a voicemail on the absence reporting line, option 1, before 9am.



<https://www.think.gov.uk/>

This week there was a road traffic collision involving one of our families.

Please can we ask families NOT TO PARK ON THE ROAD when dropping off or collecting children.

The Staff Car Park is strictly for Staff and deliveries. Please do not drive into the staff car park under any circumstances.

There is plenty of free parking on the church car park or next to the Share I.T. Food Bank on Redcar Avenue.

Parents Evening – Wednesday 1st November – 3:30pm to 5:30pm

For Reception to Year 6 parents

The teachers are looking forward to meeting parents after the half term break. It is the time when teachers can talk about the great teaching, adaptations to lessons and interventions in place to support pupils. We know that you are very proud of your wonderful children!

Teachers will be offering 5 minute slots which can be booked directly with each class teacher. Teachers will be taking bookings during school pickup at 3:20pm from today (Friday 20th).

Dates for your Diary

Friday 20th October - School Closes for Half Term @ 3:20pm

Monday 30th October - All Pupils Return to school @ 8:40am

Tuesday 31st October - Y6 - Secondary School Applications Deadline

Wednesday 1st November - Parents Evening 3:30pm - 6pm

- Uniform Swap Shop, we have lots of donated uniform in good condition which we would like to offer to families on Parents Evening

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- Thursday 2nd November - Times Tables Rock Stars - Dress Up Day! Come to school dressed ready to rock!

Friday 10th November - Nasal Flu Vaccination day

Friday 24 November 2023 INSET DAY - pupils at home

Thursday 21 December 2023 End of term - school closes at 1.15 pm

Friday 22 December 2023 - INSET DAY - Pupils at home