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# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## October 2023 Newsletter



*The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our  
God will stand forever. Isaiah 40:8*

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our October newsletter, which brings us to the end of the first half term of this academic year; how time flies! It is lovely to see all of our children settling back into the routine of school so well and welcoming lots of new members to our school family.

### Year 5 Calshot Activity Centre

Year 5 had a fun packed day at Calshot Activity Centre earlier this month. Their balance, coordination, agility and bravery were all tested as they participated in archery, skiing, rock climbing, bouldering and low ropes. They took to the challenges brilliantly and showed great improvement and enjoyment in all activities. In particular, they demonstrated excellent communication and teamwork skills on the low ropes to solve the problems they were tested with. It was a brilliant day and a fantastic taster of what's to come in the Year 6 residential. Well done Year 5!

### Year 6 Into University

Year 6 had a great week with the Into University team. The children took part in a number of exciting activities at the Into University base, enjoyed a trip to the Winchester Science Museum and finished off the week with their very own mini graduation. All the children had an amazing week and are now filled with aspirations to attend university in the future.



# Curriculum and Enrichment

## Year R

We have been learning all about our senses. We have had great fun playing and exploring different items such as jelly, coco pops and shaving foam. We then applied our Science learning to create our own superhero capes using our sense of touch. There have been some fabulous creations and the children have loved being creative with their designs.

## Year 1

This month we have been learning about the following: Maths: In Maths, we have moved on to addition and subtraction! We discovered that the number always gets bigger when adding. We have been using lots of resources to help our understanding and using mathematical sums to support our answers. Writing: In Writing, we received another letter from Jimlad! He has asked us to help him with his party invitation on his pirate ship. We have been using our senses to generate lots of exciting adjectives. Geography: In Geography, we have been looking at the difference between a map and a plan. We have been using our understanding of the compass points to help navigate us around different areas on each map. Art: In Art, we have been exploring different media and considering the different effects they create. We are going to use our understanding to help us create an animal print design of our own choice. We have worked so hard this month and are looking forward to the next half term.

## Year 2

We have been on an adventure into the deep, blue sea! With our fishy friends we weaved in and out of the bright colourful coral, but the coral was not as bright as one fish. He wasn't an ordinary fish but the most beautiful fish in the entire ocean. Do you love a story? Well so does Year 2! The children have created some wonderful stories about their unique character within the sea. We have been using nouns, adjectives and verbs in our writing and made it more interesting by including adverbs and conjunctions. In Maths, we have been learning about addition, building upon our knowledge of tens and ones. We are also ensuring that the fluency of our number bonds to 10 and the link to our 20s. We have been having lots of fun in ART sketching different natural objects around the classroom. Focusing on the proportion and shading of each part. We concluded our Geography unit, by creating a diary entry for our 'walk in london' what were the key sites we saw. We also planned our next adventure to one of the other capital cities in the United Kingdom

## Year 3

In our English topic based on Fantastic Mr Fox, we have been learning to use adverbs and fronted adverbials to make our sentences more exciting and to help describe the beastly tempers of our farmer characters. In Maths, we have been learning to mentally add and subtract using our number bonds to 100 to help us count on. As part of our Science learning, we travelled back millions of years to explore real fossils and how they were formed.

## Year 4

We have been continuing their fantastic start and have shown enjoyment in all subjects. In our latest History we have learnt and uncovered some fascinating facts about Skara Brae - a Neolithic settlement in the Orkney islands that has much archeological importance. In Science we completed an eye opening experiment to do with our teeth. We tested to see which liquids have the biggest effect on an egg shell, which has similar properties to our enamel coating. In English, we have been creating some very formidable Miss Trunchbull character descriptions as part of our writing.



## Year 5

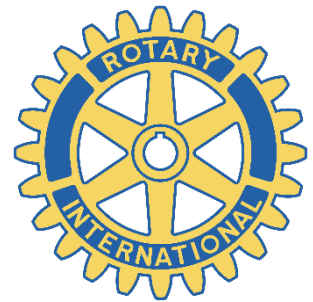
In English, we have continued to explore literature that creates fear and tension. The children have considered different ways to create these effects and thought about what writing techniques they can use. They have written their own story with the focus of creating fear and tension. In Maths, the children have studied addition and worked on calculating addition sums with and without bridging. They have also looked at a variety of problem solving questions which requires them to identify the operation and then calculate the problem.

## Year 6

We are writing a story about a portal! We are really focusing on our use of powerful language and varied sentence types to ensure cohesion throughout the piece. We are loving the mystery and magical images we are giving the reader! 'The air was invigorating, carrying whispers of an ancient wisdom and a promise of countless adventures yet to come. Sensations danced upon my skin, a symphony of tingling vibrations and electric pulses enveloped me.'

## Rotary Shoe Boxes

A huge thank you to all of the parents who have donated items to fill out Rotary Shoeboxes. Our house captains and school councillors have been busy sorting out the items and filling the boxes ready to be shipped off to Eastern Europe. Each box has been filled with little gifts, such as a notepad and colouring pencils, which will make a child smile this Christmas time. Thank you for your continued support.

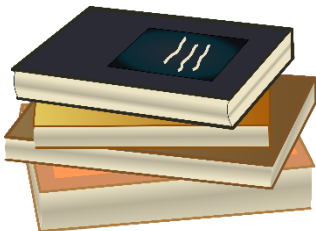


## Reading Ambassadors

We are pleased to announce our librarians for this year at Holy Family. Our librarians play a very important part in our school – they don't just tidy books! They are 'Reading Ambassadors' that promote reading for pleasure across the school.

Year 6 – **Nicole, Amelia, Elesha, Ala, Aaron & Lexi.**

Year 5 – **Steven, Noah, Natasha, Erin, Sophie.**



# School Council Elections

A huge well done to all the children who bravely took part in the school councillor nominations and elections. We are incredibly proud of every child that participates, throughout their time at Holy Family. Congratulations to the following children, who will be representing their class on this year's School Council:

Year 1 – Jaxon , An Marie , Wrohan & Mya  
Year 2 – Kupa , Dempsey , Abigail , Max W , Oskar & Ella.  
Year 3 – Reuben , Zofia , Zuzanna , Esther , Nathan , & Millie.  
Year 4 - Aaron , Fifi , Adam & Tahilla  
Year 5 – Daisy Le , Eldho , Kuba , Scarlett , Nikitia & Georgie.  
Year 6 – Grace , Maciej , Lexie & Milosz.

Leaders look forward to hearing your views and ideas for how we can become even better!

# Congratulations House Captains

Our new House Captains have taken up their roles with great enthusiasm. After writing and presenting a short speech, members of their house cast their votes. We look forward to watching them grow in their leadership roles as the year goes on. This year's House Captains are:

St John – Charlie  
Sacred Heart – Oscar  
St Joseph - Amelia  
Our Lady – Paige

# PE kits

Please ensure your child has their P.E. kit in school at all times and that it is labelled. Below are the P.E. days for each year group:

Monday – Year 1  
Tuesday – Year 5  
Wednesday – Year 6  
Thursday – Year 3 and Year 4  
Friday – Year R and Year 2

# School Applications

Please do invite your friends and local family members to consider our lovely school for their children.

**Deadline for September 2024 entry:**

Year 7 (secondary school) places: **31 October 2023 at 23:59**

Year R (infant/primary school) places: **15 January 2024 at 23:59**

Please ensure you have submitted your applications on time and used all 3 preferences. Late applications can result in your child missing a place at your preferred school.



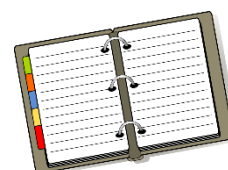
## Coffee morning/Swap Shop

Thank you to all of you who have attended our coffee morning and swap shop. We are really looking forward to seeing you on the next one on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023. We hope this will be another way to drop in and have an informal chat and cup of coffee or tea with a member of the senior team.



## Dates for your Diary

- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 – Year 5 Bikeability.
- Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> October – Deadline for secondary school applications
- Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> October – Parent Reading Rocket Workshop at 2:45pm
- Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Coffee Morning/Swap shop.
- Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Craft Fair at 3:30pm
- Key stage 1 Nativity – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30pm
- Lower Key Stage 2 Nativity – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30pm and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am
- Upper Key Stage 2 Nativity – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30pm
- Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December – **INSET day**
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Carol concert at Holy Family church
- Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December – Year 5 & 6 Pantomime trip to Mayflower Theatre
- Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3 & 4 Pantomime trip to Mayflower Theatre
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Big foot theatre company coming in to perform the 'Littlest Elf Panto' to KS1 students.
- Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December – Non Uniform (Christmas Jumper) Day / Christmas dinner day.
- Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 – Back to school
- Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> January – Coffee morning
- Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Deadline for Year R applications



Best wishes

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