



Holy Family Catholic Primary School December 2021 Newsletter



**God in our hearts, Love in our words,
Family in our actions**



“Glory to God in the highest - heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased”
Luke 2:14

Dear Parents,

As the autumn term draws to a close and the festive season begins, I would like to wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Be safe and well. Our children have worked extremely hard over this half term and have maintained their focus on learning, right into the last week of the term. I am proud of the strong friendships and the mutual respect we are seeing here in school.

We were very excited to welcome you into school to celebrate Christmas with us over the past two weeks! Families are a very important part of what we do and we are looking forward to having you all in school more often as we move into 2023.

Christmas Events

Christmas Dinner

A massive thank you to Sarah and her wonderful team of cooks preparing an incredible festive feast. All of our staff and children had a brilliant wonderful time eating Christmas dinner together on Tuesday 13th December. If your child does not have a school dinner, I can thoroughly recommend it, our team is brilliant and the food is always delightful!

Pantomimes

Goldilocks and The Three Bears

What an amazing trip to the theatre!! This year our Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 were extremely lucky to be able to view Goldilocks and the Three Bears at the Mayflower Theatre – Oh yes they were! The children were extremely

well behaved, especially during their ice cream interval which was delicious! We hope they enjoyed their visit to the theatre as much as our staff did.

The Clumsiest Elf

We were delighted to invite Bigfoot Arts Education to the school on Friday 16th December. Years R, 1 and 2 thoroughly enjoyed their production of 'The Clumsiest Elf'. It made us all laugh, but also inspired our children to think about how being different should to be celebrated.

It certainly was lovely to see every single child benefit from the theatre visit!

Christmas Carol Service

We had so much fun on the 8th of December at the church singing our favorite Christmas carols with all of you! To everyone that attended, we cannot thank you enough. We look forward to doing it again next year.

Christmas Jumper Day

Everyone looked amazing in their festive jumpers on Tuesday 13th December. Thank you for your continued support.



Spring After School Clubs

Clubs will be running throughout the academic year on a termly basis. Spring term after school clubs will begin **Monday 16th January 2023**. We aim to provide a balance of clubs across the year in order to engage as many children as possible.

Please sign your children up if they wish to attend, using the google form that will be emailed out on the 3rd of January. Please come into the school office if you require assistance with booking your child into clubs and we will be more than happy to help.

A Polite Reminder – P.E. Kit

In order for children to participate in PE it is essential that they have correct kit in school. PE is a curriculum entitlement for all.

The P.E. days for each year group are as follows:

Monday: Year 1

Thursday: Year 5

Tuesday: Year 2

Friday: Years R and 6

Wednesday: Years 3 and 4

If you require support to access PE kit please contact the school office, who will be happy to assist.

Please may we also remind you that earrings must be taken out or taped before coming into school as we are not permitted to remove or tape earrings in the school.

School Office

We are receiving a high number of parents collecting their children before school finishing time. Please can we remind you that this will only be authorized if medical evidence is provided or under exceptional circumstances. If you intend to collect your child/children early, please may we ask that you inform the school office in advance so that the proper protocol can be followed. We thank you for your continued support.

Year 6 History

Year 6 have been building up their knowledge around the events that occurred during WWII in History. Through their English, they have created emotive poems to depict the events and emotions the British people would have felt during the Blitz. Some wrote from the perspective of a soldier, others as an evacuee. They took their sketching skills from last half term and used water colours to illustrate alongside their poems through a symbolic icon: a poppy. Please visit the website to see some of these beautiful pieces of work.

Southampton City Mission

The Basics Bank is an emergency food and clothing project, providing help for people to get through short-term crises, emergencies and problems that they encounter. Their venues and opening times are as follows:

Basics Food Venues open 10am - 3pm =

Monday – Above Bave Church, Ogle Road S014 7FE

Tuesday – St Mary’s Church, Sholing, SO19 8ES

Wednesday – The Old Chemist, Bitterne, SO18 1NP

Thursday – Shirley Baptist Church, Shirley, SO15 5LG

Friday – Lordshill Church, Lordshill, SO16 8HY

Basics Clothes Venues open 10am-3pm =

Wednesday – Ascension Church, Bitterne, SO18 1HZ

Market Places open 10am – 1pm =

Wednesday – All Saint Church, Sedbergh Road, SO16 9HL

Thursday – Saint Mary’s Church, St Mary Street, SO14 1AQ

Thursday – Townhill Park Community Centre, Meggeson Avenue, SO18 2FH

For latest updates please check their website using this link: <https://southamptoncitymission.co.uk/>



Dates for your Diary

- **Tuesday 3rd January 2023** – Back to school / nursery reopens
- **11th January 2023** – School Council partnership summit for Year 6 councilors at Holy Family SCITT
- **15th January 2023** – Deadline for Year R School applications
- **13th February – 17th February** - Spring half-term
- **Thursday 2nd March 2023** – World Book Day
- **Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March 2023** – Year 5 Focus Days at Into Universities

Year 1 Phonics workshops:

- **Thursday 26th January 2023** - Year 1 Parent and Child Phonics workshop
- **Thursday 23rd February 2023** – Year 1 Parent and Child Phonics workshop

Thank you to all of our school community for their support so far this academic year. We really appreciate working so closely with parents and always hold children at the centre of all decisions made. Once again have a lovely Christmas break and the Holy Family Catholic Primary School staff look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 3rd January 2023!

Best Wishes,

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Head of School