



# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023

## Sports Day - Friday 19th May 2023

Dear Parents

With the summer term in full swing, I thought it would be a perfect opportunity to write to tell you about this year's Sports Day. Our Sports Day this year will take place on **Friday 19th May** at 10am, with house team events, followed by sprints and relay finals. Mr Grace and Mrs Grace will lead ALL parents onto the field at 9.55am to allow parents to find their children's rotation group(s).

The field will be set up with a circle of activities, see overleaf. All the children will be active and have the opportunity to participate in a variety of sports activities, in their House groups, led by our teachers. The children will rotate around these activities, until all are completed. This part of the event will celebrate both cooperation and teamwork and the teachers leading these activities will be awarding points to reflect this emphasis.

After the house team events, we will move to class groups for the track finals of our race programme. The children will have been participating in heats **before** sports day and the **finalists** will race for places and points for their house. The children will sit in class groups on one side of the track and parents will be able to cheer and wave from the other side. We politely request that parents and children stay within their relevant zones, this helps us keep all the children safe.

After both sections of the sports morning are finished, all the children will be with their teacher, trackside. We will then invite parents to come and **sign their children out** of our care so that you can enjoy a family picnic together (weather permitting). This needs to be done carefully so that all children are signed out safely. Children can be signed back into their teachers' care after the family picnic, **or** you are free to take them after the family picnic. Please ensure that you have communicated your plans with the class teacher before leaving the school field.

We do hope you will be able to come along and bring a picnic to enjoy with your child(ren) over the lunch period. The school kitchen can provide a packed lunch for all children, including those registered for free school meals, as well as infants. Please complete and return the slip below by **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May**, if your child would like a packed lunch. Hot dinners will **not** be available on Sports Day.

All the children will be active and have the opportunity to participate in a variety of sports activities. Please note that they will need to wear their usual school PE kit of **House colour t-shirt** and black shorts, as well as a sunhat. **Please ensure sun cream has been applied before you drop your child(ren) off to school.**  
**Water will be provided by the school throughout the event.**





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Photos are not encouraged on the school field, but we accept that it is impossible to police an official 'ban.' For those that do take photos, please work with us in order to protect our vulnerable children. Please do not publish photographs **ONLINE** which contain images of other children or adults. Thank you for your considered approach to this and continued support.

May I kindly remind parents that we encourage this to be a family school event and as such, there continues to be no dogs, smoking or alcohol on site. We continue to model a polite and positive environment for our children during such events. To add to this, please can we encourage families to refrain from using cars, if possible, to minimise the amount of traffic and parked vehicles. If you need to drive, please can we request you park responsibly and not on the residential streets surrounding the school. We thank you for your on-going support.

This is a timed event to ensure that a good pace is established and maintained. Parents will follow their family teams around the **outside** of the circuit of activities, children will be within. We thank you in advance for supporting the children from a distance in order for our staff team to ensure safety for all throughout the activities. Children's safeguarding is paramount.

If it is raining, Sports Day will not go ahead and the school day will be as normal including cooked school meals.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Gerida Montague  
Executive Headteacher





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