



Holy Family News

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Hello everyone!

It has been lovely to see the children back this week, we have had lots of growth spurts over the summer!

A warm welcome to all of our new families who have joined us, we hope you have been made to feel welcome. If there is anything you need to know, either ask me at the gate, class teachers or the office staff.

We welcome Miss Birds as our new Year 5 teacher. We got to know Miss Birds over the last two years as she completed lots of her training with us.

We will have a whole school mass in Holy Family Church on Thursday 12th September at 9.30am. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Years 1 to 6 sent out an information sheet this week to parents to introduce themselves and give a taster of what the children will be learning this year, class expectations and some key dates. We hope you find this useful. If you didn't receive a copy, just ask class teachers for another one.

All parents will continue to have access to our class communication system called Seesaw. It is used for class teachers to share class learning, send messages, but also there is a one to one message system for you to speak to class teachers about your child. Messages will usually be checked at the end of the day and responded to. If messages are sent in the evening, please be aware that a response may not come until the next day.

If you have a message regarding **collection of your child**, please **phone the school office on 962 5397** or email **admin@holyfamilysalemoor.co.uk**. Please do not send messages about collection of children on Seesaw as it is likely it will not be seen by class teachers until after the end of the day. Also if a child is **going home with a friend**, **please let the office know** and they will let class teachers know. Thank you for your support with this.

We have some children in Year 6 who will be walking home on their own. Please make sure class teachers are aware of this. We will not let children leave to walk on their own unless we have had confirmation from parents.

I will be on the gate most mornings if you need to chat to me about something. If you need to contact me to make an appointment, please either **call the office** or email **admin@holyfamilysalemoor.co.uk**

We are excited to work with you all this year and I am sure by following the school value of **'Together we Succeed'** we will have a great year!

READING AT HOLY FAMILY

RECEPTION and KEY STAGE 1

Reception children and Key Stage 1 children will take home a shared reading book on Mondays. These books can be changed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. These books are for parents to read to the children and discuss the story and characters.

Reading practice books will be sent home once we have carried out assessments on the children to match the right book for them. We ask that the books are kept in the plastic reading bags to prevent damage such as water damage.

KEY STAGE 2

Key Stage 2 children will take home a reading book on a Monday. Reading books can be changed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.



Values -Based Learning at Holy Family

We are proud at Holy Family of our 4 values; '*Growing our Hearts and Minds*', '*Passionate about Learning*', '*We care about respect*' and '*Together we succeed*', which are at the heart of everything we do at Holy Family. Our values are derived from our Mission Statement.

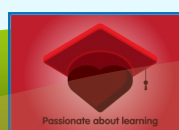
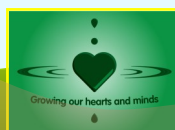
Our values are also our **4 rules** for the children to follow. We feel this is a easy way for children to know and understand what is expected of them at Holy Family.

When the children are seen following a particular value they can earn a token for their class. We count the tokens at the end of each half term and classes can win a prize such as a movie afternoon or an extra playtime.

Each Friday we hold a Values assembly where children are rewarded for going above and beyond with a particular value.

Home Learning - Key Stage 1 and 2

Home learning books have been sent home today with codes for Seesaw, Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS) and Spelling Shed. Home learning details are normally sent on Seesaw.





We celebrate some of the children's achievements on X (formerly known as Twitter) so please follow us on **@HolyFamilySale**

Uniform

The children look so smart in their new uniforms. Please make sure that all uniform is labelled, this includes sweatshirts worn for PE.

For PE children must wear a PLAIN white t shirt and PLAIN black leggings, tracksuit bottoms or a skirt. Sports tops with logos must not be worn.



It is important that the uniform policy is followed by everyone.

Earrings are not allowed to be worn by children—no matter how tiny. Please make sure ALL earrings are removed by Monday 9th September, thank you.

Church Car Park

We do not have any control over the parking restrictions of the church car park. Please advise family members not to park there if they are unsure of the timings. If anyone does receive a fine, this has to be dealt with Parking Eye. We are not able to appeal on your behalf.

The timings for parking are:

Morning parking—8.00am and 9am

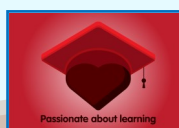
Afternoon parking—2.45pm and 3.45pm

Lunch boxes

We always ask parents to be mindful of what they pack for their children at lunchtime. If a child's lunchbox contains a lot of sugary foods this can cause the children to be quite tired in the afternoon. Please be mindful of this when choosing items.

Grapes

Please make sure grapes are pre cut, length ways to prevent choking.



Worship time

Our weekly assemblies are:

Monday - Years 1 -6 Gospel message assembly

Tuesday - Key Stage Assemblies

Friday - Values Assemblies where we celebrate children's achievements of the week.

On the days that children do not have an assembly they will take part in a Prayer and Liturgy session in class which we call 'Together we Pray' sessions.

We would like to invite parents and family members to the **last Values Assembly of each half term**. Assemblies will start **promptly at 2.30pm**. Parents will be allowed in between 2.20pm and 2.30pm.

The dates are:

Autumn	Friday 18th October	Friday 13th December
Spring	Friday 14th February	Friday 11th April
Summer	Friday 23rd May	Friday 18th July



Our New School Year

As a season of change begins to happen, move in close, Heavenly Father.

May parents happily entrust our children students into your loving hands.

Remind them that they don't have to have all of the answers.

They can come to you and seek your understanding and guidance.

Surround their family with a strong and loving community.

Bless them with peace, patience, endurance, and wisdom as they watch their child enjoy a new school year.

