



Welcome to Year 4 September 2024

I hope you have had a lovely Summer break and are feeling well rested; ready for the year ahead. We have lots of exciting learning planned for the children and some great topics, which we will bring to life through practical, engaging and meaningful lessons. This half term, we will be learning about Electricity in Science and studying Europe in Geography. Our Religion topic is Creation and Covenant and in PSHE we will be looking at 'Being Me in My World.'

PE— We will be having PE on a Wednesday and Swimming every Tuesday so the children will need to come to school in their PE kit on these days.

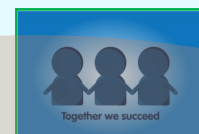
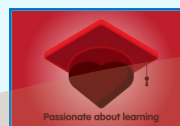
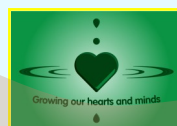
Swimming begins Tuesday 10th September, children should bring their swimming costumes/trunks and towel in a bag. If girls can please have their hair tied in a style which will stay out of their faces when wet. The children have a quick rinse in their costumes after the lesson, there is not time or provision for full showers. Some may children may be feeling apprehensive about Swimming, this is totally normal, our first lesson is an assessment on swimming experience in the shallow end of the pool with lots of instructors around to support. Myself and Mrs Diani will be on pool side to encourage and support, if your child is feeling particularly anxious you can let me know either on Seesaw or face to face.

Home learning — The children will be given home learning once a week. It will be set on Seesaw each Friday and it will be either English or Maths. Please return this on Seesaw by the following Friday. Spellings will be set on EdShed and Seesaw each week and will be tested on Friday. This week your child will be given their Times Table RockStars (TTRS) password. This should be used to practice regularly throughout the week to practice their times tables.

Multiplication Check— In June 2024, every Year 4 child will sit the statutory multiplication check which will test children's fluency and recall of their times tables up to 12x12. We will work hard in school but regularly practising at home helps to build speed and confidence. Games, chants, BBC Supermovers and TTRS are fantastic to use at home.

Reading Books — At Holy Family we feel that reading for pleasure is so important to create a love for reading now and in later life. As well as your child's reading book it would be great if you could share books together at home each week. It could be you reading to your children or sharing the reading between you. The children can change their reading books on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday but if their book is a longer one they are more than welcome to keep it for longer. Even if you are keeping the book for a little longer, please still sign their reading record and bring it in because if they read three times per week they can still be entered for the reading prize draw.

Our school values are at the heart of everything we do in class and incorporate them into every aspect of the curriculum. Each Friday we have a values assembly which provides an opportunity to celebrate the children who have been spotted following our values throughout the week.



Diary Dates for Year

NOVEMBER

4th 3.30pm—4.30pm Book Look

6th 3.30pm—4.30pm Book Look

3.30pm—6.30pm Parents Evening

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DECEMBER

12th Christmas Dinner—Children can wear own clothes and Christmas jumpers

MARCH

3rd 3.30pm—4.30pm Book Look

5th 3.30pm—4.30pm Book Look

3.30pm—6.30pm Parents Evening

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Wednesday 7th May—Class Assembly

Having a Growth Mindset

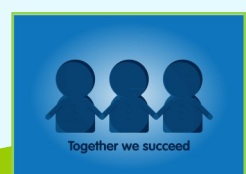
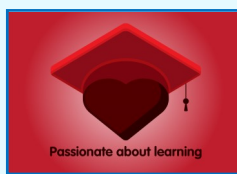
One of our School Values is '**Growing our Hearts and Minds**'. New learning can be a challenge for children. Please don't worry if your child comes home and is finding their new year a little tricky! We say if they feel uncomfortable then they are having a '**wobble**', which is good. We like them to be in the **learning pit** as that means they are learning something new. We will do gradual steps to support them in progressing their learning – but we encourage **independence** and **perseverance** as much as possible



Our Expectations

At Holy Family, we have established clear expectations to which children are encouraged to aspire. All adults are expected to model the behaviour we expect from the children. Staff will remain calm when dealing with behavioural issues. We believe that emphasising positive behaviour in school will marginalise poor behaviour. A well-managed environment will encourage children to fulfil the Catholic values in their own behaviour.

Our expectations are expressed in the form of our four **School Values**:



Accomplish BIG Things With a GROWTH MINDSET!

Success Begins With Believing You Can

Instead of Thinking...	Think This...
I can't do it.	I'm still learning. I'll keep trying!
I'm not good at this.	What can I learn to get better at this?
It's good enough.	Is this the best I can do?
It's too hard.	With more practice it will get easier!
I'm afraid of making a mistake.	Mistakes are how I learn & get better!
They are better at it than I am.	What can I learn from them?
I don't know how.	I can learn how!
I can't make this any better.	I can always find ways to improve!
I don't like challenges.	Challenges make me better!
I give up.	I'll try a different way!

How can you help?

- Make sure your child arrives **by 8.55am** ready to learn and collected at **3.15pm**
- Remind them of what they will need; water bottle, reading book
- They are wearing their PE kit if it is a PE day
- Read at home at least 3 times a week
- Ask them questions about their reading book to help build their understanding and get your child thinking about what they've read
- Help them to access TTRS regularly
- Remind them of how to be safe online and what to do if they are worried about something online

Seesaw

Seesaw is our main communication tool for sharing Home Learning, pictures of things we have been learning and I will send announcements about what we have done each Friday. This app also allows you as parents to communicate directly with me through the messaging function.

I am really looking forward to teaching your children again this year! If you are new to the school I am looking forward to getting to know you and your children over the next few weeks. My door is always open to you should you need to speak to me about your child, alternately you can message me privately on Seesaw.

Class Prayers

Morning Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you for this lovely new day.

Please guide us in our work and play and help us to live as you taught us.

Help us to remember all those who are sick or sad today as we thank you for all the good things in our own lives.

Afternoon Prayer

Dear Lord,

God our Father, we come to say

Thank you for your love today.

Thank you for my family

And all the things you do for me.

Guard me in the dark of night

And in the morning send your light.

Amen

Special Educational Needs

If you have a concern about your child, please arrange to meet with me to discuss.

Personal Provision Plans

Plans have been handed up to me. We will work on the targets this half term and review with parents at a meeting in late October, early November.

Our **SEND**CO is **Mrs Clark**. She works on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

We have information regarding our Special Educational Needs offer on our website:

www.holyfamilysalemoor.co.uk/send

