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# Holy Family Catholic Primary School

At Holy Family we grow, learn and succeed in the footsteps of Jesus

## Holy Family News

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Hello Everyone,

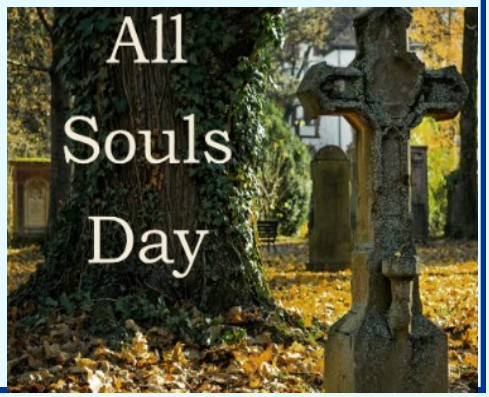
Welcome back everybody! I hope you all had a restful half term. It is great to be back and to see the children settling into routines once more. This week has been one of reflection, particularly as we celebrated the solemnity of the church in All Saints Day and then All Souls Day in one week. Our Communication Team have been busy as have our Kindness Disciples and we have also been celebrating 5th November too, not to mention all of the other exciting learning that has been taking place in our classrooms.

Find out more below and have a lovely weekend everyone.

**All Saints and All Souls Day**

When we think of saints, we usually think of clergy and religious people who have been officially canonised by the church. Their lives and actions have been thoroughly investigated to ensure their heroic virtues, but Pope Francis in his letter 'Gaudette et Exsultate', challenged this way of thinking and said that 'we are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do'. This week in our Collective Worship, we talked about how we can all be Saints, that they actually surround us and can be good people the children already know, who show compassion, forgiveness and kindness, like a parent, a teacher or a friend. We talked about how we can all be like saints if we show these virtues in all that we do. The children gave wonderful examples of how they can show their saintly actions around our home, school and community. During the month of November we will also remember all our loved ones who have passed away and we will continue to pray for them throughout the month.

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## Communication Team in Action




Following the recent road safety incident outside our school, our Communication Team have been busy working on ways to improve road safety for everyone in our community. On Wednesday, the team met with someone from Trafford Road Safety Team to share their concerns, discuss their thoughts and present the ideas they have been developing. She was very impressed by the work the children had done, the thought they had put into their suggestions and their enthusiasm for making a positive difference.

We are hopeful that this meeting will be the start of some positive plans to introduce improved road safety measures outside our school, helping our children, families and wider community safer when travelling to and from school.

Watch this space! We will keep you updated as things progress and look forward to seeing what we can achieve together.

## Kindness Disiples

Our Kindness Disciples have been out and about today spreading kindness around Sale Moor. They were handing out hand made crocheted poppies to members of our local community and spreading smiles along the way! They even delivered a special 'Golden Envelope' to a lucky lady with a treat inside. Well done children, spreading little acts of kindness but making a big difference.



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## Friends of Holy Family

The Friends of Holy Family need your help!! This group do so much to support our school, but we can't continue without more volunteers. Thanks to our amazing fundraising last year, we were able to fund the school pantomime, create our Prayer Garden, provide Leavers' Hoodies, pay for new flooring and furniture in EYFS and fund our Forest School area!

We would love to welcome more parents and family members to get involved. You don't need lots of time– every little bit of help makes a huge difference!

If you can help in any way, please speak to the school office or contact the Friends of Holy Family– Together we can continue to make a difference for our children!!!




## Christmas Fair




Christmas Fair– We need your Help!

The friends of Holy Family are looking for donations of raffle prizes for our Christmas Fair.

If you are able to donate a prize, or if your workplace offers 'Match Funding', we would be incredibly grateful for your support.

Every donation will help us to raise more funds and go towards supporting our wonderful school and children

Thank you for your continued support.

The Friends of Holy Family.

## AUTUMN DATES

**NOVEMBER**

| | |
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| 9th | Flu Vaccinations |
| 11th | 9.30-10.30 am Open Morning for prospective parents |
| 12th | 6pm meeting for Sacramental Programme in hall |
| 13th | Year 3 'Stay and Pray' Parents Welcome to join. |
| 16th | Anti—Bullying Week at HF. |
| 19th | Year 4 |
| 19th | 1.30-2.30pm Open afternoon for prospective parents |
| 20th | Year 1 'Stay and Pray' Parents welcome to join. |
| 20th | FOHF Quiz night (Adults only) |
| 22nd | Enrolment Mass for Year 3 children making FF and FHC at Holy Family Church. |
| 23rd | Parliament Week |
| 26th | Year 3 Mass |
| 27th | Pantomime visiting school |
| 30th | 9.05am Advent Liturgy Year 6 Children to lead (Parents welcome to join us) |

## DECEMBER

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| 1st | Early Years dress rehearsal |
| 2nd | 9.15am Early Years Nativity—parents and families are welcome to join us |
| 3rd | Year 6 Mass |
| 4th | 2-3PM EYFS Christmas Craft Afternoon. |
| 4th | Maths day in School. |
| 7th | 9.05am Advent Liturgy Year 5 Children to lead (Parents welcome to join us) |
| 9th | 9.15am Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert |
| 10th | Christmas Dinner, children to wear Christmas jumpers. |
| 11th | 9.05am Parents in Values Assembly |
| 11th | Christmas Fair |
| 14th | 9.05am Advent Liturgy Year 4 to lead (Parents welcome to join us) |
| 15th | Rocksteady Concert for parents |
| 16th | 3.30pm Carols in the Prayer Garden (Parents and parishioners to join) |
| 17th | 9.30am Christmas Mass |
| 18th | 8.30-9.00am 'Stay and Share' Parents in to look at books |
| | Break The Rules Day and End of Term. Children finish at 1.30pm |

**ATTENDANCE**

| | LAST WEEK | THIS WEEK |
|---|---|---|
| RECEPTION | 98.0 | 96.3 |
| YEAR 1 | 93.8 | 100 |
| YEAR 2 | 100 | 96.4 |
| YEAR 3 | 93.6 | 93.9 |
| YEAR 4 | 94.6 | 95.0 |
| YEAR 5 | 98.5 | 98.5 |
| YEAR 6 | 96.0 | 97.6 |
| WHOLE SCHOOL | 96.0 | 96.7 |

As you can see, we are back into the Amber Zone again in our first week back after half term. Lets try to get to Green next week, we are almost there!!

A huge well done to Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6 who have ensured we do NOT go back into the Red!

Everyday in school is so important for your children. Please refrain from booking days away or holidays during term time.







