

October 2020

Phew! Well we are approaching the end of a very long and ever changing half term. The children have adapted incredibly well and are glad to be back at school learning and with their friends. As we stand at the moment, we are really fortunate to have only closed one 'bubble' of children.



Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Unfortunately during these unprecedented times many aspects of school life are under constant review and change to enable us to meet all statutory safety arrangements. We thank you for your continued cooperation in keeping all of us COVID safe.

Procedures for the start / end of the day.

All children to arrive at school between 8.30-8.55am

- All children to be collected **promptly** at the end of the day.
- Do not wait around once you have collected your child/ren. Leave the school grounds quickly.
- Do not allow children to use any outdoor equipment and avoid all taped off areas.
- Do not sit on taped off benches.
- Face coverings must be wore when entering the school grounds.



IT / Online Learning

All children have been given an email address in order for them to access Microsoft Teams, should their class bubble close. Accessing home learning is not a choice; **children are expected to complete the work**. In some cases, paper copies will be provided. We are using Oak Academy resources.



PE

All children are expected to wear a white t shirt and black shorts only, unless they have a purple school t shirt. **No other kits are acceptable**. Trainers may be worn for PE only. **All children must have a PE kit**. Simple tracksuits can be worn in the winter, until then, a school jumper will be fine. PE days are also displayed on the outside gates. Children should arrive in their PE kits not their uniform on a PE day.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception Y4CL	Y2H Y1SB	Sonas Y5L	Y3M	Y6D Y6Y

COVID safety.

If your child has Coronavirus symptoms (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, loss or change to their sense of smell or taste), **you must keep them away from school and book a test**. They will need to isolate at home until the results come through.

What to bring into school and what to leave at home.

Do:

Bring in a water bottle every day.

Send in dinner money with your child in a sealed envelope.

Bring a packed lunch in if your child isn't having c

Do not:

Bring in pens and pencils, these are provided.





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Parentapps

Any messages and updated information will be sent out via our school messaging system. Please ensure your details are up to date and you are **set up to receive message alerts**. If you do not have the app or can't access messages, please ring school so we can arrange to help you. **You will not be sent paper copies of letters**. **Any vital information about the closure of bubbles will sent through the app.**

Year 1: The children have settled into their new class really quickly and are delighted to be back at school. We are all working incredibly hard to close gaps in learning, particularly in phonics. Please make sure that all home learning is practised and completed. Thank you for making sure that the children are all wearing their PE kits on a Tuesday. Welcome to Davi and Hamzah from Brazil and Yemen.



In Year 2 this half term we have been very busy with our topic 'Fire! Fire!'

In our English lessons we have been learning the story 'Toby and the Great Fire of London' through our Talk 4 Writing. We have unpicked the features of diary entries and included adjectives to make our diaries more descriptive. In Maths we have been focussing on number and place value by counting forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s, and 10s, comparing and ordering numbers and representing numbers in a variety of ways. In History we have been finding out about the 'Great Fire of London' and discussed factors such as where did the fire start? Why did it spread so quickly? How do we know about the fire? How did they stop the fire? In DT we tasted different types of bread, designed our own and made them which we really enjoyed.



Year 3: We have been busy learning the story of the Iron Man. We have been so excited to find out whether the monster can be defeated. We are just about to write our own versions of the story. In History, we have been learning about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. We can talk about homes, tools, clothes, weapons and how they communicated. Here is a photo of us creating our own cave art, an early form of communication and an important source of information for archaeologists. In Come and See, we explored our homes, learned about St Paul's advice for a safe and happy home and how we can learn from the Holy Family. In Science, we have been looking at how to stay healthy through hygiene, exercise, food and nutrition. We are also looking at what is similar and different between our bodies and animals.



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All members of Y4ML have settled back into school life and have made an extremely positive start to Year 4. The children have really enjoyed revisiting their learning from Year 3 and building upon this, with Year 4 learning activities. As a whole school, we started of the year by focusing our learning around the story 'A Child's Garden'. Y4ML created some beautiful abstract noun poems and pop-up books, which are now on display around the school.



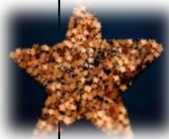
Year 5: We have had a great start to the year so far! We have been loving learning about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings in History and through our English novel: Viking Boy. Our class acts of kindness jar is filling up very fast from all the lovely things we have been doing to help each other and our Peer Mentors have been doing an excellent job of keeping us 'green'. Keep up the great work Y5!

6Y have been working hard and have learnt a lot of new things so far this term such as: tests of divisibility in maths, different sentence types in English and about how we see things in science. They've really enjoyed learning about World War 2 and are becoming experts in collage techniques in art lessons.

EYFS have settled really well in school this half term. We have been learning a new rhyme each week through exploring instruments and using talk for writing. We have baked currant buns and fairy cakes as well as icing biscuits. The children have been very excited to find their 'mouse' for our 'Mouse Club' activities and we were really pleased to see how many have completed their first homework task.



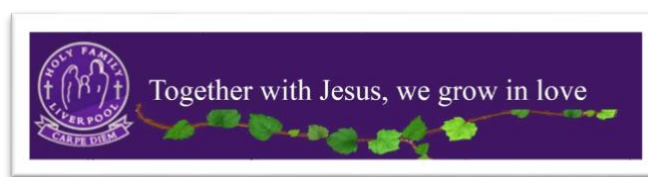
Mrs Clein: The return to school has been a joy to us all! Hearing laughter and chattering in the school once more has reinforced how valuable our relationships are. This term we have focused on coming together and celebrating the importance of belonging. We have supported World Mental Health Day as well as celebrating Black History Month. PSHE continues to celebrate the unique talents of our wonderful pupils and encourages them to reach to the stars!



5 Lessons in Life from Dr. Seuss



1. Today you are You, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is Youer than You.
2. 'Why fit in when you were born to stand out?'
3. You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose.
4. Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind.
5. Today I shall behave, as if this is the day I will be remembered.



All classes have their own Twitter account. Keep up to date with the learning taking place in your child's class and across the school.

Classes - 2020/21		Other	
@HolyFamilyL8_FS	Miss McGhee/Miss Fallon	@HolyFamilyL8	Mrs Davidson (Head)
@HolyFamilyL8_1SB	Mrs Bowes/Mrs Snell	@HolyFamilyL8_DH	Mrs Snell (Deputy)
@HolyFamilyL8_2H	Miss Holme	@HolyFamily_PSHE	Mrs Clein
@HolyFamilyL8_3M	Miss McClelland	@HolyFamily_CFCM	Miss Scott
@HolyFamilyL8_4M	Miss Loughran		
@HolyFamilyL8_4L	Miss Lawne		
@HolyFamilyL8_5L	Miss Lacey		
@HolyFamily_L86D	Mrs Doherty		
@HolyFamilyL8_6Y	Mrs Young		

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