

11th December 2020



So, that's all folks!

We did it, we've reached the end of 2020 - a distant thought back in March. It's been a year like no other in many ways. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout this year. Who knows what lies ahead in 2021, but we'll face it together, taking strength from our shared challenges and successes. So, from our family to yours, have a happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas.



"Teacher says every time a bell rings, an angel gets his wings." - Zuzu Bailey, "It's A Wonderful Life"

Everyone has worked incredibly hard to bring the joy of the Christmas story into your homes. We will let you know how you will be able to watch our class Nativities.

EYFS: We have been learning about the birth of the baby Jesus and counting down to Christmas using our Advent calendar. We have been learning lots of Christmas songs for our Nativity play. The children have been role playing as elves in Santa's workshop and have enjoyed wrapping presents to give to their friends. We have made Christmas cards and wrote letters to Santa after reading 'The Jolly Postman' and using our post office role play to send the letters. This week we have made reindeer food to feed Rudolph and his friends and are very excited for our Christmas party next week.

Mrs Klein: We are delighted to have been awarded School of Sanctuary status again. This is now our 4th year of being a School of Sanctuary. Holy Family is a school which provides an inclusive, safe and welcoming place for everyone. Thank you to all the parents, pupils and staff who have made this possible.

We are coming towards the end of our Getting on and Falling Out topic in Get Set for Life. Pupils have been learning about healthy/unhealthy relationships, managing uncomfortable feelings, peaceful problem solving, perspective, calming strategies and so much more! As a school we value the strong relationships we make with our pupils. It is important that children are taught how to look after their emotional wellbeing so that they can use the strategies we teach them in their everyday life.



Year 4CL have been so busy this half term preparing for Christmas. The children did really well in their Christmas Nativity and worked incredibly hard learning their parts and song words. We have also had an elf join our class and we have enjoyed seeing what mischief he has got up to each morning. This half term, we have loved having Mersey Mavericks come in and deliver our basketball sessions. Our basketball skills and control over the ball has greatly improved. We look forward to our Christmas craft morning and wish everyone a happy Christmas!

Y4ML had lots of fun performing their nativity. They sang, danced and read - it was a wonderful performance that you will be able to watch online. Y4ML have continued to learn how to use the compact method for multiplication and have recently started division. This half term, we have been attending basketball sessions with Mersey Mavericks. Check out our twitter page to see videos and photos of us practising our ball skills.



"May you never be too grown up to search the skies on Christmas Eve."



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Y1: As our year ends, we have been amazed by the progress Y1 have made, having not even completed their Reception year in school. We hope you'll enjoy sharing our virtual Nativity, made with a socially distanced Y2! Please make sure your Christmas decorations take pride of place in your homes during the festive season (and if you're like us, for many years to come!) Again, a warm welcome to our 5 new children this half term, who've joined us from around the world!



Happy Christmas from **Year 6!** We have been busy filming our lockdown nativity and hope that you enjoy watching it. We have also been working hard on developing our geographical skills and widening our knowledge of all countries involved in WW2.

In English lessons, we are writing non-chronological reports all about our learning in science on electricity.

Dojo Winners!

Our Autumn 2 winning house team is... (see below!)

Y5 have worked so hard this half term and are really looking forward to a relaxing break. We would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!



In **Year 2** over the last couple of weeks, we have been hard at work. In English, we have been reading the text 'Meerkat Mail' about a little meerkat who decides to go on a journey to a colder and wetter climate. After we learnt the story through actions, we then planned and wrote our own journey tale. In our Science lessons, we planned another investigation to find out which was the best material to absorb water. We had so much fun working in our investigation groups. In Art we have been finding out about a famous artist called Henri Matisse and have explored the techniques he used when producing collages. We looked at his famous painting 'The Snail' and created our own using our own collages.



In **3M** we have had a great time getting ready for Christmas! We have practised our Nativity, learning the story of Jesus' birth. We have had our craft morning, where we then wrote instructions on creating a Christmas decoration and finally, we ate so much at our Christmas dinner!





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Well done George house - you are our Autumn 2 winners!

Parents / Carers,

We understand that things may be difficult for families right now due to the new lockdown restrictions. Families may be finding themselves in different circumstances than usual and may be in need of some extra support. Here at Holy Family we are able to help support those who may need a little extra help. We can provide you with information regarding local community help and a small food parcel if necessary. **Please note that all requests are treated sensitively and confidentially, so please don't hesitate to ask help if you are in need.**

You can contact Miss Scott through the parent email at:

Parentsupport@holyfamily.sch.uk



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.

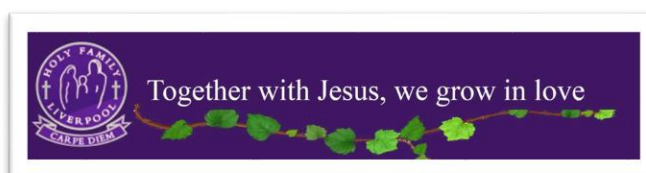
It is highly unlikely at this present time, that there will be any operational changes within school. Bubbles and social distancing will remain a key priority into the new year. Face coverings will still be mandatory for visitors to school premises.

PARKING

Thank you to all our families who drive and park responsibly around our school. Unfortunately, we do still have a significant minority of drivers who are parking on the double yellow lines, dropping off in the middle of the road and blocking it and parking on the corners obscuring the view and safety of others. Our primary concern is for **the safety of your children** and not parents / carers convenience. We have witnessed a number of near misses! Please be equally mindful at the rear of the school, now that the back gate is open.

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 **black/white/grey** 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. **Please note that there are a few changes to the timetable due to basketball.**



Monday Reception Y6D	Tuesday Y2H Y1SB	Wednesday Sonas Y5L	Thursday Y3M	Friday Y6Y Y4CL Y4ML
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Parentapps

IMPORTANT - PLEASE SET UP YOUR MESSAGE ALERT!

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 the school or class bubbles will sent through the app.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Wednesday 16 th December	Class parties / disco - own clothes
Friday 18 th December - 1:20/25/30pm	Finish for Christmas
Monday 4 th January - 8:30/8:55am	School re-opens.

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 .

The children have logins to Spelling Shed and Times Tables Rockstars too. Check for ongoing homework too!

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		

Check our school website for key information: www.holy-family.co.uk

For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son - John 3:16

