

15th February 2021

Happy New Year seems like such a long time ago. We were back for one day and then the world changed again. Since then we've had chance to catch our breath and are dealing with a another 'new normal'. We've seen a few more of you this time, whether that has been when collecting your work pack or even better, online in our Teams meetings. For those of us in school, we have been working hard, completing the same work as everyone at home. Needless to say, the children are all missing their friends but new friendships have been formed too. We also have a few new faces around school, with some new families who have joined us.



Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants. **Deuteronomy 32:2**

EYFS: We have been exploring a new story 'Were Going on a Bear Hunt'. We went on our own bear Hunt and squelched through the thick oozy mud and felt the long wavy grass through our fingers. The children used instruments to link sounds to the story and then made our own instruments. We learn facts about bears and read non-fiction books and painted some wonderful pictures. We were able to talk about our favourite type of bear and the reception children wrote sentences about this. We have also enjoyed using scissors to cut and decorate dragon masks for our Chinese New Year celebration. This week we will be learning about other celebrations such as Pancake Dy and Valentine's Day.



In **Year 3**, we have been looking at explanation texts and Icelandic tales of trolls in English! In Maths, we have learned to multiply, divide and look at fractions, including adding and subtracting them. In our Science lessons we have investigated light and how to keep safe. In Come and See, we have looked at our journey and the Church's journey through the year. In Geography, we have learned about Egypt's human and physical features and imagined a journey there. Last week, we spent lots of time thinking about our mental health and how to look after ourselves by thinking of things we love.

We have been really busy in **Year 2** over the last couple of weeks. In our English lessons we have been reading *Commotion in the Ocean* and writing our own sea creature poems using adjectives and onomatopoeia words. In Maths we have looked at fractions and some children in school have used maths equipment to support them with their learning. Our Art focus has been looking at the famous printing artist *Georg Baselitz*. We have been exploring printing using everyday items and will produce our own finished print using our own designed impressed image



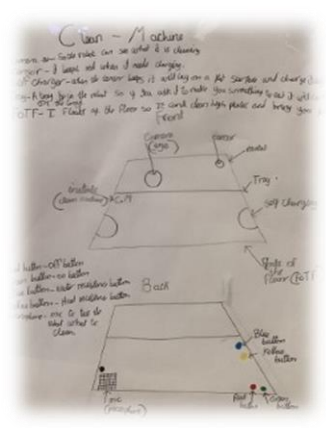
Year 4L have been busy producing lots of wonderful work both at home and in school. We have been reading Shackleton's Journey and we have written our own diary entry as a member of Shackleton's crew and our own non-chronological report. We really enjoyed Children's Mental Health week and thought of lots of different ways to express ourselves. In DT, we have been practising our chopping, slicing and peeling skills.



Y4ML have been working hard to learn how to write a narrative recount. They enjoyed reading the story Shackleton's Journey by William Grill. This linked to our geography topic where the children learned about climate zones, physical and humans features in the Antarctic and much more! In maths, we have been studying measurement and money. They are currently learning how to tell the time to the exact minute.

Year 6 have been working hard producing persuasive adverts for a new product to market. They've come up with some fantastic ideas which I think they could pitch on Dragon's Den. What do you think?

Y5 have been working hard in school and at home creating information texts based on Mythical creatures, understanding shape and angles, learning about natural disasters and much more. Our favourite things have been speaking each other during our online meetings and our Bookflix club, reading 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Q Rauf - we even received a tweet from her!



Remember that next week is half term and Monday 22nd is an INSET day, so school will reopen on 23rd February. School will not fully open until March 8th at the earliest, depending on Government advice.

Year 1 have been very busy indoor gardeners this half term. We have been reading 'The Tin Forest' and have been growing our own garden peas in our plastic bag greenhouses. They are now so big, they've been planted into pots. All the children have a sunflower seed and are ready to enter our growing race (lets hope there's no giant at the top!) In our gardens, we don't have any roaming tigers like the artist Henri Rousseau. This didn't stop us from creating fabulous collages!



Mrs Clein: What an incredible response we had to Children's Mental Health Week last week. As a school we are very proud of our Silver Status in Mental Health. All our pupils enjoyed the mental health livestream sessions provided by Liverpool Learning Partnership and CAMHS as well as lessons to promote mental wellbeing. We all need to look after our mental health, and we believe that it is important to teach our pupils from a young age to understand what mental health is and how to look after it.



Wishing all our families a fabulous well done taking care of home schooling. We really appreciate all your hard work. A little but often makes a big difference. Do what you can and try to make the most of your time with the children, look for opportunities to learn and have fun! Not all learning takes place on a sheet of paper!

If your child is in school at the moment, please remember that a mask must still be worn at the school gates and only one person should be bringing the children in. Social distancing must be followed still.



A big hello and welcome back to Mrs Doherty. She has missed **Y6D** but has been keeping up with all your work. She will see you all soon!



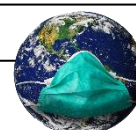
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Parents / Carers,

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.

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.

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

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

Friday 12 th February	Half term
Monday 22 nd February	INSET day. School closed.



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Tuesday 23rd February

School re-opens for identified children.

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_P SHE	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

IT / Online Learning

All children have been given an email address in order for them to access Microsoft Teams. Accessing home learning is not a choice; **children are expected to complete the work**. 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!

Please contact school if you require online support or access to a laptop. If you are provided with a laptop, we expect your child's work to be completed on it and all meetings attended.

