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October 2021

Wow - what a fantastic first half term we have had at Holy Family! The children have all settled into school so well with their new teachers and their classmates again. We have welcomed new children and their families and face to face parent courses have begun again.

Matthew 25:35 - For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.



Autumn Uniform

Girls: Purple school cardigan, white shirt, purple and silver tie, grey skirt or pinafore dress, black, grey or white tights/socks. Black shoes.

Boys: Purple school jumper, white shirt, purple and silver tie, grey trousers, black or grey socks. Black shoes.

PE kit: White t-shirt, black shorts, pumps or trainers. An optional purple school t-shirt can be worn. **Please do not wear any other coloured clothes.**

'KITTED OUT' on Aigburth Road stocks our uniform. If you require further information about uniform stockists, please contact school.

Please could all families respect and follow the rules regarding footwear

Please park safely outside school. The double yellow lines mean that you can not park in front of school and the cones are there to remind you. There are still a number of cars parking awkwardly on the corners of the road, causing an inconvenience to others, but more importantly, impacting on the safety of our children.



EYFS: This half term we have been enjoying the book 'The Gruffalo'. We have made 'Owl ice cream' and 'Gruffalo crumble'. We have role-played the story and Reception can retell the story using a story map. We have enjoyed describing the different characters and drawing, painting and collaging them. We have used the construction to build animal houses from the story. Nursery have been learning lots of new rhymes and Reception have been learning new sounds every day.



1BW

This half term we have loved learning to re-tell the story of the Three Little Pigs! In science we have been testing materials to see which one would be the best for the pigs to have their house made out of. In DT we have loved tasting and designing our own sandwiches and we have enjoyed an autumnal walk to the park and a visit to church to learn about Baptism.

Once upon a time there lived three little pigs.





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Mrs Clein

We have had a wonderful start to the new academic year in RSHE where we have focused on New Beginnings. Pupils across the school have reflected on what they would like to achieve this year, understanding that our choices have an impact on our future selves. Pupils have learnt how important it is to belong to a community and to ensure that all our pupils and visitors feel welcome, supported and secure at Holy Family.

We have also received fantastic news that we have been nominated for the Mental Health and Wellbeing award by Educate. We are one of four schools across the North West who have been nominated. This is a huge honour and we are so proud of the work we do at Holy Family to ensure that our pupils are supported with their mental health and wellbeing.



2H In Year 2 this half term we have really enjoyed 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? Who were the famous people at the time of the fire? In DT we tasted different types of bread, designed our own and made them which we really enjoyed.

3M We have had a great start to Year 3. We have learned about the Promise in English, writing our own stories of finding objects that change our lives. In Maths, we have looked at Place Value, Addition and Subtraction. In Geography we have compared the United Kingdom and Egypt. In Come and See, we have thought about our special places and Baptism. We learned about special places for Jewish people and visited a synagogue. In Science, we have looked at Plants and had fun carrying out fair tests.





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Who will be receiving a frog badge for being green all half term?



5L have worked super hard this half term with their learning! We have loved learning all about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings and have especially enjoyed reading Viking Boy to match this. Ending with a trip to the park to create Andy Goldsworthy inspired art was a lovely way to finish a great half term!

4L Year 4 have had a great start to the half term. In maths, we have been focusing on place value of four digit numbers and are starting addition and subtraction. We have been reading Gladiator Boy in English and wrote our own tale of fear and letter based on this. In history, we have been learning about the Romans and have been looking forward to our trip to Chester to learn even more! In science we have been learning about electricity and creating our own circuits.



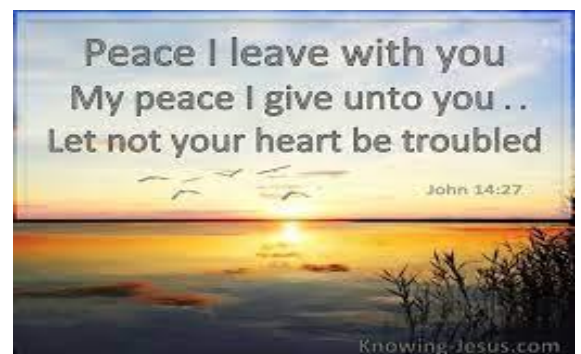
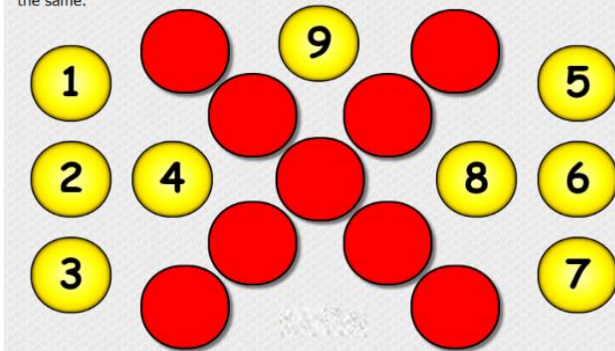
5ML have settled into their new year group really well. They are becoming more mature and are enjoying developing their skills in all areas of the curriculum. The children have learned about 7 digit numbers. Y5 are engrossed in their class novel, The Viking Boy by Tony Bradman. They have loved their basketball sessions with Mersey Mavericks and athletics with the Harriers.



6D In Year 6, we are finally recovered from all of our amazing exertions at PGL which included raft building, abseiling and swinging on the Giant Swing. In class, we have been absorbed in our work on WW2 and been loving getting to know the characters in our novel Goodnight Mr Tom. In maths, we've been working hard to consolidate and build on our addition and subtractions skills and are now raring to go with multiplication and division. We have also welcomed visitors into our class with poet Curtis Watt and a member of the FCJ order who spoke to us about her life as a nun.

Try this puzzle at home

Arrange the given numbers on the cross so that the sum of the numbers in both diagonals is the same.



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Parent Room

Dear Parents / Carers,

Our parent room is now situated at the back of the school, and is accessible through the Rhyl Street entrance. We have lots of going on right now, so please share this information with anyone who may need it.

Stay and Play: Join in the fun at Stay and Play, every Monday afternoon 1:30pm - 3pm. Come along to meet other children and families, in a safe and friendly environment. **For preschool aged children.** Please note: You do not have to have an older child here at Holy Family to attend - **all are welcome!**

Parent Courses: Courses are back at Holy Family. We are currently holding a Basic Maths course and an Introduction to Mental Health First Aid.

There is also a 'Ways to Work' employability course running at Park Road Adult Learning Centre, starting after the half term. If you would like to take part, please contact me for details. The course aims to help people looking to return to work, offering support with CV's, interview skills, reading job specifications, and more!

We will also be running a new mental health course, based on the '5 Ways to Wellbeing' in November. If you would like to sign up or know more about the courses we offer, please contact me on the email below.

Food Parcels: We understand that it has been a difficult time for many, and that people may need a bit of extra support right now. Therefore, we can offer food parcels to anyone in need. Requests are dealt with sensitively and confidentially.

Sarah Doyle: The local Riverside Councillor, Sarah Doyle, is providing a weekly parent support session, every Thursday from 9am. Sarah is available to help with Universal Credit, housing advice, fuel cost info, food / clothing support, and more! Appointments are not needed, as sessions are drop in.

Fridays: The parent room will be open every Friday afternoon at 2pm - 3pm for families to pick up items of preloved clothing or uniform. Sessions are drop in.

Reception applications: I am available to help support families looking to apply for their child to join our school Reception in September 2022. Please contact me to make an appointment.

Year 6: Just a reminder that you have until midnight on the 31st October to get in your Year 7 Transfer Secondary School Applications!

Please follow my Twitter handle for more information about local support services, what's going on here at Holy Family and within the local area: @HolyFamily_CFCM

For any further information or requests, please contact me through the parent support email: parentsupport@holyfamily.liverpool.sch.uk



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

May God Bless all our families, stay safe and have a wonderful half term.

