Summer 2 Newsletter

Prayer for July

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us, and after this exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.
Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Key Dates

School re-opens	Monday 5th June 2023
Y1 Phonics Screen Check	Throughout June
Year 4 Residential – Carlton Lodge	Tuesday 6th June - Wednesday 7th June 2023
Father John leading class Masses	Y5/6 Wednesday 7th June 2023 Y3/4 Wednesday 14th June 2023
Y4 Multiplication Check	Wb 12th June 2023
Year 2 Residential – Camp Holy Family	Thursday 29th June 2023 – Friday 30th June 2023
Whole school transition day	Wednesday 5th July 2023
Portland transition day	Wednesday 5th July 2023 Thursday 6th July 2023
Sports Day	Wednesday 12th July 2023
Dogs' Trust Assembly	Monday 17th July 2023
Reception Welcome / Transition meeting	Tuesday 18th July 2023
Reports out to parents	Friday 21st July 2023
Y6 Leavers' Mass	Monday 24th July 2023
Parent drop-in	Monday 24th July 2023
Celebration showcase – parents welcome	Monday 24th July 2023 2pm
Y6 Leavers' Assembly	Tuesday 25th July 2023
Last day of the school year	Tuesday 25th July 2023
KS2 classes to St. Mary's Mass – Parents welcome	Y3 Wednesday 7th June 2023 Y4 Wednesday 14th June 2023 Y6 Wednesday 21st June 2023 Y5 Wednesday 28th June 2023 Y4 Wednesday 5th July 2023 Y3 Wednesday 12th July 2023 Y5 Wednesday 19th July 2023
INSET days – School closed to pupils	Monday 4th September 2023 Tuesday 5th September 2023
School open to pupils	Wednesday 6th September 2023
Whole school calendar 2023-2024 including INSET days available on the school website	

God invites us to promise to keep everyone learning

At Holy Family, learning happens in lots of different ways. Mr Bratt, Miss Bliss and Mrs Sonko have been leading Holy Communion preparation classes for the whole St. Jude's parish, welcoming children from across our three churches. On Saturday 20th May, the children celebrated making their First Holy Communion. We send all of the families our blessings and prayers.

This half term we have continued to celebrate Easter and marked the end of the season with a Pentecost celebration day. Pupils learnt about how the disciples were given the ability to speak different languages. We celebrated the languages we speak at home and made lots of Pentecost inspired craft, before coming together to a Pentecost assembly.

Our Year 2 and Year 6 pupils completed their national End of Key Stage assessments. They have worked really hard to show what they have learnt. Thank you for supporting them. Year 4 and Year 1 have national tests this half term. We ask that you continue to encourage children to work hard and to attend school everyday so that they can do their best.

We have been improving our music provision. The PTA have purchased recorders and paid for Mr Woffinden to lead music lessons for Y1 and Y3 this half term. Y6 will be taking part after half term. There will be a chance for them to perform at the end of the term at a celebration showcase. We have also had a drumming workshop for all our classes. (More details are available on leaflets in the front reception) The childre loved it!

Our choir, led my Mrs Cooper, performed for parents and at the Polish School picnic. This was an amazing community event, and we were really grateful to all of the families and staff who supported us with this.

Art and crafts have been really important this half term. Year 2 have concentrated on clay work in their lessons and thoroughly enjoyed their work. The products were really high quality.

In Ark, the craft club has been really successful. A huge thank you to Mrs Nadin for leading this. Next half term Mrs Beard will be running a **Fun Fitness club** on **Thursdays**. Mrs Spencer will also be running a **cooking class** for children on **Tuesdays**. They will be learning new skills and preparing something for their tea. Week 1 is pitta pizza making. If you would like your child to take part in one of these two new clubs, please book into Ark in the normal way. We look forward to seeing you.

God invites us to promise to keep everyone included

Working with our wider community is key, as we are a family beyond the school gates. On May 1st, Holy Family joined the brand new Catholic Multi-Academy Trust of St. Francis. This is a really exciting opportunity to work with other schools across the Diocese of Hallam. We thank everyone for their patience in this process.

As a Catholic school, charity and helping others is key to our ethos. As part of our Lent preparations, children were challenged with walking laps of the field and we asked parents and families to sponsor the children. The children rose to the challenge and exceeded our target. We raised over £700 which was presented at the Diocese wide Good Shepherd Mass at the Catholic cathedral in Sheffield. Three of our school representatives were fortunate enough to meet Bishop Ralph as well.

We really enjoyed our Coronation Day celebrations, which included a picnic and lots of bunting. School looked brilliant as the children wore red, white and blue. We hope you enjoyed the bank holiday weekend as well.

We have welcomed a number of new families to join our school over the last few weeks. I know that you will want to join with us in wishing them a very warm welcome and our support to help them settle in.

God invites us to promise to keep everyone safe

In January, we asked parents to review our new Relationships, Health and Sex Education program of learning. We have begun teaching this program, specifically designed for Catholic schools. The children are enjoying their learning and the staff are reporting that it is working really well. You can review what the children are learning by visiting Ten:Ten parents portal.

Relationship & Health Education for Catholic primary schools

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Continuing to work with Mr Parker, the PTA have purchased our own canoes and licence to sail on the Welbeck estate. Please make sure that you have completed your consent forms so that your child can take part in our first program of water activities. This works alongside our swimming and residential schedule to support our children learning new skills including resilience, perseverance and understanding how to keep themselves safe.

Our children not only learn in lessons but also from what they see and hear at home and school. We want to remind you that smoking and vaping are not allowed anywhere on the school site. In addition, we ask parents and carers to refrain from swearing around our pupils, especially on the yard, as we find that children will often repeat these words within school. As always, we thank you for your ongoing support.

God invites us to promise to be honest

Listening to our pupils and parents is essential in improving our school even further. Head Teacher tea-parties have continued this half term. This is an opportunity for pupils to talk about what is working well for them and how they want to improve the school. The children also get to enjoy an afternoon of buns and hot chocolate!

Our PTA met together earlier the term to talk about the successes so far and how we can make it even better. We are looking for at least one parent representative for every year group. You do not need to give a lot of time but your ideas are key. We have some exciting projects in mind to improve the school playground but they can only happen with your help. Please let the office know if you are interested.

God invites us to promise to look after the world around us

Our school is unique in our dedication to helping children to engage with the world around us. From our residentials in Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 to the regular lessons with Mr Parker, the skills and knowledge our children learn will help them throughout their lives. Our Foundation children are keen gardeners and spend a lot of their day exploring the outdoor spaces. Our Year 6s have just completed their Camp Redwood residential. Our Year 4s are heading out to Carlton Lodge this half term and our Year 2s are taking part in Camp Holy Family. Thank you to all of the staff who spend the time to organise and supervise these events.

Key Messages:

- Remember to update the school if you change your email, address, phone number etc
- Please make sure that you have downloaded the Gateway App as new dates / changes will be communicated through this
- Visit us on Twitter **@holyfamilycps** or our website **www.holyfamilyworksop.co.uk**
- For more information, please contact office@holyfamily.notts.sch.uk
- If you would like to volunteer in school, please ask your class teacher

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