Autumn 1 Newsletter

Prayer for September

The Lord's Prayer
Our Father who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil

Key Dates

School re-opens	Wednesday 4th September 2024
Year 5 swimming starts – 12 weeks	Thursday 5th September 2024
After school enrichment clubs start	Monday 9th September 2024
Individual pupil photographs	Wednesday 11th September 2024
Whole School Mass – Year 5 to lead in school	Wednesday 18th September 9:30am
Rosary Month begins	Tuesday 1st October 2024
School Census Day – Roald Dahl Day including Cinema Night	Thursday 3rd October 2024
St. Francis Day – **school closed to pupils**	Friday 4th October 2024
Parents' Evening	Wednesday 9th October 2024
Harvest Festival – Donations to school	Thursday 10th October 2024
October half term	Monday 21st October 2024
School re-opens	Monday 4th November 2024
All Saints Week starts	Monday 4th November 2024
KS2 classes to St. Mary's Mass – Wednesdays 9:30 am – announcements on Dojo	
Whole school calendar 2024-2025 including INSET days available on the school website	

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Learning
Included
Safe

Holy Family: Together in Love

Welcome back everyone, we hope that you have had an amazing Summer and are looking forward to our new school year.

We want to start the year by saying thank you to you all for continuing to choose our school to be part of your family. As a family, we follow our motto of "Together in Love" and it is by working together within our shared valued that we will help our children thrive.

We promise to keep everyone Learning

This year we are continuing to work with the St. Francis Catholic Multi-Academy Trust to build an even stronger curriculum. This year we are starting a new RE curriculum for all our children that is designed for our children, full of creativity. We are also further developing our English curriculum so that we can improve our children's reading and writing. To help keep this promise at home we ask that parents read with their children at least three times a week and record this in the reading records that will be coming home. We also ask that you share lots of other books too, so that children build a love of reading. Children will be asked to practice spellings or phonics at home too. Your teachers will let you know test dates or deadlines for these. From Year 1 to Year 6, learning multiplication tables is essential and so encouraging your child to complete short sessions on TTRockstars will really help.

Most importantly, getting your child to school on **time, everyday**, will ensure that your child has the best chance of success. The Government have set out clearer guidelines to schools about what happens if attendance becomes a concern, including increased fines. We would like to remind parents that it is their legal duty to make sure that pupils attend school and that pupils for whom attendance falls below the national target will be monitored. Please speak to a member of staff if you are concerned about this so that we can work together to support your child.

We promise to keep everyone Included

This year we continue with our highly successful SEND program. In addition, we are looking are more ways of helping to build and strengthen our school into a community wide family. As parents, you can fulfil this by making sure that your child has the correct uniform. This is a key part of our identity. Wearing the correct uniform helps children feel like they belong, it helps them get ready for learning and teaches them the importance of following rules. Children who do not wear the correct uniform can feel left out or that some rules do not need to be followed. We thank you all for making our pupils look smart and ready for the school year. We have a very cheap uniform shop available, please ask at the office to take a look. We ask that you label uniform to avoid wasting valuable learning time looking for items.

We promise to keep everyone Safe

We all want our children to be safe. Good attendance and wearing uniform is part of this. In addition, all our staff have completed their annual safeguarding training as well as updating their First Aid training over the coming weeks. As part of our Return to Learning Curriculum we will be revisiting lots of the rules about safety around school. We ask that you make sure that children are safe travelling to and from school and that you inform the school of any changes of telephone numbers or addresses to help us.

Finally, we can't wait for another exciting year. If you have any questions, please speak to a member of staff.

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 and ClassDojo 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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