



Newsletter – 13.11.23 Autumn 2 week 11

# HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we head towards the season of Advent and prepare for the arrival of Jesus our Saviour, we would like to remind you all of our school mission statement:

**Our school is part of Holy Family Parish and we see it in family terms. We aim to develop our children’s all round potential in a happy, secure and disciplined environment. To achieve this we are committed to a partnership of parents, staff, governors and the whole Christian community.**

**Our school is founded on faith in Jesus Christ and his teachings and we accept the guidance of the Catholic Church in establishing that foundation.**

## Afternoon Tea

We would like to invite grandparents and parishioners to join Father David and all of us here in school to an afternoon tea. There will be entertainment from the choir. Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 2:15pm.

## Admissions to Primary School- EYFS 2024

If you have a child, or you know anyone else with a child in the local area, who turns 4 between 1/9/23 and 31/8/24, this is the time to be applying for a primary school place for September 2024.

**If you live in Blackpool (pay council tax to Blackpool)- APPLY ON-LINE AT: [www.blackpool.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.blackpool.gov.uk/schooladmissions)**

## Elmer

Thank you for supporting this cause so far. We have raised £331 towards our target of £850 so far. On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November we are holding a non-uniform day, please donate £1 on parentpay. Please ensure that children come in clothing ready to go outside at lunchtime – we don’t want anyone to be cold.

## Mass

Year 2 are holding their class mass on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November and Year 4 will be holding their Mass on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Everyone is welcome, please join us in the school hall from 2:30pm.

## First Holy Communion

If your child is in year 4 or above, we encourage families to take part in the first Holy Communion programme as part of their faith journey. There is no set date for the final celebration yet but Father David has let us know that details will be coming out before Christmas.



## Holidays

Whilst we appreciate that holidays are far cheaper in term times, we request that families avoid taking children on holiday during the school year. It is very unsettling for children on their return, having to 'catch up' on missed learning. We have our attendance monitored by Blackpool Council, who will take action to fine families taking more than one holiday in term time.

## New trim trail

On a sunny morning, Bethany Bitsakaki opened our new trim trail dedicated to her brother Joe and children have begun to enjoy playing on the equipment. We will remember him through smiles and chuckles as we play. (Please be reminded that use of the trim trail before and after school hours is not permitted and school will not be held responsible for any accidents that might take place.)



## Advent

Advent is an exciting time of year, one where we prepare for Christ. During Advent we will meet every morning as a school to share stories from the bible. This tradition is known as 'The Jesse Tree' and our children will decorate our school tree with symbols from these stories. Please see the dates coming up box with details of the events coming up in Advent. You don't want to miss out!

### Dates for your diary coming up – NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

16.11.23	Year 2 Mass in school @2:30pm, all welcome
20.11.23	Y5/6 Athletics tournament
21.11.23	Y4 Trip to Bolton Museum
22.11.23	Y2 Class Assembly from 2:15pm. All welcome.
23.11.23	Y4 Class Mass in our hall from 2:30pm, all welcome.
28.11.12	Strictly come dancing (those involved will receive details)
30.11.23	Afternoon Tea for parishioners and grandparents from 2:15pm
1.12.23	Advent begins – NON UNIFORM (Bottles and chocolate for the Fair)
4.12.23	Y3/4 athletics
5.12.23	Blackpool Catholic Schools Advent service – 6-7pm Holy Family Church (details for those involved will be coming home)
7.12.23	The Nativity play
8.12.23	School's CHRISTMAS FAIR 3:30-5:30pm
11.12.23	Park School Christmas concert 1:45pm in church
12.12.23	Year 5 Christmas play 5pm
14.12.23	Y6 to lead Mass in church 2:15pm
19.12.23	Christmas lunch in school – wear your Christmas jumpers!
21.12.23	End of term at 1:30pm.