



Newsletter – 2.10.23 Autumn 1 week 5

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Admissions to Primary School- EYFS 2022

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.

Open Day at Holy Family: Tuesday 17th October 2021 3:30-5:30pm

ALL Families WELCOME- Come and visit our Outstanding Early Years Setting and meet Holy Family Staff.

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

CLOSING DATES FOR APPLICATIONS – January 2024

APPLICATIONS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES FROM SEPT 2023

Using the same link above, but selecting secondary, you need to apply for high schools online to Blackpool, or to Lancashire (school choice dependent) Applications are now open; the deadline for applications to secondary schools is October 2023.

Mr Eccles will be coming to Holy Family today at 3:30pm to talk about admissions, please come along. St Mary's open day is on Monday 25th September (Year 6 parents and children invited). This is your opportunity to go and tour the school.

Elmer's Big Parade

This year we have decided to support Brian House after their compassionate work with one of our families last year. We are aiming to raise £850 this year through our non-uniform days and other events. Part of this initiative is to decorate an Elmer sculpture. Our Elmer, along with other uniquely decorated Elmers, will then be positioned around key landmarks, streets, and open spaces in Blackpool for eight weeks so we can join in a hunt for Elmers! We will start off with a special assembly on the 13th October, and a non-uniform day will follow on the last Friday of the half term. We have a £1 donation for this (now on parentpay) but you are welcome to donate more.



2 Corinthians 9:6-8

'Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.'



Harvest Assembly

From Monday 2nd October, we ask that each child bring in a gift for harvest: a tin of food, dried pasta or perhaps toiletry item for our annual collection for the Blackpool Foodbank. Some of our own families have needed to access this bank so this is a very worthy cause.

Year 3 are leading worship on the wonderful harvest of food that God provides us on Thursday 5th October, starting at 2:15pm. All are welcome to join us.

Parents' Evening

Parents' evening is on Wednesday 5th October from 3:30pm until 6:15pm for years 1-6. This first parents' evening is simply a chance to find out how your child has settled in to their new year group. If you feel you need longer than the time allows, please make a further appointment to talk to your child's teacher so that we can stick to the appointment slots as closely as possible. There will be a link on parent pay for you to choose your time. Mrs Unsworth will be holding a separate parents' evening next half term so she has a little longer to get to know the children.

Mass

SUNDAY mass at Holy Family Church - 15th October at 11:30am. We would love to see you there and share in our worship. Miss Mallinson loves to have the children sit up in the choir loft with her and sing, and we also need some volunteers for readings.

School Office

Please be aware that until Mrs Barnes returns from her maternity leave at the end of December, there will be no one in the school office on a Friday afternoon. Staff will try their best to answer phones and take messages.

Water and nuts!

Please only send water in bottles. Water advised by Blackpool dental teams but if your child has a medical need, please let us know. Again, we need to advise you all that we have children with potentially life threatening nut allergies in school so we must insist that no food items containing nuts are sent in packed lunch boxes.

Dates for your diary coming up – OCTOBER

- 2.10.23 - Dental survey for 5 year olds.
- 4.10.23 - Nasal Flu immunisations
- 5.10.23 – HARVEST assembly led by year 3 at 2:15pm. All welcome.
Parent's evening – 3:30-6:15pm
- 12.10.23 – Year 6 Drugs talk from the Police
Year 2 Mass is cancelled due to a funeral. Apologies.
- 13.10.23 - Elmer Assembly
- 15.10.23 – SCHOOL Mass at Holy Family Church 11:30am
- 16.10.23 - Year 3 trip to 'Bring Yer Wellies'
- 17.10.23 - OPEN afternoon for Reception class 2024 prospective parents
- 18.10.23 – Year 4 class assembly @2:15pm – all welcome
- 19.10.23 - Year 1 to lead Mass – all welcome, Junior Hall from 2:30pm
- 20.10.23 – Non Uniform day (£1 on parentpay) and finish for half term at 3:30pm.

