



# NEWSLETTER

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Friday 14th October, 2022

Welcome, добро пожаловать, Witamy, Sveiki, Bienvenido, Bienvenue, ยินดีต้อนรับ to our latest Newsletter.

## Term Dates

Due to a professional development day for Trust staff, school will close for half term on **Thursday 20th October** and reopen on **Monday 31st October, 2022.**

School will also close on **Thursday 24th November, 2022** for an additional Trust training day on **Friday 25th November, 2022**

Click the calendar for all term dates, including dates for 2023/2024

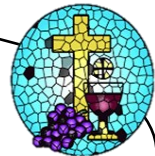


We are holding an Open Morning for children who are starting school in 2023, or due to start in the next couple of years. Please come along, tell friends and family. See page 3 for further details.



## First Holy Communion

Mass for children taking their First Holy Communion will be held at 9.00 am on Sunday, 16th October at Holy Family Church.



## Flu Immunisation Programme

\*\*\*REMINDER\*\*\*

The Immunisation Team will be visiting school on **Thursday 20th October, 2022** to deliver the flu nasal spray immunisation to pupils. Full details have been sent to families by email.

The link and school code to give /withdraw consent for your child are detailed below

<https://www.hdftsais.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

School Code HD139533



## Mini Vinnie's Foodbank Appeal

Holy Family Mini Vinnies are coordinating our Harvest offering this year in aid of Darlington Foodbank. Many families in the local area use the foodbank and the children would really like try and support the service.

We would be very grateful for donations of food items, no matter how small, any items will be very gratefully received. Please send food donations to school with your child by Thursday 20th October, 2022



See, Think, Do!



## Sporting Events

Events next week include:

Y4 TAG Rugby Festival on Tuesday 18/10/22  
At Mowden Park Rugby Club

Further information will be sent to parents.



## Tea & Chat

Thank you to all families who came along to the session this week. Staff really enjoyed meeting everyone.



# Happy Birthday

to pupils celebrating their birthday this week and next week.

Nancy M

Elliot R

Hetty S

## Attendance & Absence Update

A copy of the new Attendance Policy has been added to our website.

<https://holyfamily.bhcet.org.uk/information/attendance/>

In accordance with the Trust's Policy, please can we remind families that time off for holidays during term time will not be authorised and may be referred to the Local Authority who could issue fines/sanctions.

Please do not ask staff to give your child work to do if you have chosen to take them out of school to go on holiday. Staff prepare resources for use in their lessons and do not teach using a bundle of worksheets, therefore cannot give you the work others will be doing whilst your child is absent.



## Attendance Stars

The Class with the best weekly attendance will be rewarded with an additional activity.

This week's Attendance Stars are

Year 1

Congratulations!

## Concert Evening

Well done to some of our Year 6 children who sang at a special musical event for Dame Maura Regan on Thursday night.

The children were invited to perform their Faith In Action song and gave a wonderful performance. Well done everyone!



## Coming Next Week .....

Please look out for a letter that will be sent to all families next week about the next exciting stage of our plans for a Nursery at Holy Family School.

## Absence Due To Illness

If children are absent from school due to illness, please could parents ensure they contact the school office by email or telephone before 9.10 am.



Thank you





HOLY FAMILY RC  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



### Hello Parents of children starting school in September '23!

We would love to see you for our Open Morning at Holy Family Primary School on Prior Street on Saturday 5th November 2022 between 10-12. You can get a taste of what our school can offer your child, meet the staff who will nurture and teach them, explore our lovely grounds (and get a little surprise for your little one at the end too!)

We look forward to seeing you!

Mrs J Weatherall Mr M Shield

Please use the QR code to watch a video from our school.



### Wrap Around Care

If you are looking for regular or occasional child care, don't forget we offer Wrap Around Care clubs at Holy Family.



**Sunrise Breakfast Club** is available each morning during term time, from 7.45 am to 8.45 am, at a cost of £5.00 per child. Places can be reserved via Scopay and must be booked in advance.

**Sunset After School Club** runs each day during term time from 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm. Attendance is split into two sessions, 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm and then 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm. The cost for each session is £5.00. Reservations for one or both sessions can be made via Scopay and must also be booked in advance.



Details are available on the website <https://holfamily.bhcet.org.uk/information/wrap-around-care/> or by contacting the school office.

### Fundraising Christmas Fair

A fundraising Christmas Fair will be held on Wednesday 30th November, 2022 in the school hall, after school. Times and further details to follow.

Friends of Holy Family would be very grateful to receive donations of raffle prizes and tombola items. We would also be grateful for donations of Christmas themed food items for hampers. Any items can be sent to school after half term

If anyone would like to find out more information or join other parents and family members to plan and organise events, please email the school office, we would love to hear from you. With your permission, we would also be happy to pass your details to other members.





## World Mental Health Day

This week each class had lessons to coincide with World Mental Health Day. The whole school also had a special assembly, presented by representatives from the NHS Mental Health Team.

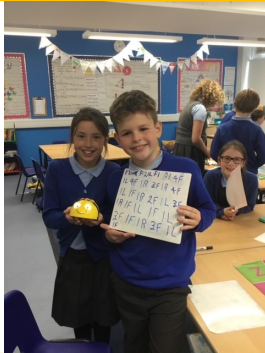


Some classes have also been working with Colour Monsters. These are from a book series, *The Colour Monster* by Anna Llenas.

The books introduce children to different feelings and basic emotions, which are all represented by different coloured monsters. They help children to consider their emotions. The monsters are .. Yellow for Happiness, Blue for Sadness, Red for Anger, Black for Fear and Green for Calm

## Year 5 News

The children have been practicing their coding skills through different Bee-Bot challenges.



In PE this week, Year 1 have been perfecting their balancing and coordination skills.



Well done to children from Holy Family who were selected to be part of the Darlington Cross Country team. Here they are at the Tees Valley event this week.

## Pupil Achievement

One of our pupils, Ellen D, will be performing at the Rugby League World Cup Opening Ceremony at St James' Park Stadium in Newcastle on Saturday 15th October, 2022. This is ahead of the opening game between England v Samoa. Ellen will be dancing with her performance academy and other performers during a live performance from the Kaiser Chiefs.



Good luck from everyone at Holy Family School