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We follow in Jesus' footsteps

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What a glorious week it's been! The children are working hard and our school environment is a calm and safe place for them to learn and explore. Things are a little different now and we are all missing our whole school assemblies together. Mini assemblies now take place in classrooms when we celebrate the Gospel reading of the week and celebrate with those children who have been given Star Awards and of course the Good Samaritan Award.

I have concerns about the beginning and end of the school day as some parents are not keeping to the protective measures we have put in place. As you know these are very busy times here when staff are ensuring that the children are welcomed into school at the start of a new day and also that they leave school with an adult. We also try to be available for a quick chat if a parent has a concern. Please read the rules below - any feedback would be great.

This week's Gospel reading is about a landowner who hired some workers for his vineyard. He took on new workers at the start of the day and three more times later in the day. He promised them all a fair wage.

The workers who arrived first expected to be paid more than the workers who arrived near to the end of the day. Everyone was paid the same wage. The workers who had been hired first thought this was unfair, they were angry and complained.

Jesus is showing us that God's idea of fairness (sometimes we use the word justice), is different from ours. God's fairness is about making sure that every single person gets what they need, no matter what their situation.

God gives us what we need and not just what others think we deserve. God is generous and created a world with enough for absolutely everyone.

Jesus said, "So those who are last will be first, and those who are first will be last."

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Best wishes



Star Awards

- YR - Harry & Ruby A
- Y1 - Aron & Wiktor
- Y2 - Peter & Aniela
- Y3 - Ollie & Summer-Rose
- Y4 - Ayva-Mae & Lewis
- Y5 - Olivia & Nourhan
- Y6 - Julia C & Antoni



Good Samaritan Awards

- YR - Darah
- Y1 - Delilah
- Y2 - Nadia
- Y3 - Annabelle
- Y4 - Matas
- Y5 - Kuba
- Y6 - Charlotte

Breaking news!

After our voting process has taken place, we are delighted to announce that Charlotte is our new Head Pupil with Amelia and Nadia as Deputy Head Pupils. They will be superb ambassadors for Holy Family school. Well done to all the pupils who submitted their letters of application.

Coronavirus update - important information

PLEASE DO NOT STAY AND SOCIALISE BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL AS THIS IS AGAINST ALL THE RULES CURRENTLY IN OPERATION

You must self-isolate immediately if:

- you have any symptoms of coronavirus (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste)
- you live with someone who has symptoms or tested positive
- someone in your support bubble has symptoms or tested positive

If one person has any of the above symptoms then all the household must self isolate. The person with the symptoms must get tested and isolate for 10 days. The others must isolate for 14 days and only get tested if they show symptoms. Further advice can be found at NHS website or by phoning 119

Please note the following;

- If you, as a parent, feel more comfortable wearing a mask in the school grounds you are welcome to do so, but please still observe social distancing rules while waiting in the playground and speaking to other parents. Please respect other parent/carers whilst on the school site and outside the school premises with social distancing precautions
- One way system for pick up and drop off, entrance to school is the gate by the staff car park and exit by the gate nearest nursery.
- Parents/Carers must not enter classrooms
- Only one parent/carer to drop off and collect

Mobile numbers and email addresses

Please can you ensure that you have provided your most up to date contact details as we have struggled to contact some parents this week. If you have changed your email or mobile number recently please update us by emailing s.anforth@holy-family.lancs.sch.uk or bursar@holy-family.lancs.sch.uk

Church Car Park

The church car park will be out of use on Monday. Please use the parish centre car park.

Parents Evening

Due to the current situation we are unable to hold a start of school year Parent's Evening. I know many of you are in contact with your child's teacher at the beginning and end of day, but if you have any worries or concerns, please do get in touch via email directly to your child's class teacher or by telephone. Likewise, if any of the teachers feel they need to speak with you, they will make contact over the next two weeks.

School Admissions 2021

School Place Applications Sept 2021 The application process for school places for September 2021 is now open and the deadline for Secondary places is 31st October 2020 and for Primary places is 15th January 2021. Please apply online at <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>

Free School Meals - Absence from school due to Covid-19

If your child is absent from school due to COVID-19, and they are currently eligible for free school meals based on the household income, the school kitchen will be able to provide a packed lunch for your child. You will need to request this by contacting the school office by 9.30am each morning a lunch is required. You will need to make arrangements for the lunch to be collected at 12.00 noon from outside the office/main entrance.