

Dear Families,

### Spring term experiences

We have had many exciting experiences this term, including a trip to the theatre and a visit from Princess Jasmine. We had an exciting couple of weeks watching our eggs hatch into beautiful ducklings, and we learned a lot about how to look after them.

Many of our children took part in first aid training with Mr. and Mrs. Smith. We talked about who we could call in an emergency and learned how to give CPR to someone who has stopped breathing.

We have continued to enjoy welcoming you all into school to celebrate candle time and we have loved engaging with you at our Reading Breakfasts and Stay Cool and Read sessions, as well as Stay and Play mornings. Please continue to support these events whenever you can.



### Holy Rosary Reading Hub

Our Reading Hub/Library is almost complete, and it looks wonderful. If you have not had chance to see our new 'Enchanted' themed library, please pop by and take a peep. Photographs do not do it justice. Thank you so much to everyone who has purchased a book from our Amazon wish list. Our new library is far from full so if you still like to purchase a book, it would be very gratefully received.

### Wraparound care

I am delighted that Holy Rosary's 'After School Fun Club' will begin after Easter for children from Reception to Year 6. The club will run Monday to Friday from 3.10 until 5.45. Places are limited, so please book in advance. Any questions, contact the school office.

### Homework Club

At Holy Rosary, we believe that completing homework well and handing it in on time encourages good habits. We do, however, acknowledge that this can be tricky to fit into busy family life. Our homework club will run every Tuesday, 3pm - 4pm for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. It will be an opportunity for children to complete their homework with support from school staff. There will be no cost for this club, but please book in advance through MCAS. Homework club will begin after Easter.



### Easter raffle

Once again, our Easter Raffle was a huge success, raising over £300 for our school fund. Thank you so much for your generous contributions.

### **Walking bus**

We hope that our walking bus facility has made morning drop off a little easier for a lot of you. If you are not yet using this facility, please contact the school office to find out if it is something which would benefit you.

### **Mixed aged classes**

At Holy Rosary, we believe that all of our children should be provided with the best possible education and the opportunities to excel and reach their full potential. This term, we have experimented with mixing some of our older classes, in order to share our teaching expertise across the year groups. This has been extremely successful and we will continue to provide our children with these high quality teaching and learning opportunities in the Summer Term.

### **Parents Evening**

Thank you to those of you who have already made an appointment for Parents Evening on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April. If you have not already done so, appointments can be booked on the MCAS app.

### **Communication**

Thank you to all of you have contributed to school improvements over the last two terms. A lot of the changes which have happened recently have been a result of having conversations with yourselves. Your views matter!! Please continue to keep those lines of communication open and let us know your thoughts. Holy Rosary Primary School is on a journey and we want you to be part of that journey too. The sky is the limit for our children and families, and if we work together, our school community will continue to grow stronger.





### School Attendance

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|----------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 95% Attendance | 9 Days Absent  | 2 Weeks Absent    | 50 Lessons Missed  |
| 90% Attendance | 19 Days Absent | 4 Weeks Absent    | 100 Lessons Missed |
| 85% Attendance | 29 Days Absent | 6 Weeks Absent    | 150 Lessons Missed |
| 80% Attendance | 38 Days Absent | 8 Weeks Absent    | 200 Lessons Missed |
| 75% Attendance | 48 Days Absent | 10 Weeks Absent   | 250 Lessons Missed |
| 70% Attendance | 57 Days Absent | 11.5 Weeks Absent | 290 Lessons Missed |
| 65% Attendance | 67 Days Absent | 13.5 Weeks Absent | 340 Lessons Missed |



5 Minutes late each school day  
 =  
 3 school days lost each year



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| Reception | 92.61% |
| Year 1    | 94.37% |
| Year 2    | 95.42% |
| Year 3    | 94.89% |
| Year 4    | 96.36% |
| Year 5    | 95.84% |
| Year 6    | 95.86% |

Well done, Year 4 - winning class for best attendance again.

### Happy Birthday - March and April Birthdays

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| Leo R    | Amelia H | Lucy W   | Olivia A   |
| Amelia J | Rhema A  | Violet F | Aadi J     |
| Rosie V  | Daniel S | Joshua C | Preston R  |
| Grace C  | Isaac H  | Sean P   | Anna P     |
| Elric D  | Zack W   | Lola G   | Harrison C |
| Daisy V  | Mel G    | Jacob W  |            |
| Ellie P  | Esmee M  | Theo S   |            |
| Grace C  | Lana I   | Emily P  |            |



As we approach the end of the Spring term, I would like to thank you all for your continued support over the last two terms. I love my role as Head Teacher of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary and feel so privileged to work with such motivated staff and parents who strive the do their very best for our children.

Have a wonderful, happy Easter.

I will look forward to seeing you again on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

Take care and God bless,

Mrs L. Flaherty