

# Holy Family Newsletter

*We are a caring family.  
We pray, learn and grow together*

## Welcome Back - September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope that you all enjoyed a good summer break. The children have settled very quickly back into school and we are all looking forward to another exciting year ahead.

### Staffing

We would like to welcome Miss Pollard as our Y3/4 class teacher, replacing Mrs Lord, who will be going on maternity leave when we break for our October half term.

### Money Matters

Just to remind everyone to please pay for milk and toast every Half Term. For children who do not pay we must assume that they are choosing not to have milk or toast as this is a personal choice. All children are to have their money in an envelope marked clearly with their name please:

<b>Milk</b>	<b>£7.50 per half term (milk is subsidised by the Government)</b>
<b>Toast</b>	<b>£9.00 per half term</b>

Dinner money is only for KS2 children and can be paid weekly on a Monday or in advance via School Grid - *please contact the office for more information on how to sign up to School Grid.*

### School Dinner orders on School Grid

If you have ordered your child's lunch in advance using School Grid and your child is off sick please can you cancel their lunch order for that day. Thank you.

### Data Collection Sheets / Consent Forms

Your child will soon be bringing home their data collection sheet; please check all the information carefully and return them signed to school with any changes / updates as soon as possible. Please bear in mind that in case of an emergency we need at least **Three** reliable contacts.

### Aldi Kit for Schools

This September, Aldi are running a Team GB promotion. Every time you spend £30 in store, you will receive a Team GB sticker. The promotion runs until 3<sup>rd</sup> November. If we collect 300 stickers school will receive an Aldi sports kit. In addition, each school will be entered into a draw for a chance to win £20,000. Please support school if you can and ask your families, friends and neighbours. Drop off stickers in the box at the school office.

### New Reception 2019

If you have a child starting next September 2020, please make sure that their name is registered at the school office before the end of October and you have completed a Supplementary form.

### Holiday Requests

Term time holidays and extended leave are not allowed as a rule, and parents/carers are discouraged from arranging holidays or extended leave of absence during term time. Any time-off, authorised or unauthorised, will be marked in the school register as an absence, could incur a fine and will impact on your child's overall attendance percentage; a two week holiday would give an overall percentage of 94.7%... this is without any days taken for illness. Attendance of less than 95% is known to compromise attainment.

### Uniform

Please make sure all items of uniform are named. No jewellery is permitted except watches. If children have recently had their ears pierced and are unable to take ear rings out please ensure they are wearing plasters. Footwear should be black/dark coloured.

## Medicines

If your child requires prescription medicine to be taken 4 times or more a day it may be administered in school; medicines **must** be handed into the school office and not just sent in with your child, and the appropriate paperwork must be completed.

## Going to High School

The online application service for admission to Secondary School 2020 is now open. The link to the online service is:

<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Education/Schools/School-Admissions/Secondary-schools.aspx>

Parents/carers of children currently in Y6 should have received a letter reminding them to apply - the letter contains a UID code which parents can use along with their child's DOB when applying online. The UID is not necessary to apply online, parents can choose the 'No UID' option if they are having difficulties using the UID. If for some reason you are unable to complete an online application you can collect a paper application form from the school office.

## Dates for your Diary

18th September	Wigan Observer Reception Class photograph
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Meet the Teacher – 5.00-5.30pm or 5.30pm to 6.00pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Winmarleigh parent meeting at 3.15pm
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole school photograph – 9.00am
7 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Assessment week
14 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole school Assessment week
14 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 Winmarleigh trip
21 <sup>st</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	HALF TERM

## Class Updates:

Mrs Bird's Class	We are so proud of how well our Reception children have settled into school. They are quickly making new friends and are enjoying exploring our areas in and out of the classroom. We have started our topic about space and our classroom will be transformed on Monday – watch this space!
Mrs Mawdsley's Class	Year 1 have had a wonderful start to our year and have come back to school ready to learn. We have worked hard on our handwriting and are very much looking forward to starting our new story 'The Zoo Vet' very soon.
Miss Winstanley's Class	What a fantastic start we have had in Year 2! We have been working very hard on place value in maths and the children have amazed me with their positive attitudes towards their learning. We are excited to learn all about Great Explorers this half term!
Miss Pollard's Class	Year 3/4 children have settled in very well. We have been very enthusiastic when learning about the Stone Age and rocks. A big thank you to the children who have brought some in to show the class. We have enjoyed reading about Junie B Jones and her adventures.
Miss Philbin's Class	Year 4/5 have had a fantastic start to the academic year, producing excellent writing in our English lessons. The children have really enjoyed our Greek afternoon this week – they have all sampled some traditional Greek meze and can tell you all about what Greece has to offer.
Mrs Summerton's Class	Year 5/6 have made an excellent start to the new school year. They are proving to be excellent role models for the younger children. We are looking forward to learning about the Tudors this term and we will also be reading some plays by William Shakespeare. Next week is our trip to the Palace Theatre to see 'The Terrible Tudors'.

**CLASS ATTENDANCE COMPETITION TO START ON THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!**

*Mr Gallagher, Headteacher*