



Holy Rood Catholic Primary School

Autumn Term, Issue 1 — Friday 8 September 2023

The theme of our prayers:
I am respectful

Important Dates and Events

- Tuesday 12 September 2023** – 3pm - Agencies gather on the playground for parents to engage with
- Wednesday 13 September 2023** – Swimming begins for Y4
- Wednesday 13 September 2023** – Y5/6 Author Event with SF Said at 10.30am in school
- Thursday 14 September 2023** – Horizon to visit Y6 parents and pupils – 3.30pm in Y6 classroom
- Friday 15 September 2023** – Inclusive sporting event – see separate letter for those children attending
- Wednesday 20 September 2023** – 4.30pm First Holy Communion meeting at Holy Rood Church
- Thursday 21 September 2023** – Trinity Academy St Edwards to administer Fair Banding Assessment
- Friday 22 September 2023** – 10am Welcome Back Mass at Holy Rood Church, Y6 to lead
- Friday 22 September 2023** – 1.15pm Y5/6 Boys Football at RITC
- Monday 25 September 2023** – 3.30pm Beaumanor Hall Meeting for Y6 parents and pupils
- Tuesday 26 September 2023** – Languages day in school
- Thursday 28 September 2023** – Macmillan Coffee Morning at 9.15am
- Friday 29 September 2023** – 1.15pm Y5/6 Girls Football at RITC
- Monday 2 October 2023** – 1.30pm Y3 Fire Safety Talk
- Tuesday 3 October 2023** – 2.30pm Grandparents Afternoon
- Thursday 5 October 2023** – Phonics meeting for F2 parents at 2.45pm in the school hall
- Friday 13 October 2023** – CAFOD Family Fast Day
- Wednesday 18 October 2023** - Y4/5 author event with Matt Lucas at 9.30am in school
- Friday 20 October 2023** – 1.15pm Y5/6 Cross Country at Horizon
- Monday 23 October 2023 – Friday 27 October 2023** Y6 to Beaumanor Hall
- Friday 27 October 2023** – School closes for half term at 3.30pm
- Monday 6 November 2023** – school reopens for children

Attendance/Holiday requests and fines

We will continue to work on attendance in our school this academic year and the government have placed greater emphasis on improving attendance from September 2023. Leave of absence forms must still be completed if children are to be absent from school. If a form is not submitted, these will be classed as unauthorised absence.

Holidays will not be authorised and any holiday of 5 days or more will result in a fine. Fines are currently £60 per child. The money does not come to school. Failure to pay the fine on time will result in court proceedings. Please do not take this personally.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us to make our school be the best that it can be!

School Holidays 2023/2024

October Half Term – Monday 30 October – Friday 3 November 2023

Christmas Holidays – Friday 22 December 2023 – Friday 5 January 2024

February Half Term – Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February 2024

Easter Holidays – Friday 29 March 2024 – Friday 5 April 2024

May Half Term – Monday 27 May 2024 – Friday 7 June 2024

Summer Holidays – break up Friday 19 July 2024

Inset days 2023/2024

Friday 22 December 2023

Friday 7 June 2024

Monday 22 July 2024

Advanced notice of important assessment dates 2023/24

Y1 Phonics will take place from Monday 10 June to Friday 14 June 2024

Year 4 Multiplication Check will take place from Monday 10 June until Friday 14 June 2024

· Year 6 SATs will take place from Monday 13 May to Thursday 16 May 2024

I hope that you have all had a good summer. A huge thank you from the staff and I for your very generous cards, gifts, thanks and good wishes at the end of the Summer Term; they are much appreciated.

I would like to give a very special welcome to our new families who have joined us. We hope that they will be very happy here at Holy Rood. I would also like to welcome our children who were with us before the summer - it is wonderful to see everyone back!

The children have settled back really well and are ready to learn; they all look so smart in their new school uniforms and shiny new shoes! A huge thank you to you for your support. We are all ready for the start of another exciting school year and cannot wait to see what this year has in store for us!

We thank you in advance for the support that you give to us and we look forward to working with you and getting to know our families more throughout the academic year.

Mrs Dobson
Headteacher

Newsletter

Our newsletter will be sent fortnightly on a Friday this academic year. If there are any urgent updates, letters will be sent separately. A reading newsletter from Mrs Heald will also be sent on a monthly basis. Thank you.

Staff Updates

Welcome to Miss Baranski, our new teacher in FS2. We hope you have had a great first week at Holy Rood.

Dinner Money

School Meals are £2.40 per day/£12 per week. Menu choices are available on the School Gateway app or children can select their option in the classroom. Please pay via Schoolcomms. Thank you.

Welcome back Mass

On Friday 22 September, Y2 – Y6 will be attending our Welcome Back Mass at Holy Rood Church at 10am where Y6 will lead. Parents are welcome to join us.

Y6 Trinity Academy Assessment

Trinity Academy St Edward's will come into school on Thursday 21 September at 10.30am to administer their selection assessment.

Jewellery

Please could the children only wear **stud** earrings to school and if they wish, a watch – no smart watches. All other jewellery should be kept safe at home, thank you. Please note earrings should be taken out at home on PE days as we cannot allow tape/plasters over them for health and safety reasons.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs will begin WB 11 September. Letters have gone out this week. Mr Newsome's and Mr Horton's clubs are full but there are still spaces in the others. Thank you

PE tops

All children have now been given their PE top. Children can wear these or their white t shirt for their PE session. We ask that for sporting events when they are representing the school, the blue PE top is worn. All children have their name in the tops. Thank you.

Parent Information Afternoon

On Tuesday 12 September 2023, we will be having a range of agencies to gather on the playground – please pop along and say hello to them.

School Calendar

Please see separate letter about syncing the school calendar to your phone. If you do not wish to do this then please visit our website to see the updates/information about the range of events.

Grandparents Afternoon

Please join us on Tuesday 3 October at 2.30pm for our Grandparents afternoon. Further details will be sent in a separate letter.

Seesaw

The Seesaw app will be used for children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2. Please see the staff members if you need help with logging in.

Uniform Swap Shop

Thank you for all of your kind donations for the uniform swap shop. Mrs Wood has lots of uniform especially older boys' uniform so please do come and see us if you need any. Thank you

School Crossing – advanced notice

Please note that there will be no school crossing patrol on Racecommon Road on the following dates:

27th October 2023 9th February 2024
24th May 2024 22nd July 2024

PE Kit/Days

Please ensure that your child/ren has their PE kit on the following days:

| <u>Class</u> | <u>Days PE kit needed</u> |
|---------------------|---|
| F2 | Friday |
| Y1 | Monday and Wednesday (Outdoor weather permitting) |
| Y2 | Tuesday and Thursday (Outdoor weather permitting) |
| Y3 | Wednesday and Thursday (Outdoor weather permitting) |
| Y4 | Wednesday and Thursday (Outdoor weather permitting) |
| Y5 | Monday and Thursday (Outdoor weather permitting) |
| Y6 | Thursday and Friday (Outdoor weather permitting) |