



NEWSLETTER

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Curriculum snapshots - Please talk to your child about their learning this week!

You said... 'I would like to know more about what my child has been learning'

We did... 'Introduced curriculum snapshots to give parents a starting point for discussions at home!'

Nursery

We have been listening to the story of Jesus going to a wedding. At the wedding they had no wine left. Jesus turned the water into wine. It was a miracle.

When I was a baby I went to a wedding.

Ella

Reception

We have been learning about Chinese New Year- It is the Year of the Pig. Isabelle

We have been talking about time. If the big hand points to 12 and the little hand points to 1 then it's 1 o'clock. Albert
We have listened to the story of Tiddler. "Sorry I'm late, I was caught by a squid!" Ugo

Year 1

In Maths we have been learning about partitioning. It is when you split numbers into tens and ones.

$$82=80+2$$

Anya

Year 2

We have been BBC reporters and acted out the miracle of the loaves and the fish as though we were there.

Tilly

Year 3

We have been learning about division. For example

$$45\div 3=15$$

$$30\div 3=10$$

$$15\div 3=5$$

Jessica

Year 4

We have been learning about Pope Francis' letter Laudato Si which was for everyone on the planet. It made me think more deeply about how we need to look after our world; our common home.

Lucy

Year 5

This week I have been learning about how to make fractions equivalent by doing whatever we did to the denominator to the numerator. We also explored how to turn improper fractions into mixed numbers. We did this by dividing the bigger number by the smaller denominator.

Daisy

Year 6

In History we have been learning that the Government turned fruit and vegetables into cartoon characters to get children to eat them. Archie

We have been learning how to divide fractions by an integer.

Samuel

We have been learning about how and why Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. Charlotte

Reconciliation Meeting

It was lovely to see the Y3 parents at the Reconciliation meeting this Thursday. Year 3 is such a special year for our children and I would ask that as a school and parish community we keep our children in our prayers as they prepare to receive the sacraments. Many thanks to Mrs Capey and Fr Pat for all their hard work and commitment supporting the children and families of our school.

Absence

On the first day of any absence, parents are requested to inform school by telephone by 9.am. There is a dedicated absence line where a message can be left. If a child is to be absent from school on subsequent days, then contact needs to be made with the school office **on each day** so that the correct code can be entered into the school register. In addition to the initial telephone call, we ask that all absences must be accounted for and parents are requested to write a letter of explanation to their child's teacher as soon as he/she is able to return to school.



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Attendance

We are committed to improving achievement through attendance at school and are monitoring closely the attendance of all of its pupils. As we have been analysing our attendance data and matching it to government expectations we celebrate that overall the children's absence is lower than national figures. It may be that sometimes you do not realise how many absences your child has had, and so to support you, we will be sending home a note if attendance drops below the national expectation of 95%. Additionally, a letter will be sent home to children who are persistently absent where their attendance has dropped below 85%. Your child's attendance will then be monitored closely where a gradual improvement would be anticipated. We will also be working where needed with external support to ensure that children's attendance at school is at acceptable levels. Many thanks for your understanding.

For your information:

Attendance during one school year	Equals days absent	Approximate weeks absent
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks

Information evening

You said... *'We would like to know more about what our child is learning'*

We... *have introduced an information evening for parents!*

I look forward to welcoming you all to school this Monday. The evening will begin in the school hall where I will share with you some of my hopes and aspirations for St Hugh's Catholic Primary School, as well as introducing you to some of the key staff in school. Following this, you will have the chance to go to your child's classroom and meet their class teacher who will carry out a presentation and provide you with relevant information regarding the curriculum within their classroom, as well as outlining any relevant routines/homework etc. The teachers will repeat their information session so that if you have siblings in the school, you will have the opportunity to go to more than one classroom! The sessions will run as follows:

5.30pm - Presentation in the hall by Mr Platt

6.00pm - Opportunity to meet your child's class teacher

6.30pm - Second opportunity to meet your child's class teacher (if you have children in two or more classes)

7pm - Repeat presentation in the hall by Mr Platt



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Homework

You said... 'We would like to know more about what our child is learning and we would like more/less/no homework!'

We... are reviewing our homework policy and introducing a weekly homework sheet!

Many thanks for all your comments regarding homework via the parental questionnaire. The issues of homework are always a difficult one to get right to meet the needs of parents across school. So parents want more homework... others want less... some parents don't agree with homework... We have decided to re-look at homework provision across school and over the next six months will be developing a new policy which will aim to ensure that work being carried out at home is strengthening the work taking place in the classroom on a weekly basis. After half-term we will be introducing a weekly homework. The content of this will be discussed at the curriculum information evening on Monday. We hope that this will be a positive step forward and further empower parents to support their child appropriately at home.

Questionnaire

Many thanks for all your responses. I will be providing a summary at the information evening next week and in the final newsletter of half-term.

Parents Evening

You said... 'We would like the timings of parents evening to be changed and to have a longer slot with class teachers.'

We... have made it earlier and teacher parent slots will be ten minutes.

Parents evening this year will take place on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th March for children in Reception to Year 6. We are currently exploring an on-line booking system via Parentmail and hope to have the detail to you very soon. Nursery arrangements will also be confirmed in the near future.



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DIARY DATES	EVENT (Please be aware that dates are provisional)
Monday 11 th February	Information Evening 5.30pm - 7.30pm
Tuesday 12 th February and Wednesday 13 th February	Class 6SJ Safe Cycling
Tuesday 12 th February	1F Class Assembly 9.00am 5S Waxworks Main hall 1.00-3.00pm
Wednesday 13 th February	4C Class Assembly 9.00am 5Tu Waxworks Main hall 1.00-3.00pm 1SH to Knowsley Safari Park
Thursday 14 th February	5T Waxworks Main hall 1.00-3.00pm 1F to Knowsley Safari Park
Thur. 14 th and Fri 15 th Feb	Class 6G Safe Cycling
Friday 15 th February	1H to Knowsley Safari Park School closes for half term 3.30pm
Monday 25 th February	School re-opens Reception Hearing tests
Tuesday 26 th February	Hockey League 4.00-6.00pm
Wednesday 27 th February	Swimming Gala Final Sale Leisure Centre 1.00-3.00pm
Thursday 28 th February	Year 6 boys Indoor Football Altrincham Leisure Centre 1.30-4.00pm 3P Children's Reconciliation Service at Church 7.00pm
Friday 1 st March	Year 1 PTA disco - 6pm - 7pm Year 4 PTA disco 7.15pm-8.30pm
Saturday 2 nd March	Cross Country Sale Harriers 10.00am
Monday 4 th March	Quicksticks Hockey Y3/Y4 and Y5/Y6 Timperley Sports Club 4.00-6.00pm
Wednesday 6 th March	ASH WEDNESDAY- 9.30 Mass for Juniors and Liturgy for EYFS and KS1
Thursday 7 th March	WORLD BOOK DAY Indoor Football Year 5 boys Altrincham Leisure Centre 1.30-4.00pm 3BP Children's Reconciliation Service at Church 7.00pm
Monday 11 th March	Parents Evening - Reception to Year 6 3.45pm - 7pm
Tuesday 12 th March	Parents Evening - Reception to Year 6 3.45pm-6pm
Wednesday 13 th March	Class Photos
Thursday 14 th March	5Tu Class Mass at Church 9.30am Indoor Football Girls Y5/Y6 Altrincham Leisure Centre 1.30-4.00pm
Friday 15 th March	Year 2 PTA disco 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Tuesday 19 th March	Greater Manchester Games
Wednesday 20 th March	5S Class Assembly 9.00am
Thursday 21 st March	6SJ Class Mass at Church 9.30am 3TF Children's Reconciliation Service at Church 7.00pm
Friday 22 nd March	Girl's Football League 4.00-5.30pm Year 3 PTA disco 6.30pm - 7.30pm
Tuesday 26 th March	Hockey League 4.00-6.00pm
Thursday 28 th March	5S Class Mass at Church 9.30am
Monday 1 st -Wed 3 rd April	Year 6 trip to Robinwood
Tuesday 2 nd April	Lower Junior Production 1.45pm classes tbc
Wednesday 3 rd April	Lower Junior Production 1.45pm classes tbc
Thursday 4 th April	Lower Junior Production 1.45pm classes tbc
Friday 5 th April	School closes at 3.30pm
Tuesday 23 rd April	School re-opens