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# HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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WEBSITE: **Currently being re-constructed**



## NEWSLETTER

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### MASSES

The NEXT Mass in school will be a Class Mass prepared by Year 3. They will be celebrating their Class Patron's Feast... St Vincent Da Paul.

### **ECUMENICAL HARVEST CELEBRATION (7.30PM. Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October. CHURCH)**

Fr Pat has invited everyone to come along to this community celebration at Holy Name Church. We hope that many of our children will be involved in it, and the Choir will be singing a special hymn.

### KS1 HARVEST SERVICE

Children in Year 1 will be leading this annual celebration in school on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October (2.15pm). Parents and friends are warmly invited.

### WEBSITE RE-LAUNCH

We are currently undertaking a major redesign of our website, and we hope that the new site (once properly launched) will be more useful for you. It is not yet completely ready but if you are interested in viewing the 'general idea' please feel free to visit: [www.holynameprimary.org.uk](http://www.holynameprimary.org.uk). Thank you to everyone who has sent ideas and suggestions to Mr Brennan via. his email (above)..... People are overwhelmingly in favour of moving to electronic communication where practical (with the obvious proviso that if you still wish to receive hard copies, you can do so).

We hope that in the future the children who attend ICT Club every Tuesday, will be able to do much of the everyday management of parts of the site, so that it is up-to-date and relevant for them.

We are about to trial a new software system which allows us to send text messages to you, and we are making every effort to make sure that any letters sent out from school can also be accessed on the website the same day.... Including this Newsletter! The next step will be to only publish the Newsletter on the website (with you receiving a text message to tell you when the newest version is there).

### SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

We are pleased to announce that the following children have been elected to sit on our School Council for 2008-9:

<b>Year 2</b>	Jennifer Harrington Max Gould	<b>Year 5</b>	Joseph Stephenson Hannah Blinston
<b>Year 3</b>	Ella Craggs Jack Mercer	<b>Year 6</b>	Tom Barrass Pierre Domel Zoe Skinner Grace Durkan
<b>Year 4</b>	Ellie O'Brien Daniel Rowley		

**Children interested in becoming Council Members were all required to make presentations to their class peers before the final candidates were decided. During the election itself, all votes were made in private and secretly.**

**THE FIRST MEETING TOOK PLACE TODAY. MINUTES WILL BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE.**

### OPEN DAY (RECEPTION 2009)

If you (or someone you know) are interested in applying for a place in our Reception Class for September 2009 you may like to come and see us in operation on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September**. Contact Miss McCulloch to make an appointment. Eligible children will have been born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2004 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2005. An information Pack is available from school. If you would like one please let us know.

### HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS SEPTEMBER 2009 (Year 6 Parents & Pupils)

A **very important** pack, containing all the information you need to apply for Secondary schools in Leeds for September 2009 was sent to you last week (via the children). Please make sure you study this carefully and if you are unsure about completing forms please do not hesitate to speak to us.

### **BREAKFAST CLUB PLACES**

Mrs Boyle / Mrs Lill have some limited places available in our Breakfast Club at the moment. Please speak to them if you think you would like to use this facility.

### **ALLOTMENT VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

Mrs Hoban and Mrs Dawson have been busy with our Pupil Gardeners over the last few weeks. They have harvested a good quantity of Potatoes and Onions and some of these were used today by Year 6 to make soup. The patch of ground is now in need of a good turn-over and we wondered if there was anyone out there who fancied a little bit of exercise doing this for us? It is a little difficult for the children to do, because it requires more strength than they have. Also, we wondered if there was anyone who would like to spend an occasional half day in the garden during the year, just ensuring that general maintenance and tidying work is kept up??? Anyone???

### **MORRISONS GARDENING VOUCHERS**

We are collecting these vouchers. Please bring them in so that we can build up enough to make a claim for garden equipment and seeds etc.

### **YEAR 5 TRIP**

Children in Year 5 will be going to Armley Mill on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October to be Victorians for the Day. Letters about this will be sent soon.

### **FREDDY FIT KS2**

The children in KS2 will enjoy a session of aerobic exercise with 'Freddy Fit' on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October. The PTA pay for this usually, so there will be no charge.

### **PARENTS EVENING**

Our first meeting for parents and teachers will be on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October (5-8pm). Letters and appointment slips will be sent out nearer the actual date.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE 3/9/08 –19/9/08</b>
Reception	Not Counted
Year 1	98.9%
Year 2	96.9%
Year 3	<b>99.7%</b>
Year 4	90%
Year 5	99.6%
Year 6	97.3%

Year 3 are our '**Attendance Champions**' for the period since we **started back at school ... WELL DONE!**

It is really important that everyone does their best to achieve 100% attendance throughout the year. Please do your best!!

### **LEARNING LOGS**

Most KS2 children will receive homework this week on the subject of 'What is Art?'. They should answer this question in as inventive and creative a fashion as possible, using the Orange Topic Books they will bring home. For an idea of what we are aiming for, please visit:

[www.learninglogs.co.uk](http://www.learninglogs.co.uk)

## **ETHOS STATEMENTS**

### **Next Week**

"I can say how I feel"

### **Following Week**

"I can laugh and have fun"