



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
LIVE, LOVE, LEARN. TOGETHER WE WILL SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

Holy Spirit Weekly

10th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful seeing our children return from their half term break refreshed and excited for their new half term of learning. This week it was a real privilege to bring our amazing Holy Spirit choir to Madison Court to share our beautiful singing with all of the residents. We sang songs of peace and joy and the children really brightened the residents day. In December we will be visiting again. Our links with Madison Court are a real strength of our school, a special thank you to Mrs Margaret Smith for organising it all for us. Our children enjoyed a delicious tea party after singing at Madison Court. We even sang happy birthday to a special lady called Dorothy who has celebrated her 100th birthday!



This year we are applying for the 'Live Simply' award with Cafod and are well on our way with our journey. With money we fundraised last half term we bought a gift from the Cafod World gifts to help spread peace throughout our world. We are continuing this theme throughout our prayer and liturgy in school. Here is a lovely prayer to say to help us continue to spread peace throughout the world.

A Prayer for peace

Loving God and Father of all,
hear our prayer for peace in our world.
Protect all children living through war,
help them to stay safe and feel loved.
Strengthen all adults hurt by war,
help them to forgive and to heal.
Guide all leaders who work to end war,
help them to stay hopeful and wise.
Loving God, your Son, Jesus
showed us how to be peacemakers.
Help us to follow his example,
and live in peace as your global family.
Amen.



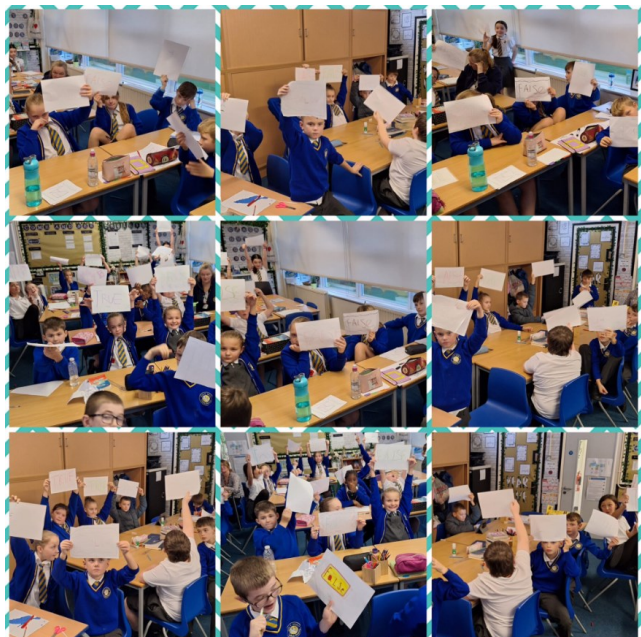
Did you know: in many languages, the word for peace is used as a greeting. The Hawaiian word aloha, and the Arabic word salaam both mean peace. They are also a way to offer a friendly greeting to friends and strangers.

Congratulations to all of our children who were awarded our SOAR values award on Thursday for living out our school values in everything that they do.



Well done to Evie for being chosen as the overall runner up winner of the Teardrops Christmas poster competition. Jax, Gabrielle and Peyton were given a special certificate for their amazing entry.

This week we have been busy with Parliament week and it has been great to see all of the children's learning on Twitter. Hope that you all have a lovely weekend, see you at 8:35am on Monday morning. Thank you so much for all of your kind sweet donations towards our Christmas fayre today.



Kindest regards,

**Miss Walsh
Headteacher**

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

There will be **NO** after school clubs on Thursday 16th November.



On Friday 17th November

children are invited to wear
ODD SOCKS with their uniform for
Anti-Bullying week 2023.



Family Mass

St Vincent de Paul Church
Sunday 19th November
at 9.30am. All Welcome



PE kit

Plain polo shirt in white/green/yellow/red/blue depending on your child's house team
Plain navy shorts/plain navy jogging bottoms or navy leggings
Plain navy hoodie or school hoodie
Black pumps or trainers



*Children wear their PE to school on PE days instead of school uniform.

PE in Holy Spirit—this week

Monday R, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 & Y5 Y6

Tuesday Y4 & Y5

Wednesday DANCE Y1, Y2 & Y3

Friday Y6



Attendance and Punctuality

Has your child been an attendance and punctuality
HERO this week?



Here Everyday Ready On Time!

Unfortunately due to the amount of holidays in term time we have had so far this year, as well as children being unwell we are not meeting our whole school attendance target of 97%.

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| Reception | 95.4% |
| Year 1 | 98.5% |
| Year 2 | 93.1% |
| Year 3 | 96% |
| Year 4 | 95.8% |
| Year 5 | 96.1% |
| Year 6 | 94.8% |
| Whole school attendance this week | 95.7% |

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OPEN EVENING

FOR EYFS NEW STARTERS

Is your child starting Nursery or Reception in September 2024?
Are you interested in visiting potential settings before submitting an application?
Come along to our open evening, explore our environment and speak to our staff about any questions you may have!

Thursday 16th November
4:30PM-6PM

Holy Spirit Catholic School and Nursery Brunswick Street, Parr, St Helens, WA9 2JE
Tel: 01744 678670

Diary Dates

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| 13.11.23 | First Holy Communion Preparation Session 2—With Parents | Y4 Holy Communicants |
| 14.11.23 | Year 1 Phonics Learn and Share—9am | Year 1 |
| 15.11.23 | Year 2 Reading Learn and Share—2.30pm | Year 2 |
| 16.11.23 | EYFS Open Evening—Prospective New Parents 4.30 – 6pm | New Parents |
| 16.11.23 | NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS TODAY | Whole school |
| 17.11.23 | Odd Socks Day – Children to come to school In Odd Socks | Whole School |
| 17.11.23 | Anti Bullying Theatre Show in School | Reception – Y6 |
| 19.11.23 | Family Mass St Vincent de Paul Church 9.30am | All welcome |
| 21.11.23 | Year 6 Reading Learn and Share 9am | Year 6 |
| 24.11.23 | Own Clothes Day – Bottle Donation | Whole school |
| 24.11.23 | Year 5 Reading Learn and Share – 9am | Year 5 |
| 30.11.23 | EYFS Teddy Club – 9am | EYFS |
| 01.12.23 | Own Clothes Day – Chocolate donation for Christmas Fayre | Whole School |
| 04.12.23 | Y4 First Holy Communion Preparation Session 3 – 3pm with Parents | Year 4 Holy Communicants |
| 05.12.23 | Year 4 Reading Learn and Share – 9am | Year 4 |
| 05.12.23 | Year 3 Reading Learn and Share – 2.30pm | Year 3 |
| 05.12.23 | Parr Christmas Light Switch On with Choir | All welcome |
| 10.12.23 | Family Mass St Vincent de Paul Church 9.30am | All welcome |
| 11.12.23 | Santa Dash – wear Christmas Jumpers | Whole School |
| 12.12.23 | Christmas Dinner & Jumper day | Whole School |
| 13.12.23 | Christmas Fayre – afternoon – Parents from 3pm | Whole School |
| 14.12.23 | School Choir to Maddison Court 10.30am | School Choir |
| 14.12.23 | Carols by Candlelight In school – 2pm | Whole School |
| 15.12.23 | Festive Cinema – Pyjama day in school | Whole School |
| 18.12.23 | EYFS Christmas Nativity 9.30am | EYFS |
| 18.12.23 | School Choir to Parr Library | School Choir |
| 19.12.23 | Breakfast with Santa – EYFS, Y1, Y2 and Year 3 | EYFS, Y1, Y2 & Y3 |
| 20.12.23 | KS1 Christmas Nativity – Year 1 and Year 2 9.15am | Year 1 & 2 |
| 21.12.23 | School Closes at 1pm | Whole School |

Dates are Subject to Change. We will notify you of any changes.

Please regularly check the website, marvellous me or the newsletter every week