



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

Holy Spirit Weekly

1st December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have started our ADVENT preparations, where we are getting ready to welcome Jesus into our world on Christmas day. Our school is looking very festive! In our whole school prayer and liturgy this week we lit the first candle, the candle of HOPE on our beautiful Advent wreath. Our children were asked to think of ways they can share HOPE this week. On Tuesday after school at 4pm, our choir will be spreading so much HOPE around Parr as they sing at the switching on of the Christmas tree in Parr. We hope that as many of our families can join us for this wonderful community event.



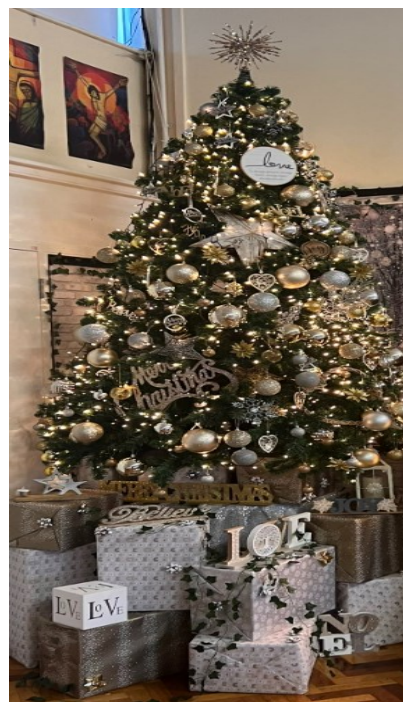
Each class has been writing their Live Simply pledges this week—we are working on a whole school new display for these in our safe Haven—we will share it with you very soon! We are working hard to Live Simply, Live Sustainably and Live in Solidarity each and every day in Holy Spirit. We are well on the way with our Live Simply award actions.

Our travelling nativity has started being sent home this week. Make sure you share a photo on Twitter if your child brings it home or email it to holspirit@sthelens.org.uk

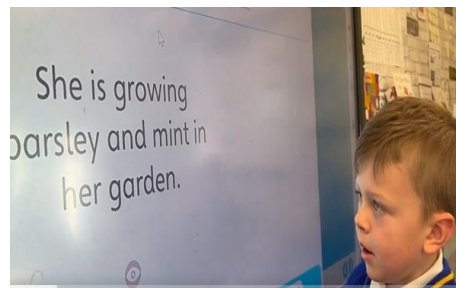


Thank you God for sending your light into our world this Advent. Let us be a shining light and spread HOPE in all that we do this week.

Amen.



Mrs Martin was so impressed this week checking in with Phonics in EYFS and Year 1 and Year 2, our children have made so much progress this term! Thank you to our parents and carers for all their support at home listening to their child read regularly throughout the week and returning your child's reading record to school. Keep up the great work everyone!



We have been busy completing our Reading Plus 10 day challenge this week with Year 2—Year 6. The children have been set the challenge by Mrs Lamble to complete Reading Plus every day in their Daily Reading lesson in school. It can be carried on at home too! I know lots of our children use Reading Plus regularly at home, it is a fantastic resource bespoke to your child and the level they are working at. Try and spend some time with Reading Plus this weekend and I'd love to see some tweets of you working on your reading!



Congratulations to all of these Year 5 children who were awarded their November Owls Wow tracker badge for walking to school! Miss Lamb hopes to give lots of the December robin badge out soon!



Remember that our gates open at 8:35am and shut at 8:45am each morning. All children should be in class for 8:45am for their teacher to complete the register. Any child arriving after 8:45am is receiving a late mark—please try and get your child to school on time!

Have a great weekend, it is going to be a chilly one so make sure you stay warm and take care with all the ice around, see you all on Monday morning,

Kindest regards,

Miss Walsh
Headteacher

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

Reception	91.4%
Year 1	90.1%
Year 2	95.9%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	94.8%
Year 5	95.1%
Year 6	96.3%
Whole school attendance this week	93.9%

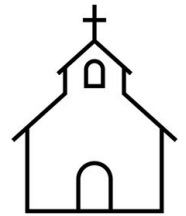
**REMINDER : AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS
HAVE NOW FINISHED UNTIL JANUARY**

All welcome to join us for Parr Christmas Light Switch on where our school choir will be performing. We hope you can make it !



Family Mass

St Vincent de Paul Church
Sunday 10th December
at 9.30am. All Welcome



Christmas Lunch

If your child brings a packed lunch to school and would like a Christmas lunch on Tuesday 12th December please contact the office to arrange before Wednesday.

Christmas Hampers To Be Won

Our 100 square raffle launched today. Please do pop in and purchase a number on one of the squares for your chance to win one of these amazing prizes. We have 2 raffles running, one for the children and one for the adults. Children can bring £1 to school to take part in the raffle at break and lunchtime all next week. The raffle will be drawn when all numbers on the 100 grid have been sold.

Thank you to Holy Spirit Staff who have donated items to create a fabulous food Hamper as main prize. We also would like to thank Morrisons supermarket who have donated prizes for both raffles too.





Diary Dates

04.12.23	EYFS Teddy Club – 9am Parents welcome	EYFS
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
06.12.23	Advent Mass—St Vincent De Paul Church 9.15am - Parents welcome	Year4, 5 & 6
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

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS HAVE NOW FINISHED UNTIL JANUARY

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 NO PE FOR Y4 & Y5 this Tuesday

Wednesday DANCE Y1, Y2 & Y3

Friday Y6