



SS John Fisher & Thomas More Catholic Primary School

A Voluntary Academy



NEWSLETTER

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Journeying together with Jesus Christ, we learn to love and love to learn

Our Statement to live by is
"I can laugh and have fun"

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all those parents who are helping school to remain socially distanced when picking up and dropping off children. All our Covid-19 secure plans are running smoothly at present, resulting in no positive cases within school and only 10 pupils absent from school for Coronavirus related reasons. This is great news, and testament to everyone's hard work.

We ask parents/carers to continue to remain vigilant at the beginning and end of every day, ensuring they continue to refrain from mixing with parents/carers of children in other 'bubbles'. For classes who use the Nursery gate, can we ask the you enter through the nursery gate and leave through the main gate. This enables everyone to keep two metres apart stops 'pinch points' from occurring.

Can we also remind all parents/carers that all pupils MUST to be accompanied by an adult when arriving and leaving school. In the morning this adult must remain with the child until they are collected by their teacher. This is to ensure the children are maintaining social distance when travelling to and from school.

Lateness

It is also important that you are on time for drop off and collection, as we have a very tight timetable to get everyone in and out of school without class 'bubbles' mixing. If there are any questions about this or confusion about start times please speak to your child's class teacher.

Nursery Refurbishment

As you are all aware we are in the process of completely refurbishing the Nursery Building. This is starting to take shape, and is going to look fantastic when it finishes. Unfortunately, due to the poor weather we have had in the last few weeks, the project is now running behind schedule.

We still plan to fully open this building before Christmas, but until then Nursery children will continue to be taught in the Romero Centre on a part time basis. Please do speak to Mrs Dixon or Mr Hemington if you have any questions.

PE Kit.

Just a reminder to all parents/carers that correct PE Kit is white T-Shirt, plain blue or black shorts/tracksuit bottoms and trainers. Children may also choose to wear a royal blue jumper/sweatshirt as the weather is getting colder. Along with this newsletter there is a leaflet advertising a local company (run by a parent from our school) who provide suitable royal blue hoodies as well as other items at a reasonable price. You may even see Mr Hemington sporting his at the start or end of the day!

First Holy Communion

Over the few weeks we have been in discussions with Fr Nick and the Parishes about how we can complete the 2019/20 sacramental programme safely. We are now able to share with you our plans which are laid out in the separate letter attached with this Newsletter. Please do read this carefully and contact school if you have any questions.

The remaining First Holy Communion Preparation classes will take place on the 11th & 18th of November, with Mr O'Hara. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we are not able to invite parents/carers into these sessions. The two First Communion Masses themselves are scheduled to take place at St Elizabeth's Church on Saturday 21st November at 9:30am & 11:00am. During these Masses, each child will be allowed **two family members** present. We ask that small children do not attend as they will find it difficult to maintain social distance.

Parents/Carers may wish to defer their child's First Holy Communion until some time in the future. This is of course their right as long as they understand the celebration would not therefore be with the school but within the context of a normal Sunday Mass.

Please contact Fr Nick if this is something you would like to do.

Harvest Collection

As we are now in October, we are again going to collect groceries for the Wythenshawe Food Bank. If you have any donations they will greatly appreciate, and we ask that you place them in the box in front of school labelled Harvest Collection.

School Photo Day & Parents Consultation Week

We plan to hold a socially distanced parents consultation week in November. The week scheduled is 9th - 13th November.

We are also having school photographs taken on Thursday 22nd of October. Due to Covid-19 restrictions children will only have individual photos taken and unfortunately no parents/carers can be allowed into school.

More details about both events will be sent home nearer the time.

Dates for the Diary

ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ANY OF THE EVENTS LISTED BELOW

Full Details of All Term Dates for This Year Are On The School Website

October

Monday 19th - Friday 24th	Assessment Week	All Week
Thursday 22nd	School Photograph Day	All Day
Friday 23rd	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF TERM	
Monday 26th - Friday 30th	HALF TERM	ALL WEEK

November

Monday 2nd	SCHOOL RE-OPENS AFTER HALF TERM	
	Virtual Class Assembly - Year 5 Mr O'Hara	2:30pm
Thursday 19 th	Flu Vaccinations	All Day
Monday 9 th - Friday 13 th	Parent Consultation Week (further details to follow)	3:30pm
Thursday 19 th	Flu immunisations	
Monday 23rd	Virtual Class Assembly - Year 4 Mrs Lord	2:30pm

December

Monday - Friday 14th - 18th	Assessment Week	2:30pm
Monday 14 th	Virtual Class Assembly - Year 2 Miss Jarvis	2:30pm
Friday 18th	School Closes for Christmas Holiday	

MORE DATES WILL BE ADDED, SO WATCH THIS SPACE