

## April Newsletter

This term we are pleased to welcome new pupils Maisie, Eli, Millie and Bella who have joined us in Class 1.

### National Tests

Between May 2<sup>nd</sup> and May 9<sup>th</sup> pupils in years 2-6 will be taking part in tests for Reading, Procedural Numeracy and Reasoning.

In preparation for these tests your child has had the opportunity to look at and practice test style questions. We emphasise to all pupils that this isn't something they should feel anxious about but we know some children do find the experience challenging.

It is important that your child is in school during the test period otherwise they will be awarded the very lowest possible score.

More information about the tests can be found at [www.learning.wales.gov.uk](http://www.learning.wales.gov.uk)

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Reasoning Tests
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Procedural Math Tests
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Reading Tests

### Parents' Meetings

Thank you to all parents who attended meetings with staff before Easter. We hope that by providing an evening slot working parents were able to come at a time convenient to them.

Teacher/Parent meetings for the Summer Term will take place on July 11<sup>th</sup> – reports will be sent home prior to this.

### Mass

Thank you to all who joined us for our recent school Masses. As a school we are working with Father Richard to strengthen the links between Holy Name School and Holy Name Parish.

The children are always pleased to see family members joining us in church. Before the end of term we have 5 more scheduled School Masses and hope many of you will be able to join us.

### School Admissions

All applications for school places are processed by the local authority at <https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/school-admissions> - if you know of anyone who is interested in sending their child to Holy Name School please could you direct them to this website. We are always happy to show prospective parents around the school.

## **Sponsored Read**

As a school we are always aiming to raise the awareness of the importance of reading.

Reading regularly is crucial both to help children improve their literacy standards and to give them the skills to be able to engage in reading for pleasure.

We have decided to run a sponsored read to encourage children to read more and hopefully raise some funds to put towards purchasing books for the children to use in school.

The sponsorship forms have been sent home – these can be used to choose a target of how many books your child is going to challenge themselves to read during a 3 week period from Mon 30th April until Fri 25th May.

Once they have decided upon their target they can see if friends and family are willing to sponsor them.

The sponsorship form will also be available on the school website in case of loss/ requiring more space.

Could all sponsorship forms (including any money raised) please be handed into Mrs Jones by Wednesday 6th June.

## **Headlice**

We have been notified that a number of pupils in school have headlice. Please could we ask all parents to check their children's hair.

Head lice have nothing to do with cleanliness or parenting skills. The best defence we have against head lice is vigilance and prompt, thorough treatment.

## **Volunteers**

If any parents/grandparents are interested in volunteering in school (e.g. to help out on school trips) please could they let Mrs Jones know – we can then contact you and arrange all necessary DBS checks

## **Reminders**

- Fruit can be purchased every day for 20p
- Toast is available every Wednesday
- Pupils are not to bring toys into school as we cannot take responsibility for loss or damage

- Our school policy states that pupils should not wear jewellery to school with the exception of small stud earrings, watches and signet rings.
- Pupils should not wear nail varnish in school.
- As part of school uniform pupils may wear trainers to school, but these should be black or grey, not brightly coloured or highly logoed.
- For reasons of security and space, parents/carers are requested, wherever possible, not to accompany pupils into school in the morning. Messages for class teachers can be given to a member of staff in the main entrance.

Thank you for your continued support in these matters

### **Dates for your Diary**

**Dates are added to the school website on a regular basis – please visit [www.holynameschool.co.uk](http://www.holynameschool.co.uk) to see the calendar for up to date information.**

May 10<sup>th</sup> 10am Ascension Mass

May 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Wellbeing Week

May 16<sup>th</sup> Empty Classroom Day

May 18<sup>th</sup> Class 3 Feel Good Friday

May 25<sup>th</sup> Class 5 Bike Check

May 28<sup>th</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term

June 4<sup>th</sup> – June 7<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Safer Cycling Course

June 8<sup>th</sup> 10am Sacred Heart Mass

June 27<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Transition Day

June 29<sup>th</sup> Feast of St Peter and St Paul Mass 10am

July 6<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Transition Day

July 8<sup>th</sup> First Communion

July 9<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm School Mass

July 11<sup>th</sup> Parent's Evenings

July 19<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Leavers Mass

