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# THE HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

**'As a family we live, love, learn and celebrate  
with Jesus.'**

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As our lives become increasingly busy this week we have looked at taking time out for silence, reflection and prayer. In assembly on Monday we talked about how our children could do this and have aimed to lead by example allowing time for this at school. Each day after lunch the children have a period of silent meditation where they are encouraged to reflect and pray. Children have said how this time of silence allows them space to be peaceful during a busy school day.

Tuesday was 'Safer Internet Day' and all pupils took part in learning about how to be safe whilst online. We teach this throughout the year through our RSHE programme but it is also good to have a focus day to highlight the importance of online safety. Please ensure that you are aware of what your child does online by regularly checking devices and ensuring that you have age appropriate filters on all devices they have access to.

From a recent parent survey some parents asked for more information about the curriculum and what their child learns at school. Our school website has an area dedicated to curriculum and there is a great deal of information for parents there. However, we recognise that it is useful to see firsthand and have the opportunity to ask questions about the curriculum. Therefore we will be holding a series of 'Subject Showcases' for parents over the rest of the academic year. The first Subject Showcase will be on **19th March at 2.30pm** and will be focused on reading, RE, history, geography and art. Our subject leaders will showcase their subject using pupils to help and you will be able to visit subject stands to find out more and ask any questions you may have. We hope to see as many of you there as possible!

The Welwyn Civic Service is this Sunday at **3pm at Our Lady Church**. Fr Norbert will be celebrating Mass, all are invited to attend.

God Bless  
Mrs Linnane



## Upcoming Events

- 12<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 virtual parents evening 3.30 onwards
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Parent Consultation (in person) 3.30pm onwards
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- 16<sup>th</sup> – Finish for half term – 3.15pm
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**For regular news, updates and photos  
about life at our school!**

**Please see our website:**

[www.holyfamily.herts.sch.uk](http://www.holyfamily.herts.sch.uk)

**Facebook:** [TheHolyFamilySchoolWGC](https://www.facebook.com/TheHolyFamilySchoolWGC)

**Twitter:** [@holyfamilyWGC](https://twitter.com/holyfamilyWGC)



## Stars of the week

- Year R** Mabel
- Year 1** Chimanmanda
- Year 2** Anastasia
- Year 3** Sarah
- Year 4** Antoni
- Year 5** Neriah
- Year 6** Emma

## School finish time

Please note the official time **school finishes is at 3.15pm**. Please be prompt in collecting your child from the classrooms and leave the premises as soon as possible. If you are late, you will need to collect your child from the school office.

If you have not arrived at the school to collect your child by 3.30pm they will be placed in after school club and you will be charged for the session. The charge for a single session is £9 per child.

## Arbor house keeping

As you are aware we use ARBOR to communicate messages to our parents, send emails and take payments. We would just like to remind parents that it is really important that you have access to the parent portal either through a mobile device or desktop. We recommend you check it regularly for details of payments and other important messages we may put on there.

You can also use ARBOR to keep up to date with your child/ren's attendance and update personal details such as addresses.

### ***Quick actions/attendance/summary or by date***

***To update or change address you click on view student profile, find the address section and either add a new one or edit the current address.***

If you are having trouble accessing the parent portal please contact the office as you may be missing vital information.

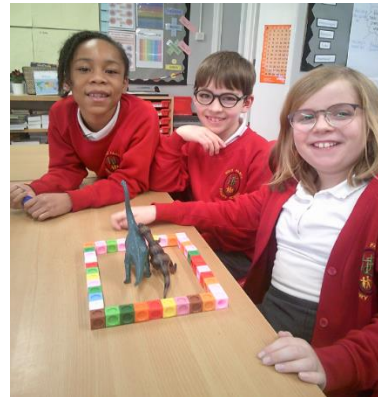
## Wrap around care

As we have communicated previously our wrap around care clubs have been reaching high numbers recently. To ensure that you get a space please make sure you make a booking in advance. At the very latest parents can book up to 3 hours before the session is due to start. If you cannot make a booking, it is likely that the club is full so please do not just turn up with your child/ren as we may have to turn you away.

**Parents must make sure that they have signed the wrap around care agreement and returned it to the school office. Please note that as per the wrap around care agreement there will be a £20 late payment charge for every 15 minute period that you enter.**

## Year 3

In Year 3 we have been learning about forces and magnets in Science. The children were asked 'Do magnets need contact for forces to act?'. They then investigated this by placing card between a magnet and magnetic and non-magnetic materials. They found out that you do not need contact for a magnet to work and it was great fun to make paperclips move on the card. In RE, we enjoyed a visit from the Year 6 Chaplaincy Team who came to talk to us about the Mysteries of the Rosary. They answered lots of questions about how to use the Rosary beads, when to use it, and we finished with a prayer together. In Maths the children have been building boundaries around objects and calculating the perimeter.



## Year 4

In year 4, for internet safety day we did an activity focused on influencers. Influencers are people who have a large following online and use their online platform to influence the way people think, feel or act. We were given the task to design a brand new influencer. We had to think about how an influencer might use their power for good for example to promote and raise money for a charity or to raise awareness of something.

In LOTC this term, we went and did a litter pick around the school. We collected all types of materials and kept a tally of what we collected. With what we collected, we then turned our data into a bar graph. In another lesson we also practised making nets of 3D shapes out of natural materials. We originally made nets from card that were folded together. From this we decided on the most stable structures and shapes that were most stable. We then made them from sticks and tape. We learnt that triangular prisms were the strongest structure but also practised pyramids, cubes and cuboids.



## Year 5

Year 5 are enjoying reading *The Boy in the Tower*. We have been learning about creating suspense in our writing. In maths we have been focusing on fractions. We have learned about finding equivalent fractions and how to convert mixed numbers and improper fractions. In our LOTC session this week the children thought about the beauty of God's creation and wrote acrostic poems. In science we have investigated the properties of materials and whether a material is soluble or insoluble.



### Creation by Lilian Year 5

Caring for our world

Running children playing happily.

Everlasting beauty

A bird soaring through the sky

Trees so tall they reach the sky

In the beautiful sky are shapes and clouds

Obvious love

Natural habitat





# Year 6

## Computing/LOTC - Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February was Safer Internet Day. We looked at the SMART rules and created raps to promote the importance of staying safe online. We even added some instruments to guide us with the beat.

We then performed them in class and in celebration assembly.

### The SMART rules are:

**Safe** - Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.

**Meet** – Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger.

**Accepting** - Think carefully before you click on or open something online, as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.

**Reliable** - You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.

**Tell** - Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents or carers.



Be SMART with your heart - Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.



## Running for gold (for the Samaritans)

Mrs Roycroft will be running the London Marathon for the Samaritans charity in April 2024.

Please click on the link if you would like to support her and are able to make a donation.

<https://2024tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/sally-roycroft>

## Half term football camp!

Super Star Sports are running a football camp in the February half term. This children in Reception class up. Please use the links below to make a booking.

Booking link for full day

- <https://superstarsportuk.classforkids.io/camp/365>

Booking link for half day

- <https://superstarsportuk.classforkids.io/camp/366>

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### March

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Secondary allocation day
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 Class Mass 2pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> – World book day
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Enrichment Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 bikeability
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Year3/4 Hertfordshire zoo trip
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Coffee morning with School Family Worker 9-10am
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Easter play Year 3&4 1.30pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 dance festival 3.30-6.30pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Easter choir concert 9.15am
- 28<sup>th</sup> – School finishes for Easter 1.15pm

