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Dear Parents

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Half Term Holiday

Today, 24th May 2019, we break up for half term at 3.05 p.m. We return to school at the usual school time on Monday 3rd June 2019. We hope everybody will have a relaxing week and will enjoy the half term break.

School Blog

See the website for the April / May edition of our School Blog.

Canteen Price Rises

On Monday 6th May 2019 we implemented minimal price rises to the food in our school canteen. Prices have remained stable for a length of time, however, price rises are necessary at this time to reflect the rising cost of living.

PTFA Summer Event

Please keep Saturday 29th June 2019 free in your diary! Our PTFA is planning the All Hallows' Summer Tea Party which will take place in school on that date. Please see the letter which has been sent home with pupils today which contains full details of the event.

In addition, All Hallows' PTFA's application for the Waitrose 'Community Matters Box' has been granted. It commenced on 1st May 2019 and will continue for a month. By placing a token in the Community Matters Box at your local branch you will be supporting our PTFA; the more tokens a cause gets, the bigger the donation we will received. Please support by visiting Waitrose, Capital Centre.

Year 11 Exam Preparation

Year 11 pupils have been issued with updated timetables of examinations and revision sessions which began week commencing 13th May 2019. Please ensure that your son/daughter has a copy of this.

Year 10 End of Year Exams

Year 10 pupils have been issued with an examinations timetable for their end of year exams which start week commencing 17th June 2019. Please ensure that your son/daughter has a copy of this.

Music School Tuition 2019-2020

The way we collect payments for Music Tuition is changing. This will take effect from the collection of Autumn Term payments due to be paid after half term. Pupils who currently receive Music Tuition and any pupils interested in beginning Music Tuition will be given an application form to complete. The completed form will then be returned to Lancashire Music Service (LMS) or to one of our Private Tutors, depending on what type of Music Tuition is required. Payment will then be made direct to LMS or to the Private Tutor. Our Music Tutors are not changing, the only element of Music Tuition that is changing, is the way payment is made.

If pupils are taking regular music lessons in school, instruments can be purchased through a scheme called Assisted Instrument Purchase Scheme (AIPS) at a reduced price. If you are interested in this scheme, please speak to our Head of Music.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries regarding this matter.

Summer Uniform

After the Easter break, we will adopt summer uniform. This means pupils may return to school without their blazers and girls may wear white, knee length socks or black tights.

Please note: Skirts must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee. Could you also ensure that your daughter does not return to school with false nails, nail varnish or fake tan.

Also a reminder that hair must be one natural colour and no shorter than a No.3. Make-up and jewellery are not allowed with the exception of one pair of gold or silver studs. Sanctions will be given to pupils breaking uniform rules.

Thank you for your support in helping us to ensure that our pupils continue to look smart.

Cycling To and From School

A member of the public has written to school to express his concern about some of our pupils who are cycling at speed on pavements. Please could you ask pupils to ride with due consideration of members of the public.

Parent / Child Cooking Class:

As part of Healthy Lifestyle Week we will be offering an after school cooking class where a parent can take part with their son/daughter (current pupil) to create a nutritious meal. The class will take place between 4.00 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 11th June 2019. The cost is £5.00 per pair which will contribute towards the cost of ingredients and resources. **There are now only a few spaces left – deadline Friday 7th June 2019** so if you are interested please contact Mrs Caw at jra@allhallows.lancs.sch.uk as soon as possible to secure your place on the list. Further details will be sent out once your place is confirmed. Any further questions please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Caw.

Cooking Competition

Nearly 50 pupils have now signed up for the completion as part of Healthy Lifestyle Week. The heats take place on 3rd, 4th, 5th June 2019 with the final taking place on 12th June 2019. The criteria is to produce two dishes to serve 1-2 people (e.g. starter and main or main and dessert) in a pair, with a budget of no more that £5.00, focusing on presentation when they complete their dishes. A ParentMail will be sent explaining further details to individual families. Good luck to everyone taking part.

Archdiocesan Levy

As a Voluntary Aided School we must contribute 10% of the finance towards any building project which receives funding from the Archdiocese. Many Catholic schools request contributions from families to help meet this significant cost. In recent years we have been using money from the school's budget to meet our required contribution. As our school budget has been significantly impacted by austerity measures for a number of years we have taken the decision to once again appeal to parents to consider contributing to the Archdiocesan Levy. Please see the attached documents for further information.

Synod – October 2020

As you may know the Archbishop of Liverpool, Malcolm McMahon, has announced a Synod in October 2020 to renew and refresh the Mission of the Church locally, in response to the particular challenges and opportunities of these times.

As Catholic Schools (and their families) are a huge part of the life and Mission of the Archdiocese it is important that we take full part in the Synod journey and that we ensure that the voices of all of those in our school communities are heard as the Archdiocese discerns the way forward.

Over the coming weeks we will be creating opportunities in school for your child to reflect and respond to the four Synod Questions and contribute their responses to the Synod process. This will either be done through small group sharing and discussion, or by responding to the Synod Survey online.

You can find out more about Synod 2020 at www.synod2020.co.uk where it would be wonderful if you could also complete the Synod survey yourself. Your voice and perspective is an important one to be heard as the Archdiocese discerns the way ahead.

Supporting Your Child during Exam Time (Young Minds)

- Encourage your child to take revision breaks and find a balance between studying and doing things they find enjoyable and relaxing.
- Make sure they are eating and drinking at regular intervals.
- Reassure them – reinforce that you are and will be proud of them no matter what happens.
- Remain positive and hopeful!
- Let them know their feelings are valid and normal, but also offer support and solutions where possible.
- Anxiety is often worst at night and this means it is useful to encourage good bedtime routine.

https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/parents-guide-to-support-a-z/parents-guide-to-support-exam-time/

Mobile Phones

May I draw your attention to the school's policy regarding the use of mobile phones, including Smart Watches? We are noticing an increase in the number of confiscations of phones from pupils who are failing to turn them off upon arrival at school. This can be disruptive to the learning taking place in class and it can present a safeguarding concern.

In light of this, we have amended our policy to include an additional sanction for those pupils who have their phone confiscated on more than one occasion. In that event, a pupil will be required to hand in his/her phone to the school office at the start of each school day for 10 days, where it will be stored securely until collection at 3.05 p.m.

School Attendance

Please ensure school is informed before the end of the morning form period of a child's absence. For safeguarding reasons this must be done on a daily basis otherwise; our Attendance Officer will contact parents / carers. This is to ensure that we know the child is safe.

PTFA

The PTFA continues to raise funds to support our educational provision. Should any parents wish to contribute to the PTFA's fundraising by joining the 200 Club, they should e-mail friendsofallhallows@gmail.com for further details.

School Meals

Menus for the week commencing Monday 3rd June 2019. Salads £1.84 – £2.62, Potatoes 68p, Baked Beans 68p.

Monday: Freshly Made Steak Casserole & Yorkshire Pudding served with Potatoes & Vegetables £2.04. Peri Peri Chicken Fillet served with Potatoes & Vegetables £2.04.
Roasted Vegetable Enchilada served with Salad/Vegetables £1.62.
Salad: Tuna Nicoise £1.84.

Tuesday: BBQ Smothered Chicken served with Potatoes & Vegetables £2.04. Jumbo Hot Dog served with onions & Salad £1.78. Spicy Tomato Pasta Bake £1.62.
Salad: Chicken £1.84.

Wednesday: Pasta with Beef Bolognaise Sauce served with Garlic Bread £2.04. Mexican Chicken Wrap served with Salad/Vegetables £1.78. Pasta with Vegetarian Bolognaise Sauce served with Garlic Bread £2.04.
Salad: Ham & Pickle £1.84.

Thursday: Freshly Cooked Gammon & Pineapple served with Chips & Vegetables £2.04. Breaded Chicken Goujons served with Chips & Vegetables £2.04. Cheese Pasty served with Chips & Vegetables £2.04. **CHIPS 75p (May only be purchased with another product).**
Salad: Ploughman's: Ham, Cheese, Pickle & Crusty Bread £1.84.

Friday: Jumbo Battered Fish Finger served with Potatoes & Vegetables £2.04. Chicken Curry served with Rice & Naan Bread £2.04. Freshly Made Pizza served with Salad/Vegetables £1.78.
Salad: Prawns £2.62.

Each day a selection of freshly prepared Sandwiches, Wraps, Hot & Cold Paninis, Salads, Jacket Potatoes, Pasta Pots & Pizza will be available. For any special requests, please see a member of our highly trained Catering Team.

(All items are subject to availability)

FOOD ALLERGIES AND INTOLERANCES

IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS, PLEASE SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF OUR CATERING TEAM. ALSO, PLEASE BE AWARE ALL OUR FOOD PRODUCTS MAY CONTAIN TRACES OF NUTS.

Yours sincerely

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School Buildings Levy

Dear Parents,

I would like to explain to you about the funding we require for our building projects in all Catholic schools. As a Voluntary Aided Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Liverpool we are asked to contribute each year an amount of money, per pupil, towards a building levy.

Sent with this letter you will find information, from the Archdiocese, explaining this in more detail. These parental contributions are key to funding improvements. Over the past few years we have received funding from the Archdiocese to help with our building projects. In recent years we have received capital building funds to construct a new sports hall and resurface our ball game area for the benefit of our pupils. All Hallows continues to benefit from the financial support the Archdiocese provides in the upkeep of our premises.

I know that there are families for whom this is a burden too far and no contribution is expected. But I am sure those families who can afford it, will want to participate and although we suggest £10 we would be grateful for any amount whether this is more or less than the suggested amount.

If you are able to contribute to the building levy please make any cheques payable to All Hallows Catholic High School. Alternatively, you can pay the suggested £10 per family by using our ParentPay system.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact school.

Yours sincerely

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Mr C Horrocks
Headteacher

The Archdiocese of Liverpool

The school to which you have chosen to send your child is a Catholic Voluntary Aided school. Voluntary aided status provides distinct freedoms and flexibilities in the way that schools operate but, in return for the privilege of having and controlling such a school, there is a need to make a contribution to some costs, including those associated with capital investment.

Government provides the money annually for staff salaries, books and equipment for all schools. Catholic school buildings are constructed and repaired predominantly through Government grants but are owned by the Trustees of the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

Under current legislation voluntary aided schools have to find 10% of the costs of all capital works i.e. investment in the building fabric over a value of £2,000. In order to help meet these costs the Archdiocese operates a school building fund to help meet the 10% costs of major projects and all of the investment funded through the Archdiocese's annual capital programme.

Parental Voluntary Contributions

Parishes and schools contribute equally to the building fund and the school share provides the opportunity for parents of children who benefit from the facilities to contribute on a voluntary basis. The school share is based upon an annual amount calculated at £10.00 per child (or family where there is more than one child attending the same school) and, whilst the decision regarding the raising of this levy is a local one, the majority of schools invite a voluntary contribution from parents on this basis.

Parents are reminded that there is no legal obligation to make any contribution and pupils at any of our schools will not be treated differently according to whether or not their parents have done so.

The levy continues to play a crucial role to maximise the continued investment in our school buildings and, in recent years, has helped to facilitate over £300million of investment in Catholic schools across the Archdiocese through various funding streams and initiatives. The current Archdiocese capital programme is available on our website so that it is clear as to which schools have received capital funding in the most recent capital programme.

If you are able to contribute you will be following generations who have raised money to help to provide and maintain the schools which now exist and from which your family will continue to benefit. Your continued support is greatly appreciated on behalf of our family of schools.

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