



## Huyton with Roby CE Primary School - Newsletter - 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017

### Christian Values

#### **The Value for this Half Term is: Thankfulness**

This half term's Christian Value is 'Thankfulness.' We will be looking back over our school year and thinking about all of the things that we would like to say 'Thank you' to God for. We will think about the many ways that we have been blessed as a school and as individuals and share the things that we are grateful for each day. During our times of Collective Worship, we will also reflect on why Christians are thankful for Jesus's death on the cross, as well as considering God's faithfulness and kindness generally.

This week we are praying for families as they plan time together over the summer. We pray for quality family time and rest. If you would like us to pray for anything in particular, please fill in the prayer slip at the bottom of the newsletter and send it to school. It can be anonymous if you prefer.

### Term Dates and Holiday Dates - 2016/2017

Summer Term 2017 - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017

### Term Dates and Holiday Dates - 2017/2018

Autumn term 2017 - Monday 4 September - Thursday 21 December

Half term - Monday 23 October - Friday 27 October

Spring term 2018 - Monday 8 January - Thursday 29 March

Half term - Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February

Summer term 2018 - Monday 16 April - Wednesday 25 July

Half term - Monday 28 May - Friday 1 June

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 - INSET Days

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017 - INSET Day

2 further INSET Days will also be set across the year and parents informed as soon as they are agreed.

### Disco

Remember - disco tickets go on sale from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July in the morning and after school from the Infant Porch. Tickets are limited so please come early to get yours. If there are any volunteers from the Friends of the school who are available to sell tickets - please call school to let us know.

Yrs 1, 2 and 3 - 3.15pm - 4.00pm in the Junior Hall

Yrs 4, 5 and 6 - 4.15pm - 5.00pm in the Junior Hall

Tickets are £2 and include a drink and a bag of crisps.

There will also be a tuck shop available for children on the disco night. Please bring a small amount of money for this. Children must be dropped off and collected by an adult.

### Sports Days

We were really disappointed to have to cancel sports days. We put a lot of work into planning and preparing and we love to see the children enjoy the session, so are disappointed when it can't take place.

We leave the decision as late as possible so that there is still chance to hold it and try to text parents as soon as we can. We appreciate how hard it is to take time off work. Many of our staff are working parents too.

The decision is made on safety grounds. Conditions dictate the decision. The playground is not suitable for races and the hall is too small for such a big event and an audience. We would not take a chance with slippery grass as this would leave us open to the possibilities of accidents which could be deemed to be avoidable due to conditions. Decisions on health and safety in school are often different from decisions you may make at home about your own child. We are in a position where we have to base our decisions on strict guidance and I understand that sometimes the decision may seem too strict, but we need to consider the safety of the children.

We understand your frustration, and we were surprised with how a few individual parents spoke to staff regarding this decision. Staff should not have to face inappropriate or aggressive language or behaviour from parents for a decision which is made based on the safety of children. Please refrain from this in the future.

We have spoken to a number of other schools who have stopped sports days in July due the unreliable weather and the problems of parents booking time off work. They are instead investigating other sports events, not necessarily in July and not necessarily the traditional sports day. We will be interested to hear their ideas and consider our own planning for the children's events next year. We will keep you updated.

### Reports

Your child's school report should have come home today. We hope you enjoy reading about your child's achievements and experience in school this year. The reports also give you information on where your child needs to focus next year. As always, if you would like an appointment to discuss the report, please contact your child's teacher.

### Feedback

Please feedback any information or questions you wish to put forward to Mrs Stratford in school or contact school through e-mail on [huytonwithroby@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:huytonwithroby@knowsley.gov.uk) or phone on 0151 477 8460

### Prayer Requests

Please pray for: Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_