

Endsleigh Holy Child VC Academy



Headteacher Mrs. E Barrs
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Dear parents and carers,

The children have worked extremely hard this week and have shown great attitudes to their learning. The classes have been working collaboratively on displays depicting the themes of the Jubilee year and turning their classroom doors into "Holy Doors". The idea is that each time they enter their classroom, through their Holy Door, they have a fresh start and are welcomed with positivity each day. Everyone is working hard to ensure that the school environment looks and feels right to enable children and adults alike to flourish.

Mrs Broadhead is currently working on our approach to reading and leading us with some new and exciting enhancements to our reading offer here at Endsleigh Holy Child. This will definitely benefit our children and there will be opportunities for you to be involved too. We are really looking forward to finding out more through our CPD sessions and sharing our ideas with you.

As we enter into the post Christmas period of ordinary time in the liturgical year, we are enjoying the calm and the opportunities to appreciate the little things in life that this brings.

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your families,

Best wishes,

Mrs Barrs

School Uniform

Please make sure your child comes to school in full school uniform as follows:

Brown cardigan/sweatshirt
Yellow polo Shirt
Grey trousers/skirt
Black shoes

PE Kit

Plain black sweatshirt
Plain black jogging bottoms
White t-shirt
Black trainers

(children are not allowed to take part in PE lessons wearing earrings, if your child cannot take their own earrings out please remove them on PE days)

Silent Book Club

On Thursday lunchtimes, Miss Stephenson has started a Silent Book Club which has proved very popular with up to 40 students attending across lunchtime. Children are welcome to come and read silently for as long as they would like to in a quiet and cosy atmosphere. If this is something your child would like to be involved in, they are welcome to drop in!

Pupil Voice

This week, Class 3/4 have been working hard to create stunning artwork for our Jubilee displays. These hands-on projects allowed us to express our creativity while reflecting on how we can bring positive change in the world we live in as pilgrims of hope.

We were introduced to the inspiring work of Henri Rousseau and are excited to delve deeper into his beautiful art. In Spanish lessons, we had fun learning how to count in Spanish and in PE, we thoroughly enjoyed practicing new dances with NAPA.

During story time, we began reading our new book, *The Twits*, which has quickly become a class favourite.

We hope everyone has a wonderful weekend!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 22nd January – Class 5/6 mass at the Marist

Wednesday 29th January – Class 5 mass at the Marist

Spring Disco – Thursday 13th February

Half term - school closes on Friday 14th February and re-opens on Monday 24th February

Easter Holiday - school closes on Friday 5th April and re-opens on Tuesday 22nd April

May day - Monday 5th May

Half term - school closes on Friday 24th May and re-opens on Monday 2nd June

School closes for the summer break on Friday 18th July

School opens for the Autumn Term on Wednesday 3rd September

Reading – Challenge Yourself!

We can all get carried away with our busy day-to-day lives, whether that is work, school or hectic family life, so finding time to read a book gives us a chance to do something for ourselves.

January is a great time to get stuck into a book yourself, or to help your child develop their own positive reading habits for the year ahead!

Did You Know...?

- Reading supports your mental health and wellbeing – especially through the dark winter months.
- Reading helps you to connect with others, both old pals and new fictional friends, when money and motivation for some of our usual social activities might be lower than usual.
- Reading builds a positive habit that will improve your attention span and allow you to get lost in new worlds and lives.
- Reading helps you find time to relax, and to sleep more soundly at night.

For support with your child's reading, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Designated Roles

SENCO/Safeguarding Lead – Mr. J Fox

Assistant Head – Mr. J. Guthrie

EYSF Lead – Mrs. J Leach