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Holy Communion 2023/2024

Dear Parents

Due to challenges beyond schools control, I have been liaising with Father John at St. Peter and Paul's Church in Crosby. I am trying to arrange for the children in Year 3-6 to make their Holy Communion if they have been Baptised and wish to.

The children will be warmly invited to make their First Holy Communion at St Peter and Paul's. This is an important and special time in their lives when they will prepare to receive Our Lord in this holy Sacrament and take a further step in their Catholic Faith. It brings them more closely into the life of the Church and membership of the local parishes. With your help, and with the support of the school and parish, I will be very happy to guide the children forward on this sacred journey along with Father John.

Preparation classes will begin in October this year and I will do most in school time or after school on the premises. The exact dates for Communion are not yet decided, but will be in March, May and June 2024, with a choice of dates.

The first preparation class will be done at Church and would be a guided tour and an introduction to artefacts and Sacramental symbols as well as the baptismal font etc. The dates for this first session will be in October and I will let you know when they are confirmed.

You can apply online through our website where you will find an application form, or you can collect a form from church or from school. It is very important that the children attend the parish Mass on Saturday evenings (5.45 pm.) or Sunday mornings (10.30 am) as often as they can, with their family, as part of this preparation and, of course, after their First Communion.

Details of starting dates for preparation will be given after school receives your application form and a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate.

All applications for Holy Communion must be sent into school no later than Friday 29th September or your child will miss the start of the preparations.

Yours sincerely

XScott

Mrs K Scott Headteacher