



Holy Family School

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Welcome Back

A big welcome back to all our families as we start our new school year. It really was a pleasure to see the children come into school on Tuesday full of smiles and enthusiasm for their learning. Our assembly on Tuesday was all about Saint Teresa of Calcutta, the love and dedication she showed to all people is an example to us all. Yesterday we gathered together as a family for our first Mass of the year to celebrate the birthday of Mary our mother and to pray for our school community as we start this new academic year.

Uniform

It has been great to see the children looking so smart in their new uniforms this week, thank you to all parents who have made such a big effort to follow the new uniform policy. The children are taking great pride in their uniforms and it is very important that all children have the correct uniform. A reminder that children should be wearing

- **grey** trousers/skirts,
- black v-neck sweatshirt or cardigan with our school logo
- white school shirt with a traditional collar (not rounded)
- school tie (clip on ties need to be put through the top button hole of their shirt)
- black school shoes.

We look forward to your continued support and welcome any questions that you might have regarding uniform.

Life in the UK

Do you want to learn more about 'Life in the UK'? Customs & traditions, religions, sport, art & culture, leisure, places of interest, history and more.

Everyone welcome and improve your English skills at the same time!

Wednesday's
1.15 - 3.00

Secondary Transfers - Year 5

Secondary school 'Open Evenings' are taking place over the next couple of weeks - do go and see the schools you are considering for your child.

Make sure you get to our local Catholic school sessions too as follows:-

Holy Trinity

Thursday 22nd September 3.00 - 6.00

Archbishop Illsley

Wednesday 21st September 5.30 - 8.00

We will be holding an information meeting for parents in the near future.

Holy Family Catholic School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

Day	Date	Event
Wed	21 st Sep 1.30	Year 6 Inspire
Wed	27 th Sep 9.00	Year 5 Inspire
Tue	27 th Sep 1.30	Year 4 Inspire
Tue	5 th Oct 9.00	Year 2 Inspire
Wed	5 th Oct 3.00	Children's book open evening
Thur	6 th Oct 10.30	Mass Y5 in school
Wed	12 th Oct 9.00	Year 1 Inspire
Wed	12 th Oct From 1.30	Parents Evening
Thur	13 th Oct 9.00	Reception Inspire
Thur	13 th Oct 1.30	Year 3 Inspire
Thur	20 th Oct 10.30	Harvest Mass
Thur	2 nd Nov 10.30	Mass Y6
Wed	21st Dec 1.00	School closes for Christmas Holiday ADVANCE NOTICE
Monday	9th Jan 2017	School Re-opens ADVANCE NOTICE

Regular Reminders		
Holy Family is a Reading School - ensure you hear your child read every evening	Daily	20 minutes
Breakfast Club	Daily	8.05 - 8.35
Money Day	Mondays	
Life in the UK Course	Wednesdays	1.15 - 3.00
Parent Voice Meeting	Wednesdays	8.40 All welcome
Parents Phonic Surgery	Wednesdays	2.00 - 3.00 All welcome
School Uniform sales	Wednesdays	2.30 - 3.00
Saturday Sports Club	Saturdays with Colm	9.30 - 11.30
Headlice - check your child's hair with a fine toothed comb	Weekly at the weekend	
We are collecting Sainbury's Vouchers	During promotion	

Attendance
A reminder to all parents that any requests for extended leave during term time will be refused. It is vital that your child is in school every day to fully achieve their potential, even a short absence can really harm the progress that your child makes. Furthermore, poor attendance can lead to fines being issued to you by the local authority and your child's place at Holy Family could be at risk!
We aim for 100% Attendance and Punctuality for EVERY child
Whole School Target 97%

Nursery FREE 2, 3 & 4 Year Old Places
Please make sure you have put your child's name on our waiting list and ask your friends and neighbours too so that we can contact families when their child is eligible to start.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES				
After school activities for the Autumn term will be confirmed during the first week back in September				
Day	Physical Activity	Staff	Other Activity	Staff
Monday	TKD Free	Julie-Ann Years 1 & 2		
Tuesday	Dance £2.00 Baking £1	Jade KS2 Miss Flynn Years 5&6 only	Library	Mrs Guest All welcome
Wednesday	Cricket £2.00	Callum KS2		
Thursday Collect @ 3.50 from playground	Football £2.00	Callum KS2	Choir Free Homework Club Free	Mrs O'Driscoll KS2 HFS Staff KS2
Friday	Multi Skills No charge	Colm & Callum Children invited	Sign Language £2.00	Mrs Maloney KS2

Mass times
Holy Family Catholic Church
Saturday 4.00 pm Sundays 10.30am & 5.15pm

God Bless, Mr Foley
9th September 2016