



# Holy Family School

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## Advent

By the time you read this we will have been treated to two fantastic productions by the children of KS1 and KS2. Through their amazing singing, acting and confident speaking the children have delivered the message of the true meaning of Christmas, the story of the birth of Jesus Christ. I would like to thank all the staff who have worked tirelessly to make these productions happen, parents for your constant support and most of all the children for sharing their amazing talents and hard work. We really are very lucky! This will be the final newsletter for this term, thank you again for all your support during this term and we look forward to continue to work in partnership with parents to deliver the very best education and opportunities for our children in the Spring Term.

## Christmas Church Services

### Christmas Eve

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December  
4.00 pm

### Christmas Day

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December  
10.30 am



## Theatre Trip

On Thursday we visited Solihull Theatre for our annual trip to the Pantomime to see Dick Whittington. This is a wonderful experience for the children and some even made it on to the stage! Again thank you to all staff and volunteers who gave their time to make it happen and a special thank you to Mrs King and Mrs Lunham for organising the trip.

**We are still in school until Wednesday next week when we break up at 1.00 pm.**  
We return to school on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January**, gate opens at 8.35 for 8.45 start.  
Whole School Mass Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 10.30 am.

## This Week's Highlights

Monday	Nasal Flu Vaccination programme
Tuesday	KS1 Nativity
Wednesday	Stay & Play
Wednesday	Christmas Dinner Day
Wednesday	Life in the UK workshop
Thursday	Dick Whittington Theatre Visit
Friday	Assembly - Dance Presentation
Friday	Golden Book & Attendance
Friday	KS2 Carol Concert

## Reminder - Parent Worries or Concerns

My door is always open if ever you have worries or concerns. I need to know what the problem is before I can help - so please do come and speak to me.

## 'Be Active'

We are actively encouraging children to be more active both in and out of school.  
Get out and about with your family this weekend.

## 'Stay & Play'

For mums or dads and little ones

**Wednesdays**  
9.00 - 10.30

## Family Support Worker

Karen our family support worker is here to help you.  
If you would like to speak to her, please make an appointment at the school office. She can help you with a wide variety of issues or concerns such as housing, finances & debt, child development or anything that is worrying you.

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

Day	Date	Event
Mon	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Sign Language Assembly 9:00am
Mon	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Early Years Carol Services at 10.15 & 1.45
Tue	20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Mass 10:30am in School
Tue	20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Parties KS1 & KS2 Children to come to school in school uniform & bring party clothes in a bag with their name on.
<b>Wed</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	<b>School closes for Christmas Holiday</b>
	<b>1:00 pm</b>	
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2017	School Re-opens
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Mass 10.30 am
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School closes for half-term
Monday	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School re-opens
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup> Apr	School closes for Easter
Monday	24 <sup>th</sup> Apr	School re-opens
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> May	School closed Local & Mayoral Elections
Friday	26 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes for half-term
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> Jun	School re-opens
Monday	24 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Non Pupil Day

## 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

Class of the Week 09.12.16

**Year 5 with 98.06% ☺**

Whole School Target 97%

**Whole School Attendance 95.99%**

## 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

Day	Physical Activity	Staff	Other Activity	Staff
<b>Monday</b>	TKD Free	Julie-Ann Years 1 & 2	Y6 Homework Club Free	Miss Walker Y6
<b>Tuesday</b>	Dance £2.00 Baking £1.00	Jade KS2 Miss Flynn Years 5&6 only	Library Free	Mrs Guest All welcome
<b>Wednesday</b>	Cricket £2.00	Callum KS2		
<b>Thursday</b> <b>Collect @ 3.50 from playground</b>	Football £2.00	Callum KS2	Choir Free Homework Club Free	Mrs O'Driscoll KS2 HFS Staff Y3/Y4/Y5
<b>Friday</b>	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



*Wishing all our families the Joy and Peace of Christmas*

*Mr Foley*

*Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016*