



Holy Family School

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Candlemas

Yesterday our Mass was led wonderfully by our year 4 children. The children read with confidence and clarity, supported by the rest of their class who sang and responded beautifully. This feast is celebrated 40 days after the birth of Jesus at Christmas and celebrates the presentation of Jesus at the Temple. The parish and teachers lit candles to remind us that Jesus is the light of the World. We have also had classes celebrating their Saint days this week. Reception enjoyed a party today for St. Blaise while year 4 celebrated the feast of St. Brigid on Wednesday.

Mission Statement

One of our priorities for this year has been to develop our school mission statement. We have had our current mission statement for the past eight years and feel it's time to review this and create a new statement. This will be in line with where the school currently is and how we want to move forward for the children. It is important that the whole school community has a say in this - children, staff, governors and parents. I am therefore asking for parents interested in developing the mission statement to attend a meeting on **Thursday 9th February at 2:30**. It would be great to see lots of parents there, let the school office know if you can make it.

Important - Pupil Data Checking Forms

We have moved to a new system for recording our children's data. Information has been transferred from our old system to the new system but we need to check that it has transferred over accurately.

Next week we will be sending out **Data Checking Forms** for you to check the details we have for your child.

Please do check the information carefully and amend incorrect information or add missing information including contact numbers and medical information and return the form to school the next day.

This Week's Highlights

Monday	Year 3 Inspire
Tuesday	Year 6 Inspire
Wednesday	St Brigid Y4 class saint day
Wednesday	Stay & Play - 8.45 - 10.15
Wednesday	Reception - Family Learning
Thursday	Reception class 'Stay and Read'
Thursday	Year 5 Inspire
Thursday	Year 4 Mass
Friday	St Blaise Reception class saint day

INSPIRES

Thank you to all parents who came in to support our recent Maths INSPIRES. They are a fantastic opportunity to share with you methods that we use and answer any questions that you may have.

'Be Active'

'A mile a day!' The children have been running a mile each day to boost their activity and concentration levels.

SPORT

Year 3 have made a great start to their swimming lessons. We are very fortunate to be able to take our children to such a wonderful provision at St. Martin's in Solihull but this is not enough. It is important that children are swimming outside of school to make sure they are fully confident in the water.

Day	Date	Event
Monday	6 th Feb	Year 5 Central Library
Tuesday	7 th Feb	Year 6 Aston Hall
Friday	17 th Feb	School closes for half-term
Monday	27 th Feb	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday	28 th Feb	School re-opens
Friday	7 th Apr	School closes for Easter
Monday	24 th Apr	School re-opens
Monday	1 st May	May Day Bank Holiday
Thursday	4 th May	School closed Local & Mayoral Elections
Friday	26 th May	School closes for half-term
Monday	5 th Jun	School re-opens
Monday	24 th Jul	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday	25 th Jul	Non Pupil Day

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.

Joyce Farley Trust

I am delighted to inform parents that we have received a grant of £2000 from the above trust to supplement our Y4 Residential Visit to the Kingswood activity centre in March. Letters went out to Y4 parents last week, we expect all children to attend this wonderful learning experience. If any Y4 parents have concerns or questions then please come to see me.

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

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 27.01.2017

Year 5 with 98.57% ☺

Whole School Target 97%

Whole School Attendance 94.32%

'Stay & Play' New Time

For mums or dads and little ones

Wednesdays

8.45 - 10.15

**Come and see us in Nursery,
after your children have gone into class!!**

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.

Go 'Orange' Day

The final total raised was £531.14. A huge thank you for your support!

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Day	Physical Activity	Staff	Other Activity	Staff
Monday	TKD Free	Julie-Ann Years 1 & 2	Y6 Homework Club Free	Miss Walker Y6
Tuesday	Dance £2.00 Baking £1.00	Jade KS2 Miss Flynn Years 5&6 only	Library Free	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 Y3/Y4/Y5
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

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.

God Bless

Mr Foley

Friday 3rd February 2017