



# Holy Family School

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## Half Term

As we come to the end of our first half term in Spring, I would like to thank you for your continued support. It is vital that we continue to work as a family for the good of all the children. Please enjoy a restful and safe half term, we look forward to welcoming our children back on the **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> of February** as we prepare to start our Lenten journey with **Ash Wednesday Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup> of March**. Parents are very welcome to attend.

## Funding

You will have received a leaflet from the NAHT this week outlining the funding crisis that we currently have in all schools. As it stands by 2020 Birmingham schools will have a funding shortfall of 97 million pounds. We know at Holy Family that you are incredibly generous whenever we have any fundraising activities, this has allowed us to do lots of different things for the children.

What we are asking for you to do now is to help us make a stand against these substantial cuts to your child's education. We encourage you to voice your concerns with our local MP, we have letter templates in school. Please come to speak to us about how you can make your voice heard.

## Important - Pupil Data Checking Forms

We have now moved over to our new data system with some minor teething troubles.

Thank you to those parents that have returned data forms so promptly - it is important we have all the data forms returned to the office so that we know our data is accurate.

## This Week's Highlights

Monday	Some of our Year 6 pupils went to St Gerard's Catholic School to give a presentation about Islam
Monday	Jess Phillips MP visited our school
Tuesday	Run a Mile Researchers visited Years 3 and 5
Wednesday	Stay & Play - <b>8.45 - 10.15</b>
Wednesday	Reception - Family Learning
Thursday	Reception class ' <b>Stay and Read</b> '
Thursday	Y4 Kingswood Parents meeting
Thursday	Y4 Class Assembly
Friday	Archbishop Ilsley Work Experience pupil in school

## 'Be Active'

Now that the better weather is with us - make time to take the children outside for some time each day to get some exercise.

Half term is a great opportunity to take your children to the park where the children can continue their 'mile a day' activity.

## 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	Future Events
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	NURSERY CLOSED
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

## 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.

The children are really looking forward to the visit!

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 10.02.2017

**Year 4 with 99.0%** 😊😊

Whole School Target 97%

**Whole School Attendance 96.6%**

### '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.

## 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

### 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 17th February 2017*