



# Holy Family School

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## Sacrament of Reconciliation

On Wednesday our children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this summer made their first confessions with Father Philip. This was a very special and important step on their faith journey, well done to Julia, Ethan and Tyler. They were supported wonderfully by their year 3 classmates who led our first Mass of lent with confident reading and beautiful singing.

## Parents Evening

It was fantastic to see so many parents on Wednesday, there was a really positive atmosphere in the school throughout the afternoon and evening. Thank you to all parents who completed the online questionnaire, it is really important that we have an accurate picture of your views about our school. I'm pleased to say that the feedback was overwhelmingly positive. If you do have any concerns at all please do come to speak to us, my door is always open or if you'd rather grab myself or Mrs King for a quick word we are always on the playground before and after school. Thank you.

## 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	Yr 4 Library visit
Tuesday	Yr 5 visit to Cadbury World
Wednesday	Stay & Play - 8.45 - 10.15
Wednesday	Reception - Family Learning
Wednesday	Yr 3 Mass and Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wednesday	King Edwards Film Technology workshop
Wednesday	Parents evening
Thursday	Reception class 'Stay and Read'
Friday	Sports coaches and Spanish

## Lenten Charities

There are cake sales and other activities happening over the next few weeks to raise money for our lenten charities. We will also be having a coffee morning for parents only on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April, please come and support. Children will have brought home Good Shepherd boxes this week, please fill these with whatever change you can afford. Other charities we are supporting are the Rwanda appeal and the NSPCC. Part of any money raised will also go towards developing our library in school.

## 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. **We are also collecting Sainsbury's "Active Kids" Vouchers Which we will put towards sports & cooking equipment.**

## 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.

Day	Date	Future Events
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	St Patricks Day – wear green
Wednesday	29/30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Yr 4 Kingswood Residential
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Coffee Morning
Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Mass
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Bonnet Parade
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup> Apr	School closes for Easter at 1:30
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

## St Patrick's Day

We encourage children to wear green next week to celebrate St Patrick's Day. We are asking for a donation of £1 towards our building fund. Thank you

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 03.03.2017

**Year 1 & Year 3 with 99.2%** 😊😊

Whole School Target 97%

**Whole School Attendance 97.5%** 😊

### '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.

### Mr Ahmed

Mr Ahmed has left Holy Family to take up another position. We would like to thank Mr Ahmed for everything he has done for Holy Family over the past 2 years and wish him the very best in his new role. We hope to appoint a new caretaker in the next few weeks, we will have a temporary caretaker filling the position in the meantime.

### Hair

We have had some cases of head lice in school, please carefully check your child's hair. Can you also make sure that children with very long hair have it tied up. Thank you.

## 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> Collect @ 3.50 from playground	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

### '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.

### Birthday Treats

If you are bringing in treats for you child's class to celebrate a birthday please check all ingredients to make sure there are no nuts or traces of nuts. We are unable to give out homemade treats and if we are unsure we will not give them to the class.

### 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.

### Mass times

**Holy Family Catholic Church**

Saturday 4.00 pm

Sundays 10.30am & 5.15pm

*God Bless*

*Mr Foley*

*Friday 10th March 2017*