



# Holy Family School

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## This week

Yesterday we came together, as a family, to think about and pray for all the people whose lives were devastated by events in Manchester on Monday evening. We prayed for those who lost their lives. We prayed for families who lost loved ones and we prayed for people who suffered injuries that will impact the rest of their lives. We spoke to the children about what happened and answered any questions they had. We focussed on the amazing generosity of people helping others following the bombing and reassured the children that virtually all people show this love and kindness to each other. Finally, we gave the message that we must stand together against the few who inflict violence and hurt against others, we cannot live in fear as a result of their actions. #WeStandTogether

## Going Forth Mass

On Thursday our school family came together to celebrate the First Holy Communion of Ethan, Tyler, Julia and Lennon. It was a beautiful celebration. Thank you again to Father Philip, Sister Maura, Mrs Young, Mrs Upham, Mrs Anderson, Mr Craggs and families for their roles in preparing the children for this very special sacrament.

## Mrs Doherty

Today we came together to celebrate the amazing achievement of one of our dinner supervisors. This year we are celebrating Mrs Doherty's 40<sup>th</sup> year in Holy Family School. After doing some rough Maths I think Mrs Doherty will have seen around 2000 children pass through Holy Family! I know she is remembered fondly by past pupils and loved by current pupils due to the compassion and love shown towards our children. Thank you Mrs Doherty for the wonderful service you have given Holy Family.

## This Week's Highlights

Monday	Assembly
Tuesday	Parent Workshop
Tuesday	New reception children visits
Wednesday	King Edwards visit
Wednesday	Family Learning Year 1 parents
Thursday	Going Forth Mass
Thursday	Yr 1 brilliant assembly!
Friday	Mrs Doherty 40 years at Holy Family celebration

## 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. **Please send in any Sainsbury's "Active Kids" Vouchers which we will put towards sports & cooking equipment.**

## Polite Notice - Parking

Please take care when parking at the beginning and end of the school day outside school.  
Children and parents are unable to walk on the pavements safely due to inconsiderate parking.  
Parents should not be parking illegally on the roads around our school as it places our/your children in danger.

Day	Date	Future Events
Friday	26 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes for half-term
<b>Monday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>School re-opens</b>
Tuesday	6 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr 6 Sikh Temple visit
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup> June	Yr 3 Hindu Temple visit
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>General Election – School Closed</b>
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup> July	Secondary Induction Day
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1/KS2 Sports Day at Holy Trinity
<b>Monday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Jul</b>	<b>Non Pupil Day</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Jul</b>	<b>Non Pupil Day</b>

### 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 19.05.2017

**Year 4 with 100% 😊😊**

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.

### Hair

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

### Lost Property

I have spoken to a few parents over the last few weeks who have been concerned about uniform and sports kits going missing. Could you please ensure that any items of clothing coming into school are labelled with your child's name and check that your child is bringing back their own uniform/sports kit home.

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

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

*I wish all of our families a safe and restful half term*

*God Bless*

*Mr Foley*

*Friday 26th May 2017*