



Holy Family School

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This Week

This week our children got to meet their new teacher for next year as we enjoyed our transition afternoon on Wednesday. This is always an exciting time for the children and staff! Please try to introduce yourself to your child's new teacher in the last 2 weeks of term. It was a particularly special day for our Year 6 children as they spent the day in their new secondary schools. I was very proud to hear that they conducted themselves fantastically well, as we would expect in our school. I also met with Year 3 parents on Wednesday afternoon to explain a change in structure to Year 4 next year. There is a shortage of places in the Small Heath area for this year band and as a consequence children are missing education. We feel as a Catholic school in the area, we have a moral responsibility to teach these children, therefore we are taking an extra Year 4 class next year. We are excited about the opportunities that this will bring for the school and look forward to your support with this. Mrs Swapp, who taught with us previously will be coming back to us to teach the extra class.

Sports Day

I'm writing this after enjoying an amazing sports morning at Holy Trinity School. There was a wonderful positive atmosphere around the field and it was fantastic seeing so many parents out to support the children. A big thank you to all parents who assisted in walking the children up to Holy Trinity and thank you to all staff, particularly Mr Craggs who organised the morning.

Attendance

A reminder that it is vitally important that your child is in school everyday, and on time.

This week I have been visiting families of absent children to see how they are, and where needed, to bring them back into school. We will continue to do this if children are repeatedly missing school.

This Week's Highlights

Year 10 Work Experience Pupils in school all week	
Tuesday	Incredible Years Parent Workshop
Tuesday	Yr 1/2 Gardening Club
Tuesday	Dance Club
Wednesday	Year 6 to Secondary Schools & transition afternoon
Wednesday	Family Learning Workshop
Wednesday	Stay and Play
Thursday	Stay & Read
Friday	Sports Day @ Holy Trinity

SPORT

In the newsletter last week I promised to share the results of the Catholic cricket tournament from this week. Unfortunately rain stopped play!

We are hopeful that the finals day will be rearranged for Monday 17th July.

Day	Date	Future Events
Tuesday	18 th Jul	KS1/KS2 Trips
Wednesday	19 th Jul	10.30 End of Term Mass
Friday	21 st Jul	Leavers Assembly
Friday	21 st Jul	School finishes for summer at 1:00
Monday	24 th Jul	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday	25 th Jul	Non Pupil Day

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.

Garden Party

We are all invited to a very special event at Corpus Christi Church Gardens, Lyttelton Rd, Stechford on **Sunday 16th July**. Sister Maura and Sister Maureen are hosting a garden party from

11:30 to 2:30.

All proceeds will go to four charities being supported by the Sisters of Mercy. Please show your generous support.

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 23.6.2017

Reception with 88.3 %

Whole School Target 97%

Whole School Attendance 83.6%

'Stay & Play'

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
Monday	TKD Free	Julie-Ann Years 1 & 2	Library Free	Mrs Guest All welcome
Tuesday	Dance £2.00 Baking £1.00	Jade KS2 Miss Flynn Years 5&6 only	Yr 1/2 Gardening Club	Miss Weston/Mrs Guest/Mrs Wright
Wednesday	Cricket £2.00	Callum KS2		
Thursday Collect @ 3.50 from playground	Football £2.00	Callum KS2	Choir Free Homework Club Free Yr 1 Baking Club	Mrs O'Driscoll KS2 HFS Staff Y3/Y4/Y5 Miss O'Connor/Miss Ahktar
Friday	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 7th July 2017*