



Holy Family School

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All Saints' Mass

On Wednesday, we came together as a family to celebrate the feast of All Saints' in our Mass, led by Year 4. Father Philip spoke to us about the Saints who dedicated their lives to helping others. They are an example to us all as we strive to make a real difference in our society. During this month of November we are also encouraged to remember and pray for loved ones who have passed away; we ask God at this time to give us strength and comfort.

Attendance

It is vitally important that your child is in school and on time everyday. As a school we constantly aim for 100% attendance to make sure your child is getting the very most out of school.

This year we are planning a very special trip in the summer term to Harry Potter World to reward those children with 99% and above attendance for the whole school year.

We visit families if children are not in school as absences are a concern.

Class of the Week w/e 20.10.2017

Year 5 - 98.3% ☺

Whole School Attendance

96.3%

This Week's Highlights

Monday	NSPCC Workshop Year 5 & Year 6
Tuesday	Reception Class INSPIRE
Wednesday	All Saints' Mass led by Year 4
Wednesday	Parent ICT Workshop
Friday	Science Week Celebration Assembly
Friday	PE/Spanish/Art

Admissions to Secondary School - Year 6

Year 6 children transferring to Secondary School next September should have completed their school preferences online with the Local Authority by 31st October - **late applications may still be accepted.**

Admission to Reception Class 2018

If you have a child due to start school next September, please ensure you complete the Local Authority Preference Form online **before 4th December.**

Come and see us if you need help applying.

Children already in our Nursery also need to apply as children do not automatically transfer from Nursery to Reception.

Prayer Garden

We are running a project to develop a 'Prayer Garden' where the children can spend quiet time in reflection in an amazing space and where they are also able to grow their own food and flowers by sowing seeds and plants and watching them flourish.

We want the **whole school community involved** in this venture and are asking for '**volunteers with muscles**' (thats YOU - Dad's!)

on **Saturday 11th November**

to help clear the space.

With many hands it should only take a morning to clear all the slabs!

Please speak to the office if you can help!

School Photos

Friday 17th November

Pre-School Family Groups from 8.15 am to 8.45 am followed by individual photos then brothers & sisters that are in school.

Parent Governor Election

Please see separate letter inviting nominations for this vacancy.

Mass times

Holy Family Catholic Church

Saturday 4.00 pm

Sundays 10.30am & 5.15pm

God bless

Mr Foley

Friday 3rd November 2017

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

Parent ICT Workshop

Mrs Zunaib still has a few places left for her ICT workshop. They take place every Wednesday from 2.00 -3.00 and cover using the internet, emails and E-safety.

Please let the office know if you are interested.

Uniform

Uniform is on sale on Wednesday afternoons from 2.30 pm

Parish Bazaar

The Parish Bazaar will be taking place in school on

Saturday 2nd December at 12.00.

Father Philip is asking for **donations** of any **toys** that families may have finished with. As always we appreciate your support, please bring any donations into the office.

The Poppy Appeal

From next Monday we will be selling Poppies in school to raise money for The Poppy Appeal.

We have a small number of wristbands, badges and reflectors for a donation of £1.00 each.

Poppies will be a minimum donation of 20p.

Reading

It is vital that your child is heard read **every night**.

It is so important that your child is reading regularly to develop their '**love of reading**' and fluency too.

If you need support from school please do come and see us.

Make time to come and visit our library with your child and help them choose a book to read at home.

Day	Date	Time	Future Events
Wed	08 November	9.00	Year 4 Inspire – both classes
Tues	14 November	9.00 10.00	Open Morning – All Welcome Come and see our school in action
Fri	17 November	from 8.15	School Photos
Sat	02 December	12.00	Parish Christmas Fayre
Mon	04 December		Nursery & Reception inhouse Theatre
Thurs	07 December	10.30	Advent Mass Year 3 - Church
Wed	13 December	13.00	Jack & Beanstalk Theatre Trip
Thurs	14 December	9.00	Christmas Fund Raising Morning
Tues	19 December	14.00	KS1 Nativity – School Hall
Thurs	21 December	15.00	KS2 Carol Concert - Church
Fri	22 December	10.30	Christmas Mass - Church
Fri	22 December	13.00	School closes for holiday
Mon	08 January	8.45	Back to school – gate opens at 8.35 am

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Day	Physical Activity	Staff	Other Activity	Staff
Monday	TKD Free	Julie-Ann	Library Free	Mrs Guest All welcome
Tuesday	Dance £2.00	Jade	Drama Club (Year 4 Only)	Miss Flynn
Wednesday	Cricket £2.00	Callum KS2		
Thursday Collect @ 3.50 from playground			Reading Club	Mr Foley Mrs King Mrs O'Driscoll Mrs Guest
Friday	Football KS2	Callum KS2	Sign Language £2.00	Mrs Maloney KS2