



# Holy Family School

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## Happy New Year

A very happy new year and welcome back to all our families, we hope you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas holiday; it's been great seeing the children back this week full of energy and enthusiasm for their learning. This week we enjoyed coming together as a family for our first Mass of the spring term to celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. Year 6 led this special Mass, which celebrated the arrival of the Three Wise Men to visit the baby Jesus in the stable. The feast of the Epiphany marks the end of our Christmas celebrations and before the nativity scene was taken down in church all of the children had the opportunity to pray at the crib with Sister Maura. We have lots of exciting things planned for this term to further enhance learning for our children including: our mission week, science week, Lenten and Easter activities, music curriculum day, history curriculum day and reading INSPIRES. We would like to see as many parents as possible sharing in this learning in our assemblies and workshops, we thank you as always for your continued support.

### 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 22.12.2017**

Year 1 and Year 2 - 94.3%

**Whole School Attendance**

92.62%

### This Week's Highlights

Monday	Assembly
Tuesday	Reception Eye Tests
Thursday	Epiphany Mass
Thursday	Y5 Attendance Reward
Friday	Y2 stay and read

### New Year - New Newsletter

We are now asking for email addresses so that we can send our newsletter directly to you as well as it being on our website and 'twitter' feed.

### Punctuality

A reminder that it is vital that all children are in school on time at **8:45** and ready to start lessons. The gates open at **8:35** and children are learning as soon as they enter the classroom, **it is a vital time!** The gates will be closed at **8:45** sharp and children arriving after this time will be marked as late. We appreciate your cooperation with this.

### Weather

As we come into Winter I remind you that all children need to have coats, hats and gloves in school. If we do have any weather that may cause the school to shut, then parents will be notified by text, through our Twitter feed and on local radio.

### Traffic

Some parents are parking dangerously outside the school and some are also dropping off children in the road.

**This is incredibly dangerous!**

For you child's safety it is important that they are brought to either the playground or to the entrance of the gate by an adult.

### Mass times

**Holy Family Catholic Church**

Saturday 4.00 pm

Sundays 10.30am & 5.15pm

*God Bless*

*Mr Foley*

*Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018*

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

### READING

It was great to see so many parents in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 this week for 'Stay and Read'. We remind you that your child should be reading for at least 20 minutes every night. Thank you for your support.

### Uniform

Uniform is on sale on Wednesday afternoons From 2.30 pm

### Meet the Governors

In the coming newsletters we would like to introduce our governors to parents. We start with our Chair of Governors - Joyce Jones

Before I retired I worked at Holy Family Catholic School for 19 years so I have a good understanding of the whole school community.

I became chair of Governors in September 2017, having been a Foundation Governor for two years. Before that, banking was my career.

I am on the Finance and Staffing Committee, the Learning and Standards committee and I am the link governor for SEND.

I am proud to be a governor at such a unique and lovely school where every child is loved and nurtured, and where the Catholic ethos is evident and every faith is recognised and valued.

I am married and have three grown up children and two grandchildren. I enjoy reading, singing in a choir and spending time with family and friends.

Day	Date	Time	Future Events
Tue	16 <sup>th</sup> January		Nasal Flu (re-scheduled)
Fri	26 <sup>th</sup> January	8.45	Language development Coffee Morning Nur & Rec Parents
Mon	12 <sup>th</sup> February		Mission Week
Tue	13 <sup>th</sup> February		Retreat Day – Dan Callow
Wed	14 <sup>th</sup> February		Ash Wednesday
Thur	15 <sup>th</sup> February		Diversity Day
Thur	15 <sup>th</sup> February		Sign to Sing Assembly
<b>Mon</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> February</b>		<b>NON PUPIL DAY – School closed</b>

### Mission Week

During the week beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February we will be focussing as a school on our mission. Each class has chosen a charity to support and, as it states in our mission statement, will 'aim to make a real difference in the lives of others.' On the Tuesday of that week we are inviting Dan Callow into school to lead a day of retreat and reflection for the school, parents will be invited to share in our assembly at the end of the day. On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February the children will all be involved in a 'Diversity Day' which promotes sport enjoyed by disabled athletes such as: Boccia, Kurling and Wheelchair Basketball/Football. This day will be led by athletes who overcome daily difficulties to inspire others.

### Holy Family Mission Statement

As God's family we work together as brothers and sisters in a safe, happy and compassionate environment. We take pride in everything we do ensuring that our children are motivated to achieve and be the very best they can be. Built on the foundation of Christ and through teaching of Gospel values, we develop the whole child in a setting which has an understanding and appreciation of all faiths. Inspired by Pope Francis we endeavour to 'light a fire in the hearts' of our children, empowering them to make a real difference in our diverse, ever changing society.

### AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

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