



Holy Family School

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This Week

Our week started with an assembly all about Jesus being the vine to help us grow in our everyday lives. We also talked more about our Jesuit values and virtues for this half term - being 'Grateful' and 'Generous'. The children were able to give some wonderful examples of how they are displaying these values, both at home and in school. Next week we will come together as a parish family to celebrate our Lord returning to his father in Heaven, Year 5 will be leading our **Mass on Thursday at 10:30, all are welcome**. Year 1 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the farm as part of their Countryside topic for the summer term. Despite the mud the children all had a brilliant time and were an absolute pleasure, we were very proud of them all.

Have a wonderful weekend, hopefully enjoying some sunshine! Mr Foley

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 27.4.2018

Year 2 100% 😊😊😊

Whole School Attendance

97.1% 😊

Punctuality

A reminder that registers are taken at **8:45 sharp**. Children arriving after this time are **late**. We have a new sign in system in school - **any late children will need to be signed in by parents**. This will be closely monitored, parents of children who are repeatedly late will be invited into school to discuss further.

Extended Leave

Over the last few weeks I have received requests from parents for extended leave for children.

Under no circumstances will I authorise periods of extended leave. We are actively working with the local authority to fine parents who are removing children from school for periods of extended leave.

This Week's Highlights

Monday	Nursery 'Stay & Read'
Monday	St Chad's working with Y4
Tuesday	Reception 'Stay & Read'
Wednesday	Year 1 Mount Pleasant Farm
Wednesday	Attendance meetings with HT
Thursday	Polling Day
Friday	Year 2 'Stay & Read'
Friday	King Edwards 'outreach' programme

Flowers for Our Lady - Month of May

Fr Philip would like the children to bring a flower to the 10.30 Mass this Sunday please

Lunchtime

- Please ensure that **Dinner Money** is paid **in advance on Mondays**.
- Children that have sandwiches must bring their lunchbox into school with them in the **morning**.
- As the weather improves, children should apply sun cream before they come to school and bring in a sun hat.

Mass times

Holy Family Catholic Church
Saturday 4.00 pm
Sundays 10.30am & 5.15pm

Enjoy the Bank Holiday Weekend - God Bless

Mr Foley

Friday 4th May 2018

READING

It was great to see so many parents in Nursery, 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.

Day	Date	Time	Future Events
Mon	7 th May		School Closed Bank Holiday
Thur	10 th May	10.30	Ascension Day Mass
Fri	25 th May		Break up for Half Term
Mon	4 th June	8.45	School Re-opens
Sun	10 th June	10.30	First Holy Communion
Sun	1 st July	10.30	Confirmation Mass
Fri	20 th July	1.00	School closes for Summer holidays

Uniform

We have had children come in this week in summer uniform. The picture below shows the correct summer uniform for both boys and girls. We will also be emailing a copy of the uniform policy.

Please make sure your child is wearing the correct summer uniform.



Governor Message

On Wednesday I went with Year 1 to Mount Pleasant Farm school. Despite the torrential rain (or maybe because of it!) we had a great time. It was good fun paddling in the muddy puddles in our wellies as we visited the animals. I was really impressed with the children's intelligent questions and answers. They clearly enjoyed their day. They were polite and very well behaved.

It was a pleasure to share the day with them.

Mrs Meehan

Philip calls in to see us regularly and this week also visited our R.E. lead teacher Mrs Young.

Ms Jones joined our leadership team on Thursday to evaluate our school year so far and contribute to the plans for the development of our school in 2018/2019.

Thank you Governors.

Mission Statement

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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.