



Holy Family School

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This Week

This week all of the children have been learning about the feast of Pentecost. This special time is a celebration of the disciples receiving the Holy Spirit - a gift from God that gave them the courage and wisdom to spread God's message. Some of our Year 6 children will receive the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit at their Confirmation on the 1st July, we ask you to pray for them at this time. We also ask for your prayers for Paddy and Nikola in Year 3 who will shortly be making their First Holy Communion. In our celebration assembly this week, not only did we celebrate the wonderful achievements of our certificate winners, but we also sent Mrs Zunaib off to have her baby with best wishes and some amazing cards from each of the classes. After half term Miss Weston will be teaching Year 1 for the remainder of the year. Miss Weston has already been teaching a lot in Year 1 so the children are very familiar with her and likewise she knows the children extremely well. Wishing you all a fantastic and restful half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 4th June.

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 18.5.2018

Year 6 100% 😊😊😊

Whole School Attendance

96.7%

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	Football Tournament BCFC
Tuesday	Reception 'Stay & Read'
Tuesday	St Chad's working with Y4
Tuesday	Y3/Y4 Athletics Competition
Wednesday	Y1 'Stay & Read'
Thursday	Celebration Assembly
Friday	Year 2 'Stay & Read'
Friday	King Edwards 'outreach' programme

GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)

As you may be aware new data protection legislation comes into effect today 25th May 2018.

Please click on this link to watch a short 5 minute awareness video which explains the changes.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ua_LzUJ_wu8&t=1s

We have also distributed our **Privacy Policy** together with a **consent form** which needs to be **returned to school** on our first day back.

Thank you.

Mass times

Holy Family Catholic Church

Saturday 4.00 pm

Sundays 10.30am & 5.15pm

God Bless

Mr Foley

Friday 25th May 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 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.

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.



Day	Date	Time	Future Events
Mon	4 th June	8.45	School Re-opens (gate opens at 8.35 am)
Sun	10 th June	10.30	First Holy Communion
Sun	1 st July	10.30	Confirmation Mass
Tue	17 th July	9.00	Sports Day
Thur	19 th July	10.30	Leavers Mass
Fri	20 th July	9.00	Leavers Assembly
Fri	20 th July	1.00	School closes for Summer holidays
Mon	3 rd Sep		Non Pupil Day
Tue	4 th Sep		Non Pupil Day
Wed	5 th Sep	8.45	Children return to school (gate opens at 8.35 am)

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.

Governor Message

Our school governors wish you all a pleasant half term.

Mission Statement

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.