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### ATTENDANCE

**We aim for 100% attendance and punctuality for every child**

**Class of the Week w/e 8/11/13**

**Year 2 with 99.17%**

**218 children achieved 100% Attendance**

**Whole School Attendance was 97.12% 😊**

Dear Parents,

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2013

On Monday this week the children thoroughly enjoyed their singing sessions with Hamish McQueen. I thank all the parents who attended the afternoon whole school assembly and I think they will agree with me that a 'great time was had by all' - our children can certainly sing!

Today, at the request of parents, we held an impromptu fund raising event to raise money for Children in Need and Islamic Relief. We are splitting the proceeds between these two worthy causes so that as a school we can make a contribution towards helping the many people in the Philippines who are suffering dreadfully at this time. It was lovely to see the children in pyjamas, party clothes, character costumes and just something different. We have raised over £200.00 today thanks to your generosity. On Monday Year 5 and Year 6 can 'wear something different' for £1.00 so don't forget Y5 and Y6.

Years 5 and 6 went to the Skills Show at the NEC with their teachers this morning. It was a great success and so I suggest you ask your child - what did he/she see and do there? I know the children came home with bags full of freebies!

Next week is Anti Bullying Week and our School Council have prepared a whole school assembly for us. It is important that we regularly remind the children that bullying is unacceptable at our school. We must also help children to understand the difference between 'teasing' and 'bullying', which some children do get confused about.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Holy Family School 'Open Morning'**  
**09.00-10.30 a.m.**

All parents are invited to attend to see our school 'in action'. We begin in the school hall at 09.00a.m. with our Y2 class assembly. After this parents are free to go anywhere in the school to see learning happening. I always suggest that parents take the time to look at learning in other classrooms particularly if you have younger children in the school because it is helpful to see how learning progresses over the years!

This year we are showcasing our Big Maths whole class sessions - and parents will see a very active and powerful 20 minute lesson in each class. We are also showcasing literacy teaching such as grammar, spelling and punctuation and guided reading.

Next Wednesday we celebrate our end of the Year of Faith Mass at 10.30 a.m. in Holy Family Church with Father Philip; if you want to hear how well our children sing then do come and join us if you have time. KS2 will be learning about Blessed Dominic Barberi Diocesan Patron for the Year of Faith. Who was an Italian priest who settled in Birmingham in the early 1800's.

As I mentioned in last week's letter we did mark Remembrance Day at 11.00 a.m. on Monday morning this week. Mr. Foley led the children in quiet reflection and then through the internet our children were able to join with many people across the country in two minutes of respectful silence for those who have been killed in war.



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Well done to all the children who took part in the Archbishop Ilsley Primary Sports Festival; you competed well and remember it is about taking part! You all received a certificate at Celebration Assembly today to celebrate this event and your contribution to the school on this day.

Computer Club Certificates were also given out this morning to those children who have completed our Computer Explorers Programme; a new group of pupils begins next week.

I have been approached by some Year 4 pupils about the Kingswood Residential Trip in April. The Residential is for two nights Monday 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Our own teachers accompany the children and the maximum cost is £85, this is for accommodation, food, all activities and transport.

#### **Important reminder for Year 4 parents**

1. Parents evening next **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November**. Parents have already received their appointment times and Miss Carroll and Mrs. Lloyd will follow these times.
2. Year 4 Parent Inspire Workshop will be held on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 1.45 pm**; parents or an adult only please, we cannot provide care for babies and small children and we ask that parents make child care arrangements.
3. Next instalment for Kingswood Residential is £20 and is due by 25<sup>th</sup> November. If your child is going he/she was given an **orange payment card** on Wednesday of this week so please check that you have received it.

#### **Reception Admissions 2014**

May I remind parents who have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010 that applications for your child to start in Reception Class in September 2014 must be submitted by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2013.

The quickest way to make an application is online at [www.birmingham.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/admissions)

Please ensure you complete and submit an application for your child even if you have older brothers and sisters in the school.

Have a pleasant weekend and keep safe.

Yours sincerely

M. Mulroy

Mrs. M. Mulroy  
Headteacher





## HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL



### 'NEED TO KNOW' SHEET – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2013

#### IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon	18 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti Bullying week whole school assembly 09.00 a.m. – parents welcome.
Tues	19 <sup>th</sup> November	Annual Holy Family School Open Morning 09.00- 10.30 a.m. commencing with Y2 assembly at 09.00 all parents and prospective parents welcome.
Tues	19 <sup>th</sup> November	Y4 Parents Evening
Wed	20 <sup>th</sup> November	10.30 am Mass – End of Year of Faith
Thurs	21 <sup>st</sup> November	1.15 pm Nursery Class Maketon Inspire for all Nursery parents
Mon	25 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5 Interfaith visit
Tues	26 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6 Interfaith visit
Tues	26 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5 Inspire Parents Workshop 1.45 p.m.
Thur	28 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5 Assembly 2.30 pm
Fri	29 <sup>th</sup> November	Y3 Interfaith visit
Mon	2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Reception admissions Sep 2014 – last day for preferences online
Tue	3 <sup>rd</sup> December	1.45 Y4 Inspire
Tues	3 <sup>rd</sup> December	7.00 pm Father Philip's Induction Mass Holy Family Church
Wed	4 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 Interfaith visit
Wed	4 <sup>th</sup> December	7.00 pm Y6 Sacrament of Confirmation Holy Family Church
Fri	6 <sup>th</sup> December	Interfaith week sharing assembly for whole school and parents at 09.00 a.m.
Sat	7 <sup>th</sup> December	Holy Family Parish Christmas Fayre
Thur	12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fund Raising Morning – proceeds to KS1 Playground
Tues	17 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 A Christmas Carol theatre in school
Wed	18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner for pupils and staff – traditional and vegetarian options. Please see flyer going home on Monday
Wed	18 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school Christmas performance to parents
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term Mass 10.30 am
<b>Friday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>School closes 1.00 p.m. for Christmas</b>
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup> January	School opens for 2014 – gates open at 8.35 am for 8.45 am start
Monday	24 <sup>th</sup> February	Non Pupil Day School Closed to Pupils
Mon-Wed	7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Y4 2014 Kingswood Residential visit
Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Non Pupil Day School Closed to Pupils
Monday	21 <sup>st</sup> July	Non Pupil Day School Closed to Pupils
Mon-Wed	6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 2014 Alton Castle Residential visit

#### Emergency Contact Numbers

If you have changed your land line or mobile number, please ensure you have informed the school office.

#### DINNER MONEY

The cost of a school meal is £2.00 a day £10.00 a week (Nursery £1.75 & £8.75)

**All dinners MUST be booked & paid for on a MONDAY MORNING. We will have to refuse anyone who attempts to order a dinner during the week if they have not ordered and paid for it on Mondays.**

#### School Website

We are preparing for the launch of our new website next month. We will be posting photographs of the children undertaking various activities around school. If you do not want your child to appear please put your request in writing to Mrs Mulroy

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### Attendance and Punctuality – “Spotlight Programme”

Children who arrive late or are absent miss valuable teaching and learning time.

**Holy Family aim for 100% for every child, our target is 97% attendance for the whole school.**

If your child is unable to attend school please contact the school office before 9.30.

Medical and dental appointments should be made outside of school hours where possible.

PLEASE NOTE THAT **ANY ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME FOR A HOLIDAY OR EXTENDED LEAVE WILL BE UNAUTHORISED AND COURT ACTION WILL BE INSTIGATED.**

**YOUR CHILD'S PLACE AT HOLY FAMILY WILL ALSO BE AT RISK.**

### **Attendance of each class for the last two weeks**

Class	% Attendance w/e 25.10.13	% Attendance w/e 08.11.2013
Reception	91.67%	94.58%
Year 1	96.00%	93.33%
Year 2	96.67%	99.17%
Year 3	97.93%	98.28%
Year 4	99.03%	97.95%
Year 5	<b>100%</b>	98.33%
Year 6	95.17%	98.28%
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>96.65%</b>	<b>97.12%</b>

**Please ensure that you have signed and returned your  
'Improving Attendance Campaign' form.**

#### Water Only!

In January, after much publicity, we introduced the above rule. This applies to all children and means that children drink freely available water during the day including lunchtime. Children have water bottles so there is no need for children to bring in anything else to drink.

#### School Library Opening Hours

Tuesday and Thursday  
3.00 – 3.30 p.m.

#### Medical

**School Nurse dates: 28<sup>th</sup> November and 12<sup>th</sup> December:** If you wish to see Jo please make an appointment through the office.

#### Asthma Inhalers

Does your child use an inhaler? Does he/she have their inhaler in school? If the answer to both questions is Yes then you need to do nothing more. **Remember** it is the responsibility of parents to ensure inhalers are in school. If in doubt speak to Mrs. Gibbons or Miss Keating.

#### Head lice:

Please ensure that you check your child's head thoroughly with conditioner and a fine toothed comb regularly (at least every week) for head lice.

#### Vomiting/Diarrhoea:

Children should not attend school until 48 hours after the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Taekwondo	Zumba	Cricket	Multi Skills	Football
Julie Ann	Zumba Rosa	Mitch	Colm & Mitch	Mitch
KS1 & KS2	KS2	KS2	By Invitation	KS2
£2.00	£2.00	£2.00	FREE	£2.00
ICT Club	Library		Choir/Library	
Computer Explorers	Mrs Guest		Mrs O'Driscoll & Miss Pollard & Mrs Guest	
Paid in advance	FREE		FREE	