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ATTENDANCE

We aim for 100% attendance and punctuality for every child

Class of the Week w/e 22/11/13

Year 6 with 99.66%

212 children achieved 100% Attendance

Whole School Attendance was 97.97% 😊😊

URGENT ATTENTION OF ALL PARENTS

'LEAVE IN TERM TIME'

Please check your post for an important whole school letter, posted today, regarding new legislation and guidance about 'Leave in Term Time'.

We expect all parents to sign and return the orange form by Monday 9th December 2013.

Dear Parents,

Friday 29th November 2013

This week three of our KS2 classes completed their Interfaith visits to sacred places of worship in the local area. The children were well behaved and represented our school well. They have all learned new information about the major faiths in our community and it is wonderful to hear them talk about their experiences.

Year 4 events next week.

- Tuesday 3rd December Inspire Workshop for parents 1.45 p.m. till 3.00 p.m.
- Wednesday 4th December Interfaith visit

Friday 6th December - Interfaith Week whole school sharing assembly 9.00 am

All parents are most welcome.

Y5 Food Inspire Workshop; thank you to all parents who attended this learning session and I do hope you did enjoy the experience.

Well done and thank you to Year 5 and their teachers for a wonderful assembly yesterday. There was acting, singing, dancing and drama as we all learned about the works of Lewis Carroll and Rudyard Kipling. Thank you to all the parents who came to support the children.

On **Tuesday evening at 7 p.m.** Fr Philip will celebrate his **Induction Mass** with the community of Holy Family Parish; on his behalf, I extend a warm welcome to all our families to come and join us. **Holy Family School pupils who are readers or altar servers must wear their school uniform.** Thank you for supporting Father Philip with your important contribution.

On **Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.** our Year 6 Catholic pupils will receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** with Year 6 pupils from St. Bernadette's. Bishop Pargeter will visit our school before Confirmation and then will celebrate Mass with families and members of Holy Family Parish. We ask the Holy Spirit to support and guide them at this special time in their journey of faith and we extend an invitation to all our families who would like to attend.

The final total of our recent fund raising for Children in Need and Islamic Relief are £271.54; many thanks to everyone for your generosity.



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Today was the second of our own clothes days when we ask children to bring something in for the Christmas Coffee morning on **Thursday 12th December**. Today we asked for donations of bottles. Next week we are asking for Fancy Goods for the Tombola stall - please see the green flyer sent out today.

IMPORTANT FINAL NOTICE - Reception Admissions 2014

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

The quickest way to make an application is online at 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.

Pupil Safety - Dogs in and around school.

May I firstly remind parents that dogs are not allowed into our school playgrounds; secondly I appeal to parents who do bring dogs to school to ensure that the dog is tethered away from the school gates and is not left unattended.

Bikes on the school playground

Adults and/or children must not ride bikes around the school playground at the beginning or end of the school day. The safety of everyone on the playground is most important and as everyone will see the top playground is a very crowded place when parents are bringing children to and from school. Your co-operation would be much appreciated.

Mrs. Lloyd and our teaching assistants would like to thank parents who have signed the petition to save the role of the Teaching Assistant in school. You can also access the petition online at <http://www.38degrees.org.uk> (scroll down to 'campaigns by you', bottom right).

Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. During the season of Advent, Christians prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. For the next three weeks our children will further develop their knowledge and understanding about the symbolism of the Advent Wreath and the story of the Jesse Tree. Through the annual story of the Jesse Tree our children learn more about the ancestors from Jesus' family line. Our children learn more about are Noah and the Great Flood, Abraham and the sacrifice of Isaac, Joseph who was sold as a slave by his twelve brothers, King David who united the tribes of Israel into one Kingdom and made Jerusalem its capital; right up to Mary and Joseph and the birth of Christ.

May I wish everyone a pleasant weekend and bring your attention to today's Information Bulletin with the dates of our school events over the next few weeks, leading up to Christmas.

Yours sincerely

M. Mulroy

Mrs. M. Mulroy
Headteacher

