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ATTENDANCE

We aim for 100% attendance and punctuality for every child

Class of the Week w/e 6/12/13

Year 5 with 99.66% 😊

209 children achieved 100% Attendance

Whole School Attendance was 96.14%

URGENT ATTENTION OF ALL PARENTS

'LEAVE IN TERM TIME'

New legislation and guidance about 'Leave in Term Time'.

Thank you for signing and returning the orange forms.

Miss Keating is contacting the last few families who have not returned their forms.

Dear Parents,

Friday 13th December 2013

With one more week to go before we break up for Christmas the excitement is becoming tangible around the school. On Tuesday afternoon parents enjoyed our Early Years/KS1 Christmas Performance 'Born in a Barn'; the narrators spoke clearly and right on cue, the children sang their hearts out and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the performance. Thank you parents for your wonderful support.

Library Books

If your child has a book or books borrowed from our School Library could these please be returned directly to Mrs. Guest next week please, so that we can undertake a stock take and update our library system. Thank you.

Important dates for next week.

Golden Book and Farewell to Mrs. Ashley Wednesday 18th December 10.40 a.m. School Hall

We will be saying a proper good bye to Mrs. Ashley at the above assembly and we will also include the Golden Book for Autumn Term too. Parents are most welcome to attend and I hope those parents whose children have been taught by Mrs. Ashley in the past will be able to join us.

Staff and pupils Christmas Lunch Wednesday 18th December

Bookings for the pupil Christmas Lunch are closed and we can only serve pupils whose parents have booked and paid.

KS2 Christmas Performance to parents Wednesday 18th December 3.15p.m. Holy Family Church

I hope that as many parents as possible will come and join us - there is plenty of room in the Church. Special arrangements for this performance:-

- KS2 pupils will all be in Church with their teachers
- Parents must collect their children from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 before going to the Church
- Parents who do not have younger children in school should go straight to the Church
- Pupils will be able to leave with their parents at the end of the performance - 3.45/4.00 p.m.

We will be taking a collection after the KS2 performance on Wednesday 18th which will be divided between our KS1 Playground Project and also the Heart Research UK's 'Sing for your Heart' Charity.



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Attendance Assembly Thursday 19th December at 09:00 a.m.

Mr. Foley and Miss Keating will be hosting our usual termly attendance assembly on the above date and time. Mrs. Burgundy will be selling chocolate concrete before the assembly on a first come first served basis with a limit of one bag per person!

End of Term Christmas Mass Friday 20th December at 09:30 a.m.

Please note this time change due to a funeral later in the morning.

School closes to pupils at 1.00 p.m. on Friday 20th December.

Website launch

Did you see the flyer? Our new website went live on Tuesday. Comments received so far have been very positive. Please do take some time to go through the various pages, for example the school history page and the class pages. It would be good to have your feedback; please access the Contact Us tab and Guest Book tab and post your comments. Ofsted are also interested in your views of our school, so do also go to the 'Parent View' link accessed via the School Information and Inspections tabs and leave your comments there - the flyer sent out on Tuesday gives fuller instructions on how to get to the comments pages. If you haven't seen the website yet do take time over the weekend to view it.

Foundation Parent Governor Vacancy

Are you interested in volunteering as a governor? Governors are responsible for working with our school, setting the school's aims and policies to ensure we deliver a good quality education for all our children. The role of governor can be demanding as it involves a time commitment but it is also very rewarding. Please do come and speak to me if you think this could be the role for you.

Fund Raising Coffee Morning Thursday 12th December

Many thanks for your generous support of our Coffee Morning; it was lovely to see so many parents here. We raised an amazing £1013.35 which will go towards our KS1 playground project. Congratulations to Unayah in Year 1 who won the food hamper and to Aneeka in Year 2 who won the second prize.

Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent and the pink candle (for joy and happiness) will be lit in all Catholic Churches.

The Need to Know information bulletin is published today; please do check it for important information and up and coming dates for 2014.

Finally, there will be no after school choir rehearsal next week and choir rehearsal will resume again on Thursday 9th January at 3.00 p.m. After school clubs will continue to run next week except for Friday football with Mitch and these clubs will begin again immediately after Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

M. Mulroy

Mrs. M. Mulroy
Headteacher



**School re-opens after Christmas on Monday 6th January
gates open at 8.35 am for a 8.45 am start.**



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL



NEED TO KNOW' SHEET – Friday 13th December 2013

School Website now LIVE!!!!
www.holyfam.bham.sch.uk
 (save to your favourites)

Website Feedback

Let us know what you think of the site by **Clicking on the 'Contact Us' tab, 'Guestbook' tab and leave your comments and rate our website - thank you.**

Parent View Feedback on the Ofsted Site

Click on the School Information tab, Inspections tab - scroll down to Parent View icon/box - scroll down to the orange jigsaw piece on the left to leave your views - thank you

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues	17 th December	KS2 'A Christmas Carol' theatre in school
Wed	18 th December	10.40 am Golden Book Assembly and we say Goodbye to Mrs Ashley – Parents most welcome.
Wed	18 th December	Christmas Dinner for pupils and staff that have pre-booked a meal
Wed	18 th December	3.00 pm KS2 Christmas performance for parents in Church
Thurs	19 th December	9.00 am Attendance Assembly
Fri	20 th December	9.30 am End of Term Mass (changed from 10.30 am)
Fri	20 th December	1.00 pm School closes to children for Christmas
Monday	6th January	School opens for 2014 – gates open at 8.35 am for 8.45 am start
Tue	14 th January	Y3 Inspire Parent/Pupil workshop 1.45 pm
Tue	21 st January	Y2 Inspire Parent/Pupil workshop 09:00 am
Tue	21 st January	Y1 Inspire Parent/Pupil workshop 1.45 pm
Wed	22 nd January	Y6 Inspire Parent/Pupil workshop (1) 09:00
Tue	28 th January	Reception Inspire/Parent Pupil workshop 09:00 am
Tue	28 th January	2.30 Y3 Class Assembly
Tue	4 th February	Y5 Inspire Parent/Pupil workshop 09:00 am
Tue	4 th February	Y4 Inspire Parent/pupil workshop 1:45 pm
Monday	24th February	Non Pupil Day School Closed to Pupils
Tue	4 th March	Y6 Inspire Parent/Pupil workshop (2) 09:00 am
Tue	11 th March	2.30 Y4 Class Assembly
Tue	18 th March	2.30 Reception Assembly
Tue	25 th March	2.30 Y1 Class Assembly
Mon-Wed	7 th – 9 th April	Y4 2014 Kingswood Residential visit
Mon-Wed	14/15/16 th April	EASTER SCHOOL Year 6
Thur	22 nd May	Possible school closure for local elections – to be confirmed.
Monday	2nd June	Non Pupil Day School Closed to Pupils
Tues	18 th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly to be confirmed.
Monday	21st July	Non Pupil Day School Closed to Pupils
Mon-Wed	6 th - 8 th October	Y6 2014 Alton Castle Residential visit

Improving Attendance Campaign

'Spotlight' and new 'Leave in Term Time' programmes.

Please ensure you read the 'Leave in Term Time' letter that has been posted to all our parents.

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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.

**Attendance and Punctuality –
'Spotlight Programme' and 'Leave in Term Time Programme'**

Children who arrive late or are absent miss valuable teaching and learning time.
New guidelines state that headteachers can no longer authorise 'Leave in Term Time'
Holy Family School aims for 100% Attendance and Punctuality for every child.
Our whole school target is for 97% attendance.

If your child is unable to attend school please contact the school office before 9.30 am
 Medical and dental appointments should be made outside of school hours where possible, if appointments are in lesson time appointment letters/cards need to be brought into the school office.

Attendance of each class for the last two weeks

Class	% Attendance w/e 29.11.2013	% Attendance w/e 6.12.13
Reception	95.67%	91.33%
Year 1	98.67%	97.00%
Year 2	98.00%	93.33%
Year 3	96.55%	94.48%
Year 4	100%	98.67%
Year 5	96.90%	99.66%
Year 6	98.62%	98.62%
Whole School	97.78%	96.14%

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

School Library Opening Hours

Tuesday and Thursday
3.00 – 3.30 p.m.

Medical

School Nurse dates: 9th January, 23rd January, 6th February, 27th February: 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	