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URGENT ATTENTION OF ALL PARENTS

'LEAVE IN TERM TIME'

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

Thank you for signing and returning your orange forms.

Mr Foley will be making contact with the families who still have not yet signed up to our 'Improving Attendance Campaign'.

ATTENDANCE

We aim for 100% attendance and punctuality for every child

Class of the Week w/e 20/12/13

Year 4 99.67%

206 children achieved 100% Attendance

Whole School Attendance was 96.88%

Dear Parents,

Friday 10th January 2014

I welcome back all our children and families and wish everyone a Happy New Year and everything you wish for yourselves in 2014.

Well two amazing things have happened concerning our school just recently; firstly, I received a very glowing letter from the Minister of State for Education which is attached with this letter for all our parents to read and secondly, Holy Family School is now famous across the country after we appeared on BBC Breakfast Television on Wednesday morning. I want to say well done to all my staff for their hard work which has led to recognition from the Department of Education and well done and thank you to Mr. Foley and our Computer Club children who represented our school so well in Wednesday's broadcast.

On Wednesday morning the whole school celebrated Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany when God revealed his son to the whole world through the visit of the three wise men. This concludes our Christmas RE studies and the next major liturgical events in the Christian faith will be Lent a time of fasting and alms giving and Easter when we are reminded that God gave his only son to be our saviour.

For the attention of Year 2 parents.

To begin their science studies on 'Habitats' Y2 will be visiting Small Heath Park on Wednesday 15th January, please ensure they are wearing a waterproof coat and appropriate footwear such as boots or wellingtons.

For the attention of Year 4 parents.

We now have fourteen children attending the residential visit to Kingswood in April. There are places still available and the absolute final deadline for booking your child's place is **January 25th**. If you really would like your child to attend then I do urge you to come and talk to me as soon as possible. The final payment is now due, please pay by 27th January, thank you.

For the attention of all parents.

Please note the following changes to up and coming dates:-

Tue	6th February	Y1 Inspire Parent/Pupil workshop 1.45 pm
Wed	5th March	Y6 Inspire Parent/Pupil workshop (2) 09:00 am



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Healthy Lunch Boxes

I wonder if parents are aware that a bottle of flavoured water contains the equivalent of several teaspoons of sugar! May I remind parents that children who bring a packed lunch are only allowed water as a drink (which is freely available in school) and that chocolate or chocolate covered biscuits, crisps, sweets etc. are not allowed. Parents may request a copy of our School Food Policy which clearly explains our rules.

Asda Green Tokens for our Key Stage One Playground

Please collect the green tokens when you are shopping at Asda, and post them into our KS1 Playground appeal. The organisation with the most tokens receives a cash reward. Thank you.

New Mobile Phone Contact Numbers

If you have received a new phone for Christmas, remember to come and let us know your new number in case of emergencies.

Finally, I would like to let all parents know that I will be retiring as Headteacher of Holy Family School at the end of this academic year. I have enjoyed seven years serving the school and parish community and working with the wonderful staff here at Holy Family School. The Governors have already begun the recruitment process for my replacement and they are hopeful that with the help of the Holy Spirit, they will be successful and have a new Head Teacher in place for September 2014.

Yours sincerely

M Mulroy

Mrs M Mulroy
Headteacher



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NEED TO KNOW' SHEET – Friday 10th January 2014

School Website now LIVE!!!!

www.holyfam.bham.sch.uk

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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

Tue	14 th January	Y3 Inspire Parent/Pupil workshop 1.45 pm
Tue	21 st January	Y2 Inspire Parent/Pupil workshop 09:00 am
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
Tue	6 th February	Y1 Inspire Parent/Pupil workshop 1.45 pm (Revised Date)
Monday	24th February	Non Pupil Day School Closed to Pupils
Wed	5th March	Y6 Inspire Parent/Pupil workshop (2) 09:00 am (Revised Date)
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.

Thank you for signing and returning the orange forms.

Mr Foley is contacting the last few families who have not returned their forms

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 13.12.13	% Attendance w/e 20.12.13
Reception	92.78%	95.00%
Year 1	96.11%	98.33%
Year 2	96.43%	96.33%
Year 3	100%	97.93%
Year 4	100%	99.67%
Year 5	98.57%	94.33%
Year 6	100%	96.88%
Whole School	97.43%	96.88%

**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: 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	Y6 Booster Club/Library		Choir/Library	
Computer Explorers	Miss Walker & Mrs King & Mrs Guest		Mrs O'Driscoll & Miss Pollard & Mrs Guest	
Paid in advance	FREE		FREE	



Rt Hon David Laws MP
Minister of State for Schools

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17 December 2013

2013 PRIMARY SCHOOL PERFORMANCE TABLES – DISADVANTAGED PUPILS

Dear Mrs. Mulroy,

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate you on the excellent performance of your disadvantaged pupils in the 2013 national key stage 2 tests as published on the 12 December 2013.

Your results show that you are amongst the 250 top performing schools in the country in terms of the progress your disadvantaged pupils make between key stage 1 and the end of key stage 2, and their attainment at the end of the key stage. Your school is exceptionally effective in educating your disadvantaged pupils.

It is clear that you and your staff have provided your disadvantaged pupils with a good start in life and a strong springboard into secondary education. This assessment is based on the percentage of your disadvantaged pupils achieving level 4b in reading and mathematics, and level 4 or above in writing, and their value added scores.

With the pupil premium rising to £1300 from April 2014, I believe that primary schools will have the additional resources needed to continue to raise attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the attainment gap. This is critical to breaking the link between poverty and education outcomes and improving social mobility.

We also need excellent school leaders to support other schools. You may, of course, be doing this but if you would like to know more about what you can do, please email our Pupil Premium Champion, Dr. John Dunford, at pupilpremium.champion@education.gsi.gov.uk.

Thank you for your leadership in prioritising disadvantaged pupils' performance in your school; the results are a real testament to this and the hard work of your staff, governors, parents and pupils.

Yours sincerely,

David Laws MP