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ATTENDANCE

We aim for 100% attendance and punctuality for every child

Class of the Week w/e 31/1/2014

Year 5 99.33%

205 children achieved 100% Attendance

Whole School Attendance was 97.21% 😊

Dear Parents,

Friday 7th February 2014

This week in school we enjoyed a wonderful Mass celebrating the Feast of Candlemas and led by Year 3; the children read their words clearly and the whole school sang with confidence and in harmony. Well done Year 3 Miss Pollard and Mrs. Guest and thank you to all the parents who came to Mass to support the children.

Thank you to the parents who attended our Inspire Workshops this week for Year 1, Year 4 and Year 5. It is wonderful to see so many parents in attendance because these workshops are for you, so that you can learn about our teaching methods and find out how you can help your child at home. May I confirm to parents that we do follow the National Curriculum as directed by the Department for Education and some of the methods we use, particularly in maths, may not be how our parents and even myself were taught. However, parents should follow the methods that we teach in school so that the children do not become confused. Thank you.

Important information for all parents

Please see the Need to Know bulletin today for an important change of date. We are expecting confirmation that the school will be closed Thursday 22nd May for Local Elections and so we have rearranged our non pupil day from Monday 2nd June to Friday 23rd May which makes good sense. **As a result our school will be closed to pupils on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd May 2014.**

Urgent Notice

Next Thursday's after school club with Colm and Mitch has been cancelled and will resume after half term.

Reminder for the parents of our Year 2 pupils

Next Thursday 13th February the children will remain in school for their 'night time experience' and parents are reminded that they should collect their child from school at **7.30 pm prompt**, please. Miss Gallagher wants the children to have a good understanding about night time and nocturnal animals so that they will be fully informed for their forthcoming writing task.

School Uniform Price Increase

Our uniform supplier has increased their prices with effect from 1st February. We will therefore now be charging £10.50 for school cardigans and £9.00 for sweatshirts.

URGENT AND IMPORTANT; Nursery Applications for September 2014

Have you registered your child for Nursery in September? If your child was born between 1/9/10 and 31/8/11, please call into the school office to complete an application form. If you have friends or relatives with Nursery age children, ask them to come and see us too.



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Children from Y1 and Y2 who are keen on dancing attended the third session of our five week programme of **Bhangra Dance** tuition - the children really enjoyed learning moves and actions in time with the drumming. There will be a demonstration for parents of these children on **Monday 3rd March** in our school hall; information flyers will be sent out nearer the time.

Absence during term time

It is disappointing to see that despite all the information we have sent out to parents and our clear message that any request for absence during term time will be unauthorised, I am still getting requests from parents to take their children out of school for considerable lengths of time during term time. Any such requests will not be authorised and parents may be fined and children could lose their school places. Recently I have had parents ask to take their children out of school for 2 and 3 weeks this is unacceptable. The law and LA guidelines are very clear on this and no exceptions will be made.

Y4 residential visit to Kingswood 7th, 8th and 9th April

There will be a final meeting for all parents and children on **Friday 14th March** in the Year 4 classroom at 3.05 p.m. when we will go over all the final details.

Asda Green Tokens for our Key Stage One Playground

I was shopping in Asda on Tuesday and noticed the green token collection. Holy Family School is in the lead at the moment but I think we need even more tokens to ensure that we stay in the lead. **Please collect the green tokens when you are shopping at Asda, and post them into our KS1 Playground appeal box** at the front of the store. The organisation with the most tokens receives a cash reward. Thank you.

Sainsbury Vouchers

Sainsbury's are now giving vouchers. If you do shop at Sainsbury's please do collect them and send them in with your child. Tell your family and friends too and ask them to collect for you. If we can collect enough vouchers we will be able to buy more playground equipment for the children to use.

School Meal Price Increase

After Easter, from 29th April, the cost of a school dinner will increase by 5p per day, from £2.00 per day to £2.05 per day. Dinner money for a week will therefore be £10.25, (Nursery meals increase from £1.70 to £1.75 per day, £8.75 per week to £9.00 per week).

Need to Know fortnightly bulletin

This bulletin is sent out to parents every two weeks - today a new bulletin has been sent with your child - do please check the bulletin for key information and forthcoming dates and keep it safe.

There is just one more week to go before half term; we break up on Friday 14th February at 3.00 p.m. Finally, I wish everyone a pleasant weekend.

Yours sincerely

M Mulroy

Mrs M Mulroy
Headteacher



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NEED TO KNOW' SHEET – Friday 7th February 2014

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

Wed	12 th February	Y3 CBSO 'Clock onto Safety' (pm)
Thur	13 th February	Parents Meal Day
Thur	13 th February	Y2 Nocturnal Animals Evening 3.00 – 7.30 pm
Fri	14 th February	School finishes for half term 3.00 pm
	17th – 21st Feb	Half Term
Monday	24th February	Non Pupil Day School Closed to Pupils
Tue	25th February	School reopens 8.45 am (gates open 8.35 am)
Mon	3rd March	Bhangra Dance Group demonstration to parents (further information to follow)
Wed	5th March	Ash Wednesday Mass led by Y5 pupils – the beginning of Lent
Wed	5th March	Y6 Inspire Parent/Pupil workshop (2) 09:00 am (Revised Date)
Tue	11 th March	2.30 Y4 Class Assembly
Wed	12th March	Parents Evening
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
Fri	11th April	School closes at 1.00 pm For Easter Holidays
	14th-25th April	Easter Holidays
Mon-Wed	14/15/16 th April	EASTER SCHOOL Year 6
Mon	28 th April	School reopens 8.45 am (gates open 8.35 am)
Mon	5th May	School closed – May Day Bank Holiday
Mon-Fri	12 th – 16 th May	SAT's Week
Thur	22nd May	School closed for local elections
Fri	23rd May	Non Pupil Day school close to pupils (change of date from Monday 2nd June)
	26th – 30th May	Half Term
Monday	2nd June	School reopens 8.45 am (gates open 8.35 am) change of date
Tue	3 rd June	
Fri	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)

From 27th April – Prices increase to

£2.05 a day £10.25 per week (Nursery £1.80 & £9.00)

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 head teachers 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 24.01.2014	% Attendance w/e 31.01.2014
Reception	97.00%	95.33%
Year 1	99.00%	96.33%
Year 2	98.67%	97.67%
Year 3	97.24%	97.93%
Year 4	99.00%	97.67%
Year 5	90.33%	99.33%
Year 6	98.62%	96.21%
Whole School	97.12%	97.21%

School Library Opening Hours

Tuesday and Thursday

3.00 – 3.30 p.m.

Medical

School Nurse dates: 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	