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ATTENDANCE

We aim for 100% attendance and punctuality for every child

Class of the Week w/e 07/02/2014

Year 5 98.00%

190 children achieved 100% Attendance

Whole School Attendance was 92.55%

Dear Parents,

Friday 14th February 2014

Thank you to all those parents who attended our Parent Meal Day yesterday; we received many compliments but we are always open to suggestions about how we might improve our menus and service.

Year 3 enjoyed their trip to the CBSO on Wednesday; unfortunately the weather was the only thing that 'put a damper' on the pupils' enjoyment.

Last night, Year 2 pupils enjoyed an evening of fitness, art and craft, fun, food and learning; they met three owls, a kestrel and a falcon as part of their Science learning about nocturnal animals. Thank you to Miss Gallagher for organising this experience and all the teachers, teaching assistants and Mrs. Snape, who supported the event.

Swimming Next Term Year 5 Parents' Reminder

The other half of Year 5 will attend swimming lessons commencing Friday 28th February. Parents please check the original letter sent out at the beginning of term. If your child is swimming next half term he/she must be in school by 08.15 a.m. (The children are very welcome to attend Breakfast Club at 8.05 am)

Cooking with Kids (opportunity for KS2 parents)

I am pleased to announce that the NHS FOODNET organisation have approached us to offer another 'Cooking with Kids' Programme in our school. If any of our KS2 parents are interested in joining this programme to prepare and cook healthy and nutritious food with their child then please read the attached letter and complete and return the form to the school office immediately after half term. There are a very limited number of places available.

Important reminder 'change of date' for all parents

School will be closed to pupils on Thursday 22nd (Local Elections) and Friday 23rd May 2014 (Staff Training Day). School will reopen Monday 2nd June.

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.

Children from Y1 and Y2 who are keen on dancing attended the fourth 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.

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.

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Asda Green Tokens for our Key Stage One Playground

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).

Half Term learning opportunities www.oxfordowl.co.uk

If you are looking for something to keep the children busy during the half term break then may I suggest the Oxford Owl website which holds many English and Maths activities for children. There is also very good information for parents about reading and learning to read. Once on the website - click onto the pink button 'My Class Login' and enter the login and password details for your child/children as below. There are 'ebooks' that your child can read, story teller videos to watch and other games and activities.

Class/Classes	Login	Password
Reception and Year 1	HolyfamB10Y1	HFCSY1
Year 2	HolyfamB10Y2	HFCSY2
Year 3	HolyfamB10Y3	HFCSY3
Year 4	HolyfamB10Y4	HFCSY4
Year 5 and Year 6	HolyfamB10Y5	HFCSY5

Parents please note: Your computer must have Internet Explorer9, Google Chrome, Firefox or Mozilla to access the activities on this site.

Head Lice

Please take the time to check your child's head thoroughly over the half term holiday. Combing hair at least twice a day and regular shampooing and conditioning will help prevent any head lice infection becoming established. **Wet-combing using ordinary conditioner is the recommended method for treating head lice and is safe and effective but does need to be continued for at least 3 weeks so that the cycle does not begin again.** This method should be used first before considering the use of insecticide lotions.

Parking outside school

Yesterday at the end of the school day I witnessed one of our parent's double parking outside our school. This led to another of our parent's being blocked in. It is illegal to double park and also discourteous to others. I appeal to all parents to park sensibly and safely when collecting their children from our school.

Happy Birthday to Father Philip who celebrates a very special birthday today.

Wishing all our parents a happy St. Valentine's day and I do hope everyone has an enjoyable half term break. Let us all hope for an improvement in the weather but also let us think about and pray for all those people who are displaced from their homes as a result of the recent storms and flood damage. God Bless.

Yours sincerely

M Mulroy

Mrs M Mulroy
Headteacher