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### ATTENDANCE

**We aim for 100% attendance and punctuality for every child**

**Class of the Week w/e 14/02/2014**

**Year 6 100%** 😊

**Year 4 100%** 😊

**196 children achieved 100% Attendance**

**Whole School Attendance was 95.34%**

Dear Parents,

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014

I warmly welcome back all our children and their families. Here is a range of information for our parents and children.

#### **Bangra Dance**

Children from Y1 and Y2 who are keen on dancing will complete their Bhangra Dance class next Monday afternoon. There will be a demonstration for parents of these children on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 1.30 p.m. in our school hall.**

#### **Swimming this half term Year 5 Parents' reminder**

The other half of Year 5 commenced swimming lessons today. Parents please check the original letter sent out at the beginning of term. If your child is swimming this 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)**

We have received a large response to this programme. There are only 7 places available and so any child who has attended the programme before will not be able to take part again unfortunately. Confirmation offers have gone out on a first come first served basis and there is a waiting list. The deadline for parents to respond to their offer is next Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

#### **'Supporting Your Child' Training Programme**

We have made links with the Adult Education Service to provide a course for our parents to help you support your child's learning. The course will run for 2 hours per week for 15 weeks and we are keen to enrol interested parents. Parents will receive a City and Guilds qualification on completion of the course. The Adult Education Service will be here on Parents Evening on 12<sup>th</sup> March in the school hall to enrol parents and answer any questions. Do go and speak to them about how you can help your child to learn.

#### **Important reminder 'change of date' for all parents**

School will be closed to pupils on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2014** (Local Elections) **and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2014** (Staff Training Day). School will **reopen Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** after the half term holiday.

#### **School Uniform Price Increase**

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

#### **School Uniform Rules**

May I remind parents that:-

- school shoes must be all black with sensible fastenings - trainers are not allowed
- yellow polo shirts only are allowed

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- in KS2 pupils may wear a white shirt but this must be worn with a tie

**Some children have returned to school and are not wearing the correct uniform; parents will be informed if their child is not wearing the correct uniform.**

#### **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.

#### **Y4 residential visit to Kingswood 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> April**

There will be a final meeting for all parents and children on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 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**

This appeal finishes at the end of the month and 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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).

#### **UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS Department for Education NEW INITIATIVE COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 2014 for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2**

I can now confirm that from September 2014 we will be providing free school meals for all children in the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes. Funding from the Government will provide for this. We expect that all our children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will have a free school meal from September 2014. This will represent a tremendous saving for parents. There will be more information forthcoming over the next few months and I am happy to answer any questions on this.

Next week we will be going to Mass with Father Philip and the parishioners to celebrate Ash Wednesday which is the beginning of the Lenten Season in the Catholic Church. Lent is traditionally a time of fasting and almsgiving. This year we will once more be supporting the Father Hudson's Good Shepherd Appeal and the money boxes will be sent home next week. Our Easter Coffee Morning on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April** will be raising funds for a children's Muscular Dystrophy charity and also for our KS1 playground project.

Enjoy your weekend.

Yours sincerely

*M Mulroy*

Mrs M Mulroy  
Headteacher



## HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### NEED TO KNOW' SHEET – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2014

**School Website now LIVE!!!!**

**[www.holyfam.bham.sch.uk](http://www.holyfam.bham.sch.uk)**

**(save to your favourites)**

**Lenten Fundraising Morning**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

**NEW DFE REGULATIONS**

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS FROM SEPTEMBER 2014**

For children in  
Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children.

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon	3 <sup>rd</sup> March	1.30 Bhanga Dance Group demonstration to parents of children involved in Y1 & Y2
Wed	5 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30 Ash Wednesday Mass led by Y5 pupils – the beginning of Lent
Wed	5 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 Inspire Parent/Pupil workshop (2) 09:00 am ( <b>Revised Date</b> )
Tue	11 <sup>th</sup> March	2.30 Y4 Class Assembly
Wed	12 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Parents Evening -</b>
Tue	18 <sup>th</sup> March	2.30 Reception Assembly
Tue	25 <sup>th</sup> March	2.30 Y1 Class Assembly
Mon-Wed	7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Y4 2014 Kingswood Residential visit
Tue	8 <sup>th</sup> April	Lenten Fundraising Morning
Fri	11 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>School closes at 1.00 pm For Easter Holidays</b>
	14 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
Mon-Wed	14/15/16 <sup>th</sup> April	EASTER SCHOOL Year 6
Mon	28 <sup>th</sup> April	School reopens 8.45 am (gates open 8.35 am)
Mon	5 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>School closed – May Day Bank Holiday</b>
Mon-Fri	12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> May	SAT's Week
Thur	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>School closed for local elections</b>
Fri	23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>Non Pupil Day school closed to pupils (change of date)</b>
	26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
Monday	2 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>School reopens 8.45 am (gates open 8.35 am) (change of date)</b>
Fri	18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers Assembly to be confirmed.
Monday	21 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>Non Pupil Day School Closed to Pupils</b>
Mon-Wed	6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 07.02.2014	% Attendance w/e 14.02.2014
Reception	88.67%	89.33%
Year 1	92.00%	93.67%
Year 2	89.00%	89.67%
Year 3	90.00%	96.90%
Year 4	91.33%	100%
Year 5	98.00%	98.00%
Year 6	95.52%	100%
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>92.07%</b>	<b>95.34%</b>

**School Library Opening Hours**

Tuesday and Thursday  
 3.00 – 3.30 p.m.

**Medical**

**School Nurse dates: 13<sup>th</sup> March, 27<sup>th</sup> March & 10<sup>th</sup> April:** 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	