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Whole School Attendance was 97.62% 😊 ATTENDANCE
We aim for 100% attendance and punctuality for every child

Classes of the Week w/e 7/3/2014

Last week three classes Reception 😊, Year 4 😊 and Year 6 😊 each achieved
100% attendance!! WELL DONE!!!
221 children achieved 100% Attendance

Dear Parents,

Friday 14th March 2014

At last some sunshine to brighten our school days. This week has been most pleasant with warm sunny playtimes for our children. Thank you to Miss Carroll, Mrs. Lloyd and Year 4 for their dramatic class assembly about St. Patrick the patron saint of Ireland whose feast day is Monday 17th March. The children were word perfect and their performance of 'Hail Glorious St. Patrick' was most enjoyable.

At our Celebration Assembly today our Bhangra dance group received their medals for their great dedication to learning the moves and actions and for their public performance on Monday at St. Benedicts School; our group was one of the youngest to perform and they did themselves proud. Everyone in today's assembly was able to watch a short video of the dance they performed. Angelica who successfully competed in a recent gymnastics competition and came second out of one hundred children delighted us with her a demonstration of her gymnastic skills.

Our Easter Coffee Morning on **Tuesday 8th April** will be raising funds for a children's Muscular Dystrophy charity and also for our KS1 playground project. We have begun collecting items for the coffee morning, please see the flyer sent home today, **next Friday** will be an **own clothes day for those children who bring in bottles** for the coffee morning.

Leave in Term Time

As you are aware headteachers can no longer authorise absences in school term time. There is a strict procedure that is laid down and that we follow if parents take their children out of school. This week, two of our parents have been issued with 'Penalty Notices' and have been 'fined' £60 each for taking their child out of school during term time. This fine needs to be paid in 21 days otherwise the fine rises to £120 each. Failure to pay the fine will result in court action and prosecution with costs of up to £1000 to each parent.

Key Stage One Playground Ship

At long last after much fund raising and tremendous support from parents and the community our new playground equipment will be installed next week and should be ready for the children to use in the following week. The structure is a 'ship' sailing on the ocean and we hope that it will stimulate the children's imagination as they climb, slide and hide!

Wednesday 26th March: Day of Industrial Action

Holy Family School will not be affected and all classes will be staffed by our teachers on this day. So it's business as usual on the 26th March.

Need to Know Bulletin

This fortnightly bulletin keeps parents up to date with diary dates and key information.

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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.

Head Lice

Intermittently we do have children in school with head lice. Often it is the younger children in the school and mainly girls. Jo, our school nurse, checks children's hair at our request and staff do also report if they have seen eggs or lice. If head lice are discovered then the parents are immediately informed and must treat the hair immediately so that the child can return to school. As a further precaution I am going to ask Jo to check the hair of all children in a class where head lice is suspected or identified. It is recommended that all girls should have their hair tied back when in school, this does reduce the risk of cross infestation.

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.

Sainsbury 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 us. 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).

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

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. From September 2014 all our children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will receive a daily free school meal plus water. From September 2014 Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will no longer bring lunchboxes into school. We serve a vegetarian menu and can cater for all children including children with allergies. This will represent a tremendous saving for parents. I am happy to answer any questions on this.

Finally, thank you to all parents who attended our parents evening this week. We had almost a 100% turnout. My staff and I very much appreciate your support as we all work together for the benefit of the children here at Holy Family School. Mrs. Swapp will be hosting the Y5 parents' evening for her teaching group next Wednesday.

The weather forecast is promising and so God Bless and enjoy your weekend.

Yours sincerely

M Mulroy

Mrs M Mulroy
Headteacher



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NEED TO KNOW' SHEET – Friday 14th March 2014

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

Lenten Fundraising Morning

Tuesday 8th April

Universal Free School Meals

from

September 2014

All Reception, Year One and Year Two pupils will receive a free school lunch every day.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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
Tue	8 th April	Lenten Fundraising Morning
Fri	11 th April	School closes at 1.00 pm For Easter Holidays
	14 th -25 th 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	5 th May	School closed – May Day Bank Holiday
Mon-Fri	12 th – 16 th May	SAT's Week
Thur	22 nd May	School closed for local elections
Fri	23 rd May	Non Pupil Day school closed to pupils (change of date)
	26 th – 30 th May	Half Term
Monday	2 nd June	School reopens 8.45 am (gates open 8.35 am) (change of date)
Wednesday	18 th June	No Pen Day
Fri	18 th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly (to be confirmed)
Monday	21 st July	Non Pupil Day School Closed to Pupils
Mon/Tue	4 th /5 th Sept	Non pupil days x 2
Wed	6 th Sept	School opens to pupils for new academic year
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.

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 28.02.2014	% Attendance w/e 07.03.2014
Reception	97.50%	100%
Year 1	96.98%	92.41%
Year 2	91.67%	96.67%
Year 3	99.57%	96.55%
Year 4	99.14%	100%
Year 5	95.83%	97.67%
Year 6	99.14%	100%
Whole School	97.09%	97.62%

School Library Opening Hours

Tuesday and Thursday
 3.00 – 3.30 p.m.

Medical

School Nurse dates: 27th March & 10th 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
Computer Explorers Paid in advance	Y6 Booster Club/Library		Choir/Library	
Netball Y5 & Y6 Girls Mrs King & Miss Carroll	Miss Walker & Mrs King & Mrs Guest		Mrs O'Driscoll & Miss Pollard & Mrs Guest	
FREE	FREE		FREE	