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Whole School Attendance was 96.94% ATTENDANCE
We aim for 100% attendance and punctuality for every child
Class of the Week w/e 14/3/2014
Year 4 99.31% 😊
207 children achieved 100% Attendance

Dear Parents,

Friday 21st March 2014

As we come to the end of another busy week in school I am happy to be able to report some sporting success for Holy Family School. On Monday our Cricket team took part in the Warwickshire County Finals Day after winning a regional heat. The standard was extremely high but the boys played magnificently to finish third overall. Well done to: Ibrahim, Elias, Subhan, Harris, Isa, Zain M, Jiyaad and Arif, we are very proud of their efforts.

The success did not stop at the Cricket as our Football team played and beat a very good Mapledene side 4 - 2 on Thursday. Well done to: Elias, Ibrahim, Subhan, Hamza, Arif, Yaseen, Jiyaad and Saim. A special mention must go to Elias, who scored a hat trick including a goal from his own half!

Parents and children will be pleased, I am sure, to see the construction of the Holy Family 'ship' on our top playground; there is still a little more work to do and so it may be another week before construction is finished. I am really looking forward to watching the children explore their new play resource and staff and governors are very grateful for the positive parent response to the different fund raising events.

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 items for the Tombola staff** for the coffee morning.

Cake Sale Friday 28th March

Year 3 will be holding a cake sale next Friday to raise funds for our Lenten collection, therefore there will not be any toast next Friday.

Easter Bonnet Parade 2014

Doesn't time fly! It is that time of year again and the children are asking about when our annual parade/competition will take place. This year we will be holding the parade on the very last morning which is Friday 11th April at 09.00 a.m.

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. Last 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.

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.

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Need to Know Bulletin

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

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.

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 need to 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.

This week I ask you to remember in your prayers the family of a past pupil who died under tragic circumstances just recently. Kirsty was a pupil both here and at Archbishop Ilsley School.

'Eternal rest grant unto her Oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her, may she rest in peace. Amen'

Yours sincerely

M Mulroy

Mrs M Mulroy
Headteacher