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Whole School Attendance was 97.86% 😊😊 ATTENDANCE
We aim for 100% attendance and punctuality for every child
Class of the Week w/e 21/3/2014
Year 2 99.67% 😊😊
217 children achieved 100% Attendance

Dear Parents,

Friday 28th March 2014

There is now only two more weeks to go before we break up for Easter. Do check all the dates for up and coming events leading up to Friday 11th April which is the day school closes at 1 p.m. for pupils. Other dates are:-

- Friday 4th April End of Term Mass 10.30 (followed by confessions for our Catholic pupils)
- Tuesday 8th April Easter Coffee Morning 09.00 a.m.
- Friday 11th April Easter Bonnet Parade 09.00 a.m.

Thank you to Year 3 for organising a very 'inviting' cake sale today to raise funds for our Lenten Charities. Cakes were donated by the families and there were some gorgeous cakes on sale. The children really enjoyed 'selling' the cakes to everyone.

Cake Sale

Year 1 are selling cakes next Tuesday 1st April, with profits going to our Lenten fundraising.

Good Shepherd Appeal

We are still collecting for the Good Shepherd Appeal so can you please make sure that all boxes are returned to school by Friday 11th April.

At last our KS1 playground 'ship' will be launched on Monday and Rec, Y1 and Y2 children will take it in turns throughout the week to explore.

For the urgent attention of Y1 parents

There will be a parent session on Friday 4th April (next Friday) with Mrs. Mulroy in the school hall the focus will be the Year 1 Phonics Check. This is a most important meeting and all parents are required to attend. Thank you.

New Medical Notification Slips to Parents

We are now using new medical slips if your child is unwell or has an accident in school. The new slips are 'red' and there is a tear off part to be completed by parents and returned to us at school so that we know you have received the notification.

Choir

Please note there will be no after school choir on Thursday 3rd and 10th April. Choir resumes after Easter on Thursday 1st May.

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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. Recently, 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.

We have also started court proceedings for another family and their child is at risk of losing their place at Holy Family School.

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.

Finally, well done to our football and cricket teams who have enjoyed great success in recent competitions and thank you to Mr. Foley and Mitch who train and encourage the team members to give their best and play in a sportsmanlike manner.

I wish everyone a pleasant weekend

Yours sincerely

M Mulroy

Mrs M Mulroy
Headteacher



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NEED TO KNOW' SHEET – Friday 28th 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

| | | |
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| Fri | 4 th April | 09.00 a.m. Year 1 parents briefing with MM Phonics Check – School Hall |
| Fri | 4 th April | Whole school end of term Mass, 10.30 a.m. Holy Family Church all welcome. |
| Mon-Wed | 7 th – 9 th April | Y4 2014 Kingswood Residential visit |
| Tue | 8 th April | Lenten Fundraising Morning |
| Wed | 9 th April | 3.00p.m. Alton Castle Meeting for Year 5 parents and pupils Option 1 – ICT suite |
| Thurs | 10 th April | 09.00 a.m. Alton Castle Meeting for Year 5 parents and pupils Option 2 –ICT suite |
| 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 |
| Tues | 20 th May | Proposed Y6 trip t.b.c. |
| Thur | 22 nd May* | School closed to pupils (local elections polling station) Staff training day. |
| Fri | 23 rd May* | Non Pupil Day school closed to pupils (change of date) Staff training day. |
| | 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 |

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.

School Library Opening Hours

Tuesday and Thursday

3.00 – 3.30 p.m.

**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 14.03.2014 | % Attendance w/e 21.03.2014 |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Reception | 95.67% | 95.33% |
| Year 1 | 93.79% | 95.17% |
| Year 2 | 98.33% | 99.67% |
| Year 3 | 98.28% | 96.55% |
| Year 4 | 99.31% | 99.66% |
| Year 5 | 95.33% | 99.00% |
| Year 6 | 97.93% | 99.66% |
| Whole School | 96.94% | 97.86% |

Medical

School Nurse dates: 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.

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.

Vomiting/Diarrhoea:

Children should not attend school until 48 hours after the last bout of sickness/diarrhoea.

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 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 | |