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**Whole School Attendance was 96.21% ATTENDANCE**  
**We aim for 100% attendance and punctuality for every child**  
**Class of the Week w/e 4/4/2014**  
**Year 4 98.62% 😊**  
**193 children achieved 100% Attendance**

Dear Parents,

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2014

At the end of a busy week everyone is looking forward to the Easter break and this week we have many things to celebrate:-

- Holy Family School achieved the highest attendance of all local schools at 98.01% the week before last.
- Year 4 led our final Mass of the term and the children, as usual, spoke clearly and reverently and the singing and signing was up to the usual high standard - thank you children and Miss Carroll and Mrs Lloyd.
- The Year 4 Kingswood residential trip was a great success; the children thoroughly enjoyed their time away from home and school and their enthusiasm, determination and joy over the two days was a delight to see.
- Our Good Shepherd Appeal (the boxes) raised £191.54 for Fr Hudson's Society - thank you to our families
- Our coffee morning raised £823.54 - thank you to everyone who attended this event and spent their money, we had a lovely morning.
- Thanks to Mrs. Hollywood for her, name the toy animal competition, and the winners were Iqra Y5 (the lamb), Maliaka H Y5 (the bear), Mrs. Mulroy (the dog), Aamina A Y3 (the rabbit); these competitions raised around £100.
- The colouring competition was won by Zaineb (Rec), Ishrat (Y1), Tashan (Y2), Hafsa A (Y3), Jasleen (Y4), Rayhan (Y5) and Samir (Y6).
- The class fund raising events and cake sales raised £344.78 bringing our overall Lenten fundraising total to an amazing **£1448.26** - THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY, the Lenten proceeds will be distributed to Fr Hudson Society, a children's muscular dystrophy charity and towards our KS1 playground.
- Malaika H (Y5) and Elias (Y6) won the sports trophies for this term for their all-round effort and commitment in physical activities and sports - congratulations!
- The winners of our 499 word story were writers:- Javeria (Y2), Zaira J (Y3), Tahmed (Y4), Fariha (Y5), Harris (Y6) - thank you to all the children who entered the competition - the winners will be going to Waterstones in Birmingham after Easter to choose their own book.
- Class of the term for attendance was Year 6 and children who achieved 97%+ and 100% attendances were awarded certificates.
- Children who achieved 100% for the Spring Term are allowed to wear their own clothes for the day on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April and will be rewarded with a film afternoon on the same day.
- The Golden Book nominations for this term were:- Y6 Christina and Arisha, Y5 Fariah and Zahra, Y4 Natalia and Ciaran, Y3 Ismail I and Aminah H, Y2 Dayyan and Ishtyaq, Y1 Razia and Hamad, Reception Amina and Adam - well done to all these children
- Today's Easter Bonnet Competition was won by:- Husnain (Rec), Ishrat (Y1), Nafisa (Y2), Ismail (Y3), Zishaan (Y5), Ghazala and Mackie (Y6) and Jasleen (Y4) was the overall winner. Many thanks to the children for taking part and for all their efforts to make this year's designs so stunning.

#### Lost Property Elias Y6

Size 6 Black Next shoes with grey lines/stripes fastened with Velcro (trainer like).

One pair of black Asda trousers size 12-13

One yellow polo-shirt Asda size 12-13

**I ask all parents to check their child's uniform and shoes at home to see if we can find this missing uniform belonging to Elias. Everything listed above does have Elias name inside. Thank you.**

#### End of Year School Trips

Letters have gone out this week for our end of term visits. Please put some money aside as all monies need to be **paid by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April**, the day we return to school after Easter.

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#### Supporting Your Child City and Guild adult education programme

At our recent parents evening we received much interest in the above and 18 parents committed themselves to the programme. This programme is a 15 week programme but already by week 4 we have no parents attending and so unfortunately, the organisation running this programme have withdrawn from our school. I am disappointed at this lack of interest and commitment because I know that there are many of our parents who would benefit from improving their literacy skills so that they, in turn, can support their children at home.

#### 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.

Unfortunately, I have to report that a child who has not returned from unauthorised leave has now been taken off our school roll and parents will have to find a new school for their child when they return. We are also starting court proceedings for other families and their children who may be issued with fines and are at risk of losing their places at Holy Family School.

#### Need to Know Bulletin

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

#### School Meal Price Increase

After Easter, from 28<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 Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children Commencing SEPTEMBER 2014

If your child/children are in our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes from September 2014 then he/she/they will be given a school lunch every day at no cost to you. I urge parents to consider the savings that will be made and to consider any child who currently has a packed lunch to transfer over to school meals from September. We serve a vegetarian menu and we can usually cater for children who have allergies.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents for the help and support given by them to Holy Family School and I would particularly like to say thank you to all the teachers and support staff at Holy Family School for their continued hard work, commitment and loyalty to the children and families of our wonderful school.

The Governors have now appointed a new Headteacher for September 2014. Miss Johnson will be the new Headteacher here at Holy Family School and will take up her position on September 1<sup>st</sup> 2014. Miss Johnson is currently Deputy Headteacher at Our Lady's Catholic School in Tile Cross.

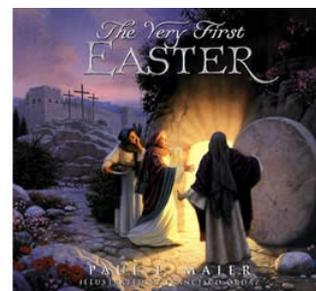
The funeral Mass for Kirsty Wright R.I.P. will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00 a.m. in Holy Family Church; Kirsty attended Holy Family School and Archbishop Ilsley School.

Finally, may I wish everyone a happy and holy Easter and we look forward to see the children return to school on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April**.

Yours sincerely,

M Mulroy

Mrs M Mulroy  
Headteacher



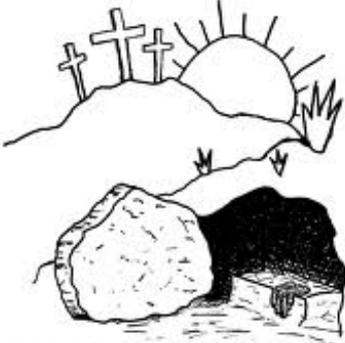
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He is not here; for He is risen, as He said.  
Come, see the place where the Lord lay.  
Matthew 28:6



## HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

### NEED TO KNOW' SHEET – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2014

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

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**(save to your favourites)**

#### **Lenten Fundraising**

£1448.26 Raised!!! Thank you.

Proceeds to a Children's Muscular dystrophy charity, Fr Hudsons Society and our KS1 playaround project

#### **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

	<b>14<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
Mon-Wed	14/15/16 <sup>th</sup> April	EASTER SCHOOL Year 6
<b>Mon</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> April*</b>	<b>School reopens 8.45 am (gates open 8.35 am)</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> May*</b>	<b>School closed – May Day Bank Holiday</b>
Mon-Fri	12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> May	SAT's Week
Tues	20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Drayton Manor
<b>Thur</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> May*</b>	<b>School closed to pupils (local elections polling station) Staff training day.</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> May*</b>	<b>Non Pupil Day school closed to pupils (change of date) Staff training day.</b>
	<b>26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>School reopens 8.45 am (gates open 8.35 am) (change of date)</b>
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup> June	School Council to Parliament in London
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Symphony Hall
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup> June	No Pen Day
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 St Chad's
Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Warwick Castle
Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1and Nursery Wonderland Telford
<b>Monday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Non Pupil Day School Closed to Pupils</b>
<b>Mon/Tue</b>	<b>1st/2nd Sept</b>	<b>Non pupil days x 2</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sept</b>	<b>School opens to pupils for new academic year</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.***

#### **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.**

#### **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 28.03.2014	% Attendance w/e 04.04.2014
Reception	98.67%	95.00%
Year 1	94.14%	91.37%
Year 2	98.33%	96.33%
Year 3	98.62%	96.90%
Year 4	98.97%	98.62%
Year 5	97.33%	98.00%
Year 6	100%	97.24%
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>98.01%</b>	<b>96.21%</b>

**Medical**

**School Nurse dates Thursdays: 8<sup>th</sup> May, 21<sup>st</sup> May (Wed), 12<sup>th</sup> June, 26<sup>th</sup> June, 10<sup>th</sup> July** : 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
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	