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Whole School Attendance was 97.46% 😊 ATTENDANCE
We aim for 100% attendance and punctuality for every child
Class of the Week w/e 2/5/2014
Year 3 99.31% 😊
214 children achieved 100% Attendance

Dear Parents,

Friday 9th May 2014

I would like to say thank you to our Year 2 children and their teachers for the wonderful Vocation Mass they led for the whole school this week. Father Philip explained that a 'vocation' is when we are called by God to use our gifts and talents in his service.

Our Year 5 teams Royal Racers and Racing Rebels did extremely well at the regional finals of the Jaguar F1 Challenge this week, the teams took first and second place overall and Royal Racers are now through to the National Finals in June. Both teams shared their power point presentations with the whole school this morning at our Celebration Assembly. Well done Year 5.

Next week our Year 6 pupils will take their SATs tests in Reading, Spelling, Grammar, Punctuation and Mathematics. A separate letter has gone out to Y6 parents today with further information. **A free breakfast club will be open to our Year 6 pupils every morning next week from 8.05 am.**

PARENT MEAL DAY - next Thursday 15th May

I look forward to welcoming parents to this special lunch. Bookings have already been taken. Mrs. Gibbons and I will be on hand to further brief parents about the Universal Free School Meals Government funded initiative which commences in September 2014.

Breakfast Club

Can I remind all parents that breakfast club begins at **8.05 am** and children are not to be dropped off by parents and left unattended before breakfast club opens.

After School Clubs

We run a different club each day, after school, there are places available in all these clubs and so if your child wants to join up please make enquiries at the school office.

Need to Know Bulletin

This bulletin is sent out today so do please read it carefully, especially diary/event dates.

Father Philip is away for a couple of weeks on holiday. Let's wish him a good rest. There will be a replacement priest for the weekend services.

Best wishes to our Year 6 pupils for next week - hope to see each one of you in school on time every day.

Finally, in this month of May which is the month we honour Our Lady the Mother of Jesus let us give thanks to all those people who answered God's call to vocational service in both our local community and communities nationally and globally.

Yours sincerely,

M Mulroy

Mrs M Mulroy
Headteacher



'NEED TO KNOW'
 Friday 9th May 2014
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UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS - Commencing SEPTEMBER 2014
Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children

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 **free** 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. **Parents who normally pay for school meals who have children in Reception, Year1 and Year2 from September, will save £10.25 per week.**

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon-Fri	12 th – 16 th May	SAT's Week
Tues	20 th May	Year 6 Drayton Manor
Thur	22nd May*	School closed to pupils (local elections polling station) Staff training day.
Fri	23rd May*	Non Pupil Day school closed to pupils (change of date) Staff training day.
	26 th – 30 th May	Half Term
Monday	2nd June	School reopens 8.45 am (gates open 8.35 am) (change of date)
Monday	9 th June	School Council to Parliament in London
Thursday	12 th June	KS2 Symphony Hall
Wednesday	18 th June	No Pen Day
Tuesday	24 th June	Y6 St Chad's
Thurs/Fri	3 rd /4 th July	Life Caravan in School
Tuesday	8 th July	KS2 Warwick Castle
Thursday	10 th July	KS1and Nursery Wonderland Telford
Monday	21st July	Non Pupil Day School Closed to Pupils
Mon/Tue	1st/2nd Sept	Non pupil days x 2
Wed	3rd Sept	School opens to pupils for new academic year
Mon-Wed	6 th - 8 th October	Y6 2014 Alton Castle Residential visit

Coming Soon

SCIENCE and I.T. INSPIRE WORKSHOPS
10TH, 13TH AND 20TH JUNE

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 £2.05 a day £10.25 a 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 11/04/2014	% Attendance w/e 02/05/2014
Reception	98.67%	97.62%
Year 1	90.71%	96.43%
Year 2	89.67%	94.00%
Year 3	92.76%	97.24%
Year 4	97.93%	99.31%
Year 5	99.00%	98.67%
Year 6	97.24%	99.23%
Whole School	95.17%	97.46%

Medical

School Nurse dates Thursdays: 12th June, 26th June, 10th 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	Library		Choir/Library	
Netball Y5 & Y6 Girls Mrs King & Miss Carroll	Mrs Guest		Mrs O'Driscoll & Miss Pollard & Mrs Guest	
FREE	FREE		FREE	