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ATTENDANCE

We aim for 100% attendance and punctuality for every child

w/e 16/5/2014

Class of the Week

Year 6 100.00% 😊😊😊

Whole School Attendance was 97.11% 😊😊😊

202 children achieved 100% Attendance

Dear Parents,

Wednesday 21st May 2014

School closes today and reopens on Monday 2nd June.

Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a great day at Drayton Manor Park yesterday to celebrate all their hard work this year leading up to taking their final tests in Mathematics, Reading, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar. It was a lovely day and the weather was kind. There were no queues and so the children could enjoy as many rides as they could fit into the day. After half term Year 6 will settle back into their normal curriculum timetable.

I am concerned to learn that some of our parents are not hearing their child/children read at home and I do want to remind parents that this is an expectation and part of the relationship between home and school which can only benefit our children. I thought this would be a good time to remind parents about how children learn to read at Holy Family School.

Learning to read in school: some reminders for parents.

From Year 1 to Year 6 every child takes part in a weekly guided reading session with his/her teacher. During this session the children are in ability groups and this small group teaching by the teacher focuses on the 'teaching of reading and comprehension'. Children in Nursery - Y3 also have a daily phonics session with the teacher. Following on from guided reading individual children are heard read by their teacher, teaching assistant or another adult in school according to each child's need.

Practising reading at home

This is a very important aspect of our home/school relationship with parents and brings tremendous benefit to the children. It is recognised and expected that part of a parent's role is to hear their child read at home. Our school expectation is that every parent commits to hearing their child/children read every day for 10-15 minutes maximum. We also hope that you will share books with your child and read to them at home. When parents do not read to their child and hear them read they will make limited progress in his/her reading.

Family Inspire Morning - Friday 20th June

Our final Parent/Child Inspire Workshop for this academic year will focus on Science and e-safety. Parents with children in Y1-Y6 will be able to come along to the Inspire and take part in a Science Workshop with all their children together. There will also be a session for parents about safe use of the internet. Please put this date in your diary and there will be more information after half term.

I wish everyone an enjoyable half term and pray that God will send the sunshine so that children are able to play outdoors.

Yours sincerely,

M Mulroy

Mrs M Mulroy
Headteacher



'NEED TO KNOW'
Wednesday 21st May 2014
HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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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

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.
	26th - 30th 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

FAMILY SCIENCE and I.T. INSPIRE WORKSHOP

Friday 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 09.05.2014	% Attendance w/e 16.05.2014
Reception	97.50%	97.00%
Year 1	97.71%	97.41%
Year 2	96.25%	96.00%
Year 3	98.28%	94.83%
Year 4	100%	98.62%
Year 5	97.92%	96.00%
Year 6	99.14%	100%
Whole School	98.10%	97.11%

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	