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ATTENDANCE

We aim for 100% attendance and punctuality for every child

w/e 30/5/2014

Class of the Week

Year 4 100.00% 😊😊😊

Whole School Attendance was 97.68% 😊😊😊

214 children achieved 100% Attendance

Dear Parents,

Friday 13th June 2014

World Cup Fever grips Holy Family School!

During our Monday morning assembly the children learned a little about Brazil not just about the World Cup and the football team but also about what life for ordinary children is like in Brazil where most of the population live in 'favelas'. We hope that over the next few weeks we will be able to use this global competition to enable the children to learn more about other countries and about the children who live in those countries.

Mitch has organised our own Holy Family World Cup 2014. We have 16 mixed age teams from KS2 with 6 players in each team. Each team is named after a country currently competing in the world cup. The team members (girls and boys) were randomly drawn from KS2 and so each team will have a mix of football skills. Next week and for the next couple of weeks the group stage matches will be played. On 'world cup final day' the semi-final and then the final will be played. All matches will be played during lunchtime and the day of the final will be announced nearer the time.

World Cup Questions for next week:-

- How many different football stadiums are being used to play the matches?
- Can you name them?
- What is the name of the World Cup mascot?
- What is the title of the World Cup song and who is the singer?

Football Strip Fridays

To also celebrate and join in with the excitement of the World Cup children will be allowed to wear a football strip or football top and school trousers every Friday for the duration of this competition. We ask for a donation of 50p per child per Friday which we will put towards providing new sports kit's for the children when they are representing our school in competitions.

Family Inspire Morning - Next 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. Letters with reply slips are being sent out today so that parents can choose their workshop of preference. Please return the slip on Monday morning. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible - come and spend time learning with your child/children.

On Monday our School Council made a very special visit to the Houses of Parliament in London. Mr. Foley and Mrs. Young took the children via train to Euston and then on the underground to Parliament. They saw many things that day, including the House of Commons and the House of Lords. A report from Afeefah and Qasim Year 5 school council representatives is attached with this letter.

On Wednesday this week our Year 1 children led our whole school Mass. The children read prayers and readings very confidently and it was lovely to see so many supportive parents in attendance. Father Philip personally told me how impressed he was with the children and how much he appreciated the support from parents. Well done to Year 1 and to your teachers and families too.

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Yesterday, the whole of KS2 went by coach to Symphony Hall to attend a special concert by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. This learning activity was chosen as an appropriate 'listening and appraising' experience to support our individual class based 'listening and appraising' Music programme. For our Year 4 and Year 5 pupils it was also an opportunity to hear a full orchestra and I am sure these pupils were looking carefully to spot flutes and clarinets being played.

Cricket

On Wednesday afternoon our Cricket team went to Sheldon Marlborough Cricket Club to take part in the regional finals of the Warwickshire CC quick Cricket competition. They played against 4 other teams with the standard of Cricket being extremely high. It came down to an extremely nerve wracking last game against Highfield School to decide on who would progress to compete in the County Finals. After a fantastic last over bowled by Isa, Holy Family won by 2 runs and go forward to compete in the County finals on the 24th June. Well done to all the boys involved - Ibrahim, Elias, Usman, Subhan, Harris, Isa, Zain Mun and Jiyaad.

No Pens Day - Wednesday 18th June

Research shows that strong language skills and good communication are important in improving pupils' progress and attainment. Communication is at the heart of what we do: at home, in work, at school and socially. No Pens Day for our pupils and teachers will be a day when learning takes place without writing, a day to focus all learning through our spoken language, a day to see the benefits of speaking and listening for learning. This will be a very different school day for all of us and we look forward to sharing a range of learning experiences with the children, who will not have to write anything all day long! Thank you to Mrs. Upham and Mrs. King for organising this day.

As part of No Pens Day Miss Gallagher informs me that Year 2 pupils are having a 'pirate's day' and are invited to come to school dressed as pirates - simply this means jeans/tracksuit bottoms/leggings and if possible striped or colourful t-shirts.

Year 6 Cake Sale - Wednesday 18th June

No toast next Wednesday, you may wish to give your child some money to buy a cake.

TKD

No after school TKD club next Monday 16th June

Lost Property

We have collected a huge amount of lost property and so next week Mrs. Hollywood will be putting this out in the playground both in the morning and the afternoon - anything not claimed will have to be thrown away. **May I remind parents that children clothes and belongings should be labelled.**

Race for Life

Mrs. Mulligan and Mrs. Gibbons completed their 'Race for Life' challenge, to raise money for research to help beat all 200 types of cancer sooner. The weather was somewhat unkind but that did not deter them, if any parents did sponsor these two brave ladies please send monies into the school office.

King Edward VI parent day

Parents whose children have been involved in recent visits to KEVI Five Ways are reminded that on Saturday 21st June you will be taking your child to this school. The session is from 09.00 a.m. to 12 noon. The address is King Edward VI Five Ways School, Scotland Lane, Bartley Green, Birmingham. B32 4 BT and there are directions and a map available from Miss Keating in the school office.

God has sent the sun again, enjoy the good weather this weekend.

Yours sincerely,

M Mulroy

Mrs M Mulroy
Headteacher



'NEED TO KNOW'
Friday 13th June 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

Wednesday	18 th June	No Pen Day
Friday	20 th June	Family Inspire and E-Safety
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

Next Friday 20TH JUNE

FAMILY SCIENCE and E-Safety 'INSPIRE' WORKSHOP

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 23/05/2014	% Attendance w/e 06/06/2014
Reception	98.85%	95.07%
Year 1	93.83%	95.19%
Year 2	98.33%	99.67%
Year 3	98.85%	95.86%
Year 4	100%	100%
Year 5	97.78%	98.67%
Year 6	98.28%	98.28%
Whole School	98.03%	97.68%

Medical

School Nurse dates Thursdays: 24th 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	

**Holy
Family**

School Council explores London!

On Monday our school council went to London. We had fun and saw many things such as the Big Ben, London Eye, and Buckingham Palace. We learnt about the history of Parliament and a fact such as Parliament has around 1,100 rooms!

Firstly, we had a tour of a few rooms and then we witnessed a live debate in both the House of Commons and the House of Lords. After that, we went to a workshop where we learnt everyone has a right to an opinion and to voice it. We also met the MP John Hemming's aide, for Yardley.

We all agreed it was an incredible trip! Also, we want to say thank you to Mr Foley, Mrs Mulroy, Mrs Young and Mrs J Lloyd and all the other members of staff who organized this amazing trip! It is one we shall remember for our lifetime.

By Afeefah and Qasim Year 5

