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ATTENDANCE

We aim for 100% attendance and punctuality for every child

w/e 20/6/2014

Class of the Week

Year 4 99.66% 😊😊😊

Whole School Attendance was 96.75%

202 children achieved 100% Attendance

Dear Parents,

Friday 27th June 2014

Everyone has enjoyed a really 'sunny' week in school and the weather has been glorious. Here are some very important dates for your diary:-

Wednesday 2 nd July	Y6 Secondary Transition Day
Wednesday 2 nd July:	Nursery closed
Thursday 3 rd July:	8.45-9.00 - Life Caravan Parent Session
Thursday 3 rd July:	9.00 Year 5&6 Parents Meeting
Thurs & Friday 3 rd and 4 th July:	Life Caravan
Thursday 3 rd July	1.30 pm KS1 Sports Afternoon in Oldknow School playground (weather permitting)
Friday 4 th July	1.30 pm KS2 Sports Afternoon in Oldknow School playground (weather permitting)

Next Thursday and Friday the Life Caravan visits our school as part of our annual Health Month curriculum. See the dates above and parents should particularly note their session on Thursday morning at 08.45. The Life Caravan will be parked in the bottom playground.

On Monday Mr. Foley took a group of year 5 children to St. Gerard's Primary School to deliver a presentation all about Islam. Afeefah, Saif, Hassan and Ahmad spoke so confidently to the children demonstrating a deep knowledge of their faith. Children and staff from St. Gerard's were very impressed with them and we are very proud of them! Well done!

Year 6 enjoyed a most informative morning at St. Chad's Cathedral on Tuesday and represented Holy Family School well. Thank you Year 6 for your excellent behaviour and your contribution to the Mass.

On Tuesday the Royal Racers team of Fariha, Zahra, Zobia, Umar and Qasim represented Holy Family in the National Finals of the Jaguar F1 Challenge. As part of the challenge they had to design and build a car to race against other schools. They also had to deliver a presentation and create a display to show off their efforts. They did fantastically well and again we are extremely proud of them all. We must say a big thank you to all who assisted in the project, particularly Delcam, Archbishop Ilsley and Mrs Lloyd!

On Tuesday Miss Carroll and Mitch took our Cricket Team to compete in the Warwickshire CC County Finals. The standard of Cricket was extremely high but the boys did extremely well to finish an impressive fifth out of over 100 schools that took part overall. Well done to Ibrahim, Elias, Subhan, Zain, Jiyaad, Usman, Isa and Harris

On Thursday Miss Carroll and Mrs Lloyd took our Girls Football Team over to Perry Barr to compete in the Catholic Girls 5 a side competition. The Girls were a credit to Holy Family and competed really well. Well done Gahazala, Renay, Sharni Jo, Anca, Krishna, Malaika and Angelica.

Today we enjoyed a very special Key Stage 2 Mass with Fr. Phillip coming into school to deliver the Mass. As part of the Mass Danny, Jessica and William gave their inscription promises as they prepare for their journey to receive the Holy Spirit through the sacrament of Confirmation.

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School Uniform

There are only 2 opportunities now to buy school uniform for the next school year, next **Wednesday 2nd July from 2.30 to 3.00** or the following **Wednesday 9th July at any time during the school day** - please don't all come at once!

Please note we will not be selling uniform the last week of this term or the first week back in September.

Universal Free School Meals

Thank you to Reception and Year 1 parents for returning your Universal Free Meal Forms, there are a few forms outstanding, please complete and return to school on Monday, thank you.

Year 2 and Year 3 will be receiving forms today, which need to be completed and returned by next Friday 4th July, to verify entitlement in hopeful anticipation that the government in the future may extend the free meals provision to all pupils.

Year 6 Fundraising

Year 6 have been busy fundraising by holding a cake and pop sale, selling bracelets and coming to school in their onesies. They raised £145.02 which will be donated to Cancer Research and towards Holy Family Church Roof repairs. Well done Year 6!

Lost Property

We have collected a huge amount of lost property and so next week Mrs. Hollywood will continue to put 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.**

Head Lice

This week parents have informed us that they have discovered lice and/or eggs in their children's hair. Please ensure you check your child's hair over the weekend and treat them as necessary. We have an information leaflet in the school office which details the latest guidelines on treating head lice if that would be helpful to any parents.

Mr Ahmed our elected parent governor has agreed to a second term of office. If any parent is interested in serving on the governing body as an elected parent please let Mrs Gibbons in the school office know by Monday 30th June.

Enjoy your weekend with your family.

Yours sincerely,

M Mulroy

Mrs M Mulroy
Headteacher



'NEED TO KNOW'
Friday 27th 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

Thurs/Fri	3 rd /4 th July	Life Caravan in School
Monday	7 th July	Nursery Inspire 8.45 morning children
Monday	7 th July	Nursery Inspire 12.45 afternoon children
Tuesday	8 th July	KS2 Warwick Castle
Wed	9 th July	Uniform on sale throughout the day We will <u>not</u> be selling uniform on the last week of the summer term or the first week back to school in September
Thursday	10 th July	KS1and Nursery Wonderland Telford
Friday	11 th July	Golden Book and Attendance Assembly
Wed	16 th July	Leavers Mass 10.30
Friday	18 th July	Leavers Assembly 9.00
Monday	21st July	Non Pupil Day School Closed to Pupils
Mon	1st Sept	Non Pupil Day School Closed to Pupils
Tue	2nd Sept	Non Pupil Day School Closed to Pupils
Wed	3rd Sept	School opens to pupils for new academic year Gates open at 8.35 am, school starts at 8.45 am
Mon-Wed	6 th - 8 th 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.

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 13/06/2014	% Attendance w/e 20/06/2014
Reception	97.93%	96.90%
Year 1	94.81%	91.48%
Year 2	98.67%	96.00%
Year 3	98.97%	97.24%
Year 4	99.31%	99.66%
Year 5	97.67%	97.67%
Year 6	98.97%	97.93%
Whole School	98.08%	96.75%

Medical

School Nurse dates Thursdays: 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	