



Holy Family School

Newsletter 2014-2015

No. 14

Congratulations to the children in Year 3 who made their first confessions last week. It was a wonderful prayerful occasion.

Many thanks to your parents and staff who have supported you with this important sacrament.

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

KS1 Dress Rehearsal Mon 15th Dec @ 9am
(including **Nursery morning children** – their parents are welcome to attend)

KS1 Performance is on Tuesday 16th Dec @ 2pm
(including **Nursery afternoon children**)

KS2 Performance is on Thursday 18th Dec @ 3.15pm
(**Nursery closing early at 3.00 pm**)

Parents can take photographs at the Christmas productions. **NO FILMING** is allowed. The school will aim to capture these events and put them onto the school website.

Carol Service

Thank you to all the children who read, acted, sang or carried Christingles. It was a wonderful start to this festive season.

Huge thanks to Mr Qasim Mohammed whose company 'Big Fish' have paid and sponsored our brand new football kit. Their kindness is very much appreciated!



Thank you to Afeefah, Saif, Ahmed (Y6) and Tahmed (Y5) who took part in a Maths challenge competition on Wednesday. You were enthusiastic Mathematicians who represented our school wonderfully well.

HOMEWORK CLUB

There will be two clubs starting in the Spring Term on Thursdays 3 – 4pm. One for Y6 children (Mrs King) and one for the rest of KS2 (Miss Johnson). Children need to bring their set homework with them.

Mass times at Holy Family Catholic Church:

Saturday 5.15pm
Sundays 10.30am & 5.15pm



We will make every effort to keep the school open this winter.

However if it is too bad then we will send a text and you can also find out about school closures on local radio station WM, check our school web site or follow us on twitter.

Christmas dinner
Next Wednesday for those children who pre-booked their meal.



Christmas Parties

Next Monday
(15th December)
All children can wear their party clothes to school.



Dates for your diary ...

School closing at **1.00 pm** on Friday 19th December
Nursery closed that day.

Afternoon Nursery Closing Early Thurs 18th Dec
Nursery closing at **3.00 pm** due to the KS2 Christmas Performance.

INSET DAYS:

School will be **closed** to pupils on: -

- **Mon 23rd Feb 2015 training day**
- **Thursday 7th May 2015 polling day**
- **Friday 8th May 2015 training day**
- **Monday 20th July 2015 training day**

We aim for **100%** Attendance and Punctuality for EVERY child

Class of the Week **Year 4 & Year 5** with **96.33 %**
Whole School Target 97%

Whole School Attendance **91.76 %** ☺

Best wishes from Miss Johnson

12.12.14



PARENT GROUP MEETING 08/12/14

Code of Conduct

1. Celebrations

- The Parish Fayre was well organised and enjoyable.

2. Challenges

- To improve our coffee morning perhaps it could take place after school or on a Saturday like the parish.

Miss Johnson explained that she would see the coffee morning in action first and then decide on improvements.

3. Safeguarding

- Parents happy to see the caretaker on the gate this morning (a suggestion made by parent group on 10/11/14)

4. Christmas planning

- Miss Johnson asked for volunteers to help set up the hall for the coffee morning.

5. Marking Policy

- Miss Johnson shared the school policy and criteria for marking. The school council had shared their views on Friday.
- Parents wondered if different coloured stamps would be better rather than all green ones.
- Parents wondered if the dot for incorrect was confusing for children ... perhaps dots could be made using a different colour.

AOB

- Parents keen to have a summer fayre
- Cinema nights were mentioned previously - Miss Johnson will make enquiries about a license for cinema nights.
- Parents thought discos in the summer for KS1 & KS2 would be a good idea? We could have a fancy dress theme and give prizes to the best ones.
- It would be better if Inspire workshops took place only in the morning then working parents could go to work later.
- Parents were unsure regarding arrangements for Christmas dinner and parties. This would be made clearer on this week's newsletter.
- Parents wanted a Parent Meal Day.
- Possible clubs at lunchtimes?

- Concerns were raised regarding parents at the Christmas productions. People were inconsiderate when filming and taking pictures. One parent was particularly concerned about parent taking pictures of her children. **THIS IS A SERIOUS ISSUE!** Miss Johnson will consider the points raised and add messages to her newsletter.

Date of next meeting: Monday 12th Jan @ 2.30pm