



Holy Family School

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WELCOME

Welcome back everyone! I hope the children have settled back into their new classes after a long summer break. We welcome to our school family ...

Miss McDonagh (Y1 Teacher) Miss Shafqat (Y4 teacher) and Mrs Denny (Early Years Leader) I know you and your wonderful children will make them feel very welcome.

Mrs Hollywood is still in discomfort with her shoulder/arm injury. Please keep her in your prayers so that she can have a speedy recovery.

Mrs McDougall

I'm sure you have noticed that Mrs McDougall hasn't started back with us. Over the summer holiday she accepted a job at St Thomas More School in Sheldon.

We wish her well and thank her for devoting over 20 years of her life at Holy Family School.
Next Wednesday's Mass (11am) in our parish church will be in honour of Mrs McDougall.
Parents are very welcome to attend.

BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATIONS

Fancy coming on a family trip to Blackpool?

Saturday 17th October
£12 per person

In order to secure a place, please pay a deposit of £2 per person to the school office by next Friday (18th Sept) Thank you.



Dates for your diary ...

Thurs 17th Sept – Y3 Reading Inspire Workshop
Mon 21st Sept – Disability Awareness Day
Fri 25th Sept – European Day of Languages
Alton Castle Residential – Mon 5th Oct – Wed 7th Oct

Open Evening to see your child's work –

Thurs 8th Oct 3 – 3.30pm

Parents Evening : Wed 14th October

INSET DAYS: School will be closed to pupils on: -
Friday 2nd October

THANK YOU

On behalf of the staff I would just like to thank you for all of your well wishes and gifts at the end of last year. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

OPEN DOOR

You will have noticed that the children no longer line up in the playground each morning. They go straight to class at 8.35am once the gates are opened. It is hoped this new arrangement is welcomed by parents as the start to the school day is now much calmer.

As we have not yet gained pedestrian access from Cable Road for our Nursery, it will not start until 8.35am (when the gates open for the rest of the school). Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

The Oldknow Road gates will be locked at 8.45am so please get to school on time. Thank you.

Appointments!

Please remember to arrange appointments for doctors, opticians etc **after school**, so that your child's learning isn't affected – thank you.

ADULT EDUCATION

GREAT NEWS! We are starting classes again and enrolment is next Wednesday

12.30 - 3pm

The classes will be based on Speaking and Listening in English

Please come along if you are interested.

Mass times at Holy Family Catholic Church:

Saturday 4.00 pm

Sundays 10.30am & 5.15pm

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

Whole School Target 97%



What needs to be in a packed lunch.

- Fruit & vegetables every day.
- Bread, pasta, rice, couscous, noodles, potatoes or other types of cereals every day.
- Meat, fish or other source protein (e.g. lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas, hummus, and falafel) every day.
- Oily fish, such as salmon, at least every three weeks.
- Dairy food such as milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais or custard everyday.
- Still Water only

The following items are not allowed

- Crisps
- Chocolate
- Sweets

Thank you your cooperation



Y3 Swimming

Y3 have made a fantastic start to their swimming lessons. We have decided to send a younger class for two terms so that they can learn to swim by the end of the year. This was not possible when they went for only 6 weeks.

Any older children who can't swim will now go in the summer term.

Uniform

The children look very smart - thank you!

Please label their clothes.

Children MUST wear shoes and not trainers or boots



A PE kit **MUST** be in school and stay here until half term.

PE is a very important part of the curriculum so every child **MUST** take part.

Please label all items with your child's name too.

Many thanks.

Year 6 Parents Secondary Transfers

Parents and children will be attending the secondary school 'Open Evenings' over the next few weeks.

Parents can apply online from 1st September please apply before the **1st October** deadline.

We will be organising a session in school before half term for parents to apply online on our school computers if they want to.

If you need any support then please ask at the office!

We are happy to help.

Wellies – Needed

Have you got any size 8,9 or 10 wellies that your child has grown out of?



Nursery would love to have them! – Thank you



Celebration Assemblies will now be on Mondays at 9am. Parents will receive a text on a Thursday afternoon inviting them to attend.

This change is taking place after suggestions from our Parent Support Group