



# Holy Family School

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## Year of Mercy

Fr Hudson's - Today we welcomed Margo from Father Hudson Care in for our Friday assembly. She spoke about ways in which we can help people less fortunate than ourselves and encouraged the children to think of their own ideas. We will be running lots of activities during Lent to raise funds for the needy and children will be receiving Father Hudson Good Shepherd boxes to collect money at home, as always we look forward to your support for these excellent causes.

## Muscular Dystrophy UK

Today we wore **orange** and raised £100 for Muscular Dystrophy - Thank you.

## Attendance

A reminder to all parents that any requests for extended leave during term time will be refused. It is vital that your child is in school every day to fully achieve their potential, even a short absence can really harm the progress that your child makes. Furthermore, poor attendance can lead to fines being issued to you by the local authority and your child's place at Holy Family could be at risk!

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

Class of the Week 15.1.16 Y5 with 99.33% 😊

**Whole School Target 97%**

Whole School Attendance **96.7%** 😞

## Holy Family is a Reading School!

It is vital that you are reading with your children every night, we are here to help provide any help or support that you need.

Our school library is open every Monday after school - come and choose a book with your child.

## 'Phonics' Parents Surgery

Mrs Hollywood is holding a **Phonics** workshop every Tuesday from 2.00 - 3.00

Parents will learn more about phonics and we will answer your questions and address any concerns. **Do come along and join us.**

## New - Parents English Classes

Do you need help with speaking English?

Do you need support when making doctor's appointments etc?

Do you want to be able to support your child with their school work?

**Come and join our small welcoming class!**

**Tuesdays 9:00 to 11:00**

## Headlice

Please check your child's hair every week with a fine toothed comb.

An information leaflet is available from the school office.

### Sainsbury's Vouchers

Please start bringing in Sainsbury's vouchers from later this month. We can get vital playground equipment with them

### PARENT VOICE

Please join the parent group for a coffee on **Wednesdays** at 8.40am. (Please note change of day). Your opinions are then discussed and if we can change things for the better we will.

### Highlights This Week!

Y6 visit to Aston Hall  
Y6 Sat's Parents Meeting  
St Luke's House reward  
Attendance Reward afternoon  
Tennis Tournament Y3&Y4  
Y1 Visit The Rep Theatre  
Y2 visit The Rep Theatre

### Health For Life - Reminder

We are committed to improving the children's health and wellbeing by offering physical active clubs every evening.

Mon TKD  
Tue Dance  
Wed Cricket  
Thur Multi-Skills by invitation  
Fri Football & Gymnastics

### SNAG Group

As part of our commitment to the promotion of healthy eating, our School Nutrition Action Group (SNAG) has been working hard to further improve the lunchtime experience at Holy Family.

We have representatives from our children, kitchen, parents and teachers in the group. We will keep you updated with developments through the newsletter.

### After School Clubs

Mon Year 6 Homework Club  
Thurs Homework Club  
Fri Sign Language

Coming Soon - Gardening Club

### Dates for your diary ...



#### INSET DAYS:

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May (Polling day) School Closed  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Jun (changed from Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May)**

### Mass times at Holy Family Catholic Church:

Saturday 4.00 pm  
Sundays 10.30am & 5.15pm

*God Bless,  
Mr Foley 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016*