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# Holy Family School

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## Year of Mercy

### Virtues & Values

#### Compassionate and Loving

The Beatitudes summarise our core Gospel values and link with the British Values of Democracy, The Rule of Law, Individual Liberty & Mutual Respect and Tolerance of Those with Different Faiths and Beliefs. As part of our **Year of Mercy** the diocese has adopted the Jesuit 'Virtues Tree' (see image above and more information on our school website). Two main virtues are focussed on each half term. We looked at 'Grateful and Generous' and Attentive and Discerning in the Autumn term and this half term we are focussing on '**Compassionate and Loving**' throughout school life. After half term an artist is coming in to work with the children to create a door feature to commemorate **The Year of Mercy**.

### Interfaith Week

*Interfaith week has given us an opportunity to understand, appreciate and respect different faiths which can be found within our school and the wider community. The children will share their experiences in our Celebration Assembly on Monday at 9.00 am - please do come along and see what the children have learnt.*

### 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 29.1.16 Y1 with **99.64%** ☺☺

**Whole School Target 97%**

**Whole School Attendance 96.57%** ☹

### e-Safety

Please see this important message from our Year 6 pupils.  
Parents will receive a personal invitation from your child – please make every effort to attend.  
**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2.00 pm**

*"We will be having a meeting about e-Safety in March. We recommend that you come so you can learn about keeping us safe on the web. This is an incredibly important issue, so we urge you to come.*

*We hope to see you attend this important meeting."*

### Playground Development

Our KS2 playground development is making really good progress. The new retaining wall is almost built. New fencing will be installed above the wall as well as a new ramp and steps. Drainage in the playground will be improved and lastly the playground will be resurfaced.

### '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.**

### 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.**

### 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**

### Highlights This Week!

- Year 4 Class Saint Day - Saint Brigid
- Parents EAL & Phonics Classes
- Interfaith Week visits to Sikh Temple, Hindu Temple & Jewish Synagogue, mosque visit scheduled in March.
- Elmer 'In House' theatre Nursery & Reception
- Reception Class Saint Day - Saint Blaise
- In school Mass led by Year 6
- Year 1 & Year 2 'Time Travellers'- wardrobe project
- Circus Skills Workshop

#### Sainsbury's Vouchers

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

#### 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

#### 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)**

#### SNAG

(School Nutrition Action Group)

We now have potatoes to sow with the children, when they are harvested the children will be cooking and eating them.

#### Parent View

Thank you to those parents who have given their view of our school on Ofsted's parent view website. Parents can still provide their thoughts about our school on <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>  
Thank you

#### 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.

#### After School Clubs

Mon Year 6 Homework Club  
Thurs Homework Club  
Fri Sign Language

Coming Soon - Gardening Club

#### Mass times at Holy Family Catholic Church:

Saturday 4.00 pm  
Sundays 10.30am & 5.15pm

*God Bless,  
Mr Foley 5<sup>th</sup> February 2016*