

Holy Family Catholic School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.

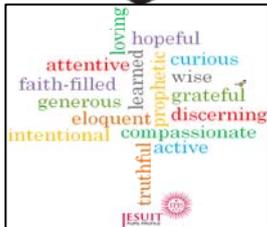


# Holy Family School

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## Year of Mercy

### Virtues & Values

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 and we will be concentrating on the virtues of 'Hopeful' and 'faithfilled'.**

#### Lent

We attended Mass with the parish on Wednesday to mark the start of Lent and the children were invited to receive ashes. During Lent we will be raising money for those less fortunate than ourselves. We will be supporting The Father Hudson's Society, Good Shepherd Appeal (see collection boxes sent home with the children today, The Children's Hospital (introduced to the children in assembly this morning), NSPCC, Muscular Dystrophy, Marie Curie and towards our Nursery Outdoor project.

### Appointment of Headteacher

I can inform you that yesterday I was appointed Headteacher of Holy Family Catholic School. It is an honour to be able to lead this wonderful school and I look forward to continue to work closely with parents for the good of all our children.

#### Ofsted

As you know Ofsted visited us on Wednesday to inspect our school, we are awaiting their report. The children were wonderful, very respectable and eager to share their views of our school with the inspectors – you should be very proud of them – they are a credit to you. Many thanks to you our parents too who spoke to the inspectors and provided positive views of our school on Ofsted's Parentview website.

#### 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."*

#### '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**

### 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 5.2.16 Reception with 99.00% 😊😊

**Whole School Target 97%**

**Whole School Attendance 96.96% 🙏**

### Mental Health Information Meeting

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 9.00

A representative from MIND (the mental health charity) will be coming in to share information with parents on 8<sup>th</sup> March. Would you like to know more? Do you know anyone who suffers with mental health issues - a family member or a friend perhaps? Do come along and find out more about mental health at this session.

### Highlights This Week!

- Y2 visit to Cadbury World
- Creative Writing workshops @ King Edwards
- Ash Wednesday Mass
- Ofsted visit
- Headteacher interviews
- Y1 & Y2 Wardrobe theatre project
- Children's Hospital Assembly
- Circus Skills Workshop

### SNAG

(School Nutrition Action Group)

Nut's are not allowed in children's packed lunches due to the danger it poses to children with nut allergies, this includes any sort of nuts, Nutella and the like. As we are a 'Non Meat' kitchen, all meals are vegetarian or include quorn - so if your child comes home and tells you they have had sausages for dinner, they are quorn sausages, not meat.

#### Health For Life - Reminder

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

### AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Day	Physical Activity	Staff	Other Activity	Staff
Monday	TKD	Julie-Ann	Y6 Homework Club Library	Miss Walker Mrs Guest
Tuesday	Dance	Hamish		
Wednesday	Cricket	Callum		
Thursday	Multi Skills	Colm & Callum	Choir Homework Club	Mrs O'Driscoll & Miss Pollard HFS Staff
Friday	Football	Callum	Sign Language	Mrs Maloney

#### Sainsbury's Vouchers

We are now collecting Sainsbury's vouchers so that we can get vital playground equipment.

#### 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



#### 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)

#### 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.

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

Saturday 4.00 pm  
Sundays 10.30am & 5.15pm

*I wish you a restful half term holiday, God Bless,  
Mr Foley 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016*