

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

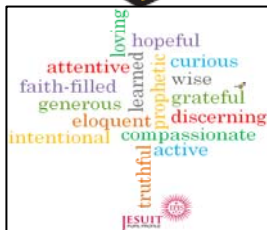


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Year of Mercy

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. The first half of Spring term we focussed on 'Compassionate and Loving' and this half term we concentrate on the virtues of 'Hopeful' and 'Faithfilled'.

This week the children have begun work on our **Year of Mercy** commemorative door frame mosaic with our visiting artist Karen from Kaos art.

Lent

This year during lent we are supporting The Father Hudson's Society, Good Shepherd Appeal, The Children's Hospital, NSPCC, Muscular Dystrophy, Marie Curie and towards our Nursery Outdoor project. Please continue returning your Good Shepherd boxes – thank you.

Thank you for sending in bottles today for our **Lenten Fund Raising Morning on Thursday 17th March**,
the children can wear their **own clothes on Monday** too if they bring in **chocolate**.

Ofsted & Parentview

Your child is bringing our Ofsted report home with them this evening for you to read - we are delighted Ofsted have confirmed we continue to be a **'good'** school.

Parents overwhelming gave positive views of our school to the inspection team and on Ofsted's parent view website - thank you. Should you ever have a concern - our door is always open, please do come and discuss them with me.

Dates for your diary ...

Day	Date	Event
Tuesday	1 st March	St David's Day – Wear something yellow £1 towards School Building Fund
Wed	2 nd March	10.30 Mass in school led by Year 5 – parents invited
Friday	4 th March	Dress up as a book character for World Book Day & bring in 'tombola' items
Mon & Tue	7 th /8 th March	3.00 – 3.30 Parents invited to look through children's books
Tuesday	8 th March	9.00 Parents 'Healthy Minds' Information Meeting
Wednesday	9 th March	PARENTS EVENING from 2.00 pm School Hall
Wed/Thur/Fri	9/10/11 th	Sponsored events
Thursday	17 th March	St Patrick's Day – Wear something Green £1 towards School Building Fund
Thursday	17 th March	9.00 Lenten Fund Raising Morning
Thursday	17 th March	2.00 Important Parents 'e-safety' Meeting
Friday	18 th March	9.00 Easter Bonnet Parade, Decorate an Egg competition & Meet the Easter Bunny
Friday	18 th March	1.30 Talent show – parents welcome
Thursday	24 th March	1.00 pm School Closes for Easter
Monday	11 th April	8.45 Back to School for Summer Term
Thursday	5 th May	School Closed (Polling day)
Monday	6th Jun	Non Pupil Day (changed from Friday 27th May)

Breakfast Club

Reminder – breakfast club starts at **8.05 am** in the morning – please wait with your child if you arrive before 8.05 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 12.2.16 Year 3 with **98.62%** 😊

Whole School Target 97%

Whole School Attendance 96.86% 😞

'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.

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

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.

Highlights This Week!

- Playground development making good progress
- Year of Mercy Mosaic - Artist in school
- Circus Skills Assembly
- Dance workshops all classes

SNAG

(School Nutrition Action Group)
Next meeting Friday 4th March 2016

Sainsbury's Vouchers

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

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	Gardening Club coming soon!	Miss Weston
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

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

God Bless,
Mr Foley 26th February 2016