

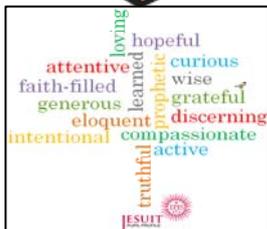
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## Year of Mercy

### 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'.

Fr Philip and Sr Maura will be coming into school to bless our commemorative **Year of Mercy** 'mosaic' which is now finished and proudly on display on the corridor outside Year One. It really is magnificent please take time to come to see it during Parents Evening this week. Our thanks go to Karen from Kaos Art who worked on it with the children.

#### 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 chocolates on Monday and Tombola items today for our **Lenten Fund Raising Morning on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March.**  
**Next Friday we are collecting cups of wrapped sweets for the 'Hoopla' game.**

**This week we welcomed Mrs Quick to Holy Family to inspect the Catholic life of the school alongside the teaching of R.E. She was extremely complimentary of our children and the school. The full report will be shared shortly.**

**Parents Drop In's and Parents Evening**  
 We strongly encourage parents to pop into classrooms after school on **Monday or Tuesday** to look at the fantastic work your children have produced.  
 We look forward to seeing all parents on **Wednesday for Parents Evening.**

### Dates for your diary ...

Day	Date	Event
Mon & Tue	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> March	3.00 – 3.30 Parents invited to look through children's books
Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>9.00 Parents 'Healthy Minds' Information Meeting – ALL WELCOME</b>
Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>PARENTS EVENING from 2.00 pm School Hall</b>
Wed/Thur/Fri	9/10/11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sponsored events – sponsorship forms distributed</b>
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patrick's Day – Wear something Green £1 towards School Building Fund
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00 Lenten Fund Raising Morning
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>2.00 Important Parents 'e-safety' Meeting</b>
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00 Easter Bonnet Parade, Decorate an Egg competition & Meet the Easter Bunny
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> March	1.30 Talent show – parents welcome
Thursday	24 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>1.00 pm School Closes</b> for Easter
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup> April	8.45 Back to School for Summer Term
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>School Closed</b> (Polling day)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Jun</b>	<b>Non Pupil Day (changed from Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May)</b>

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### Health & Safety

Please wait considerably outside the school gate at the start and end of the day – so that parents and children from other schools can get past on the pavement.

Car drivers, please don't do a 3 point turn in Oldknow Road for the safety of our children.

### 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 26.2.16 Year 2 with 98.33% ☺

**Whole School Target 97%**

**Whole School Attendance 95.94% ☹**

### '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.

### Highlights This Week!

- Playground development making good progress
- Year of Mercy Mosaic - Completed and installed
- St David's Day
- Mrs Quick's visit
- Mass led by Y5 in school
- Nursery Mother's Day workshops
- Y6 class saint - Saint Chad
- World Book Day

### 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.**

### 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
<b>Monday</b>	TKD	Julie-Ann	Y6 Homework Club	Miss Walker
<b>Tuesday</b>	Dance	Not until after Easter	Gardening Club coming soon!	Miss Weston
<b>Wednesday</b>	Cricket	Callum		
<b>Thursday</b>	Multi Skills	Colm & Callum	Choir Homework Club Library	Mrs O'Driscoll & Miss Pollard HFS Staff Mrs Guest
<b>Friday</b>	Football	Callum	Sign Language	Mrs Maloney

### PARENT VOICE

We will be collecting parents views during **Parents Evening**, your views are very important to us.

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 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016*