

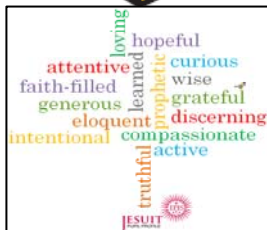
Holy Family Catholic School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people.



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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'.

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.

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.**

**Lenten Fund Raising Morning Next Week Thursday 17th March.
Please see separate flyer for all next week's Lenten Activities**

Health & Safety Road Safety

Please ensure you park carefully when you are bringing your children to school and see them safely inside the school gate.

E-SAFETY PARENTS MEETING

**THURSDAY 17TH MARCH
2.00 PM**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE TO COME TO THIS
VERY IMPORTANT MEETING!**

Day	Date	Event
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 Chick
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	School Closed Non Pupil Day (changed from Friday 27th May)
Thursday	23rd Jun	School Closed Polling E.U. Referendum

Advance Notice

Christmas Holiday

School will be closing on

Wednesday 21st December at 1.00 pm

School re-opens

Monday 9th January 8.45 am

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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 4.3.16 Year 6 with **98.00%** 😊

Whole School Target 97%

Whole School Attendance 96.68% 😊

'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.

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.

Highlights This Week!

- Playground development making good progress
- Parents looking through the children's books
- Y5 Mosque Interfaith Visit
- Parents Evening
- Jaguar Challenge visit

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Day	Physical Activity	Staff	Other Activity	Staff
Monday	TKD	Julie-Ann	Y6 Homework Club	Miss Walker
Tuesday	Dance	Not until after Easter	Gardening Club coming soon!	Miss Weston
Wednesday	Cricket	Callum		
Thursday	Multi Skills	Colm & Callum	Choir Homework Club Library	Mrs O'Driscoll & Miss Pollard HFS Staff Mrs Guest
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 11th March 2016*