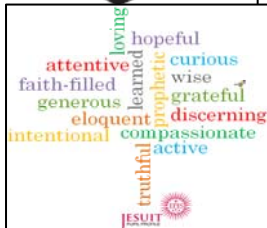




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Year of Mercy

Virtues & Values

This half term we have been concentrating 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.

Holy Week

Next week is a very special time in which we remember the sacrifice our lord made for us. On Monday there will be a special Stations of the Cross assembly led by Mrs King. On Tuesday we will celebrate Mass, led by Year 4 children and on Wednesday we will gather together to celebrate our end of term with Golden Book assembly. Parents are very welcome to all of these events.

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.

Lenten Fund Raising Morning we raised £861.60 – many thanks everyone!

Easter Raffle winners were Amaan Y2, Laila Y3, Husnain Y2, Ramsha Y2 Ameera Y1, Norez Rec, Leila Y3, Mrs Anderson & Mrs Lloyd

Easter Bonnet winners were Rec – Hefa, Y1 Tayebah, Y2 – Amaan, Y3 – Dwais, Y4 Aneeka, Y5 – Aminah, Y6 – Tahmed

Overall Winner Rameesah Y5

Egg completion winners were Rec – Ishaan, Y1 – Anjum, Y2 – Aisha, Y3 – Amaan, Y4 – Hamza, Y5 Nojus, Y6 – Jasleen

Please return sponsor money and Good Shepherd boxes on Monday – thank you.

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.

DINNER MONEY PRICE INCREASE

From 1st April school meals are going up by 5p a day to £2.15 - £10.75 for the week

Nursery meals increase to £1.85 per day £7.40 week

Day	Date	Event
Monday	21 st March	Holy Week begins – Stations of the Cross with the children in school – parents welcome
Tuesday	22 nd March	Mass in church led by Year 4 – parents welcome
Wednesday	23 rd March	9.00 Golden Book Assembly – 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	6 th Jun	School Closed Non Pupil Day (changed from Friday 27th May)
Thursday	23 rd Jun	School Closed Polling E.U. Referendum
Wednesday	21 st Dec 1.00	School closes for Christmas Holiday – ADVANCE NOTICE
Monday	9 th Jan	School re-opens – ADVANCE NOTICE

British Citizenship Course - Life in the UK

Are any of our parents interested in taking the British Citizenship course? A tutor will work through the Life in the UK book alongside you to help you prepare for the test at an external centre.

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 11.3.16 Year 3 with 100.00% 😊😊😊

Whole School Target 97%

Whole School Attendance 97.07% 😊

'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
- Nursery outdoor development started
- Lenten fund raising activities
- Parents e-safety meeting
- Lenten Coffee Morning
- Easter Bonnet
- Decorate an Egg Competition
- Talent Show

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
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. 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 18th March 2016*