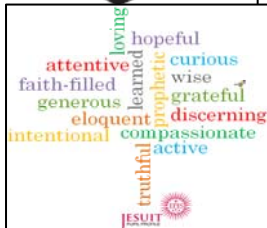




# Holy Family School

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## Year of Mercy

### Virtues & Values

Next half term we will be concentrating on the virtues of 'Eloquent' and 'Truthful'.  
Sr Maura led us in a special blessing of our Year of Mercy mosaic this week.

#### Holy Week

Mrs King led a special Stations of the Cross assembly on Monday, Fr Philip celebrated Mass on Tuesday led by our Year 4 children and on Wednesday we enjoyed our end of term Golden Book assembly. Thank you to all those parents that attended.

#### 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 overall total collected £1867.92**

**A fabulous achievement - very many thanks for your generosity and compassion for others.**

Special mention to Rameesah who collected over £80 in sponsorship - well done Rameesah!

### Jaguar Challenge

Yesterday the 'Rocking Races Team' made up of Aminah A, Aamina H, Zaira and Hafsa A competed against other teams in the regional heats of the Jaguar Challenge. They were awarded best engineered car, quickest car, best additional challenge and overall winners!. They will now represent Birmingham in the national finals on 6<sup>th</sup> July in Coventry. The girls were fantastic and a credit to our school, we are extremely proud of their efforts.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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	11 <sup>th</sup> April	8.45 Back to School for Summer Term
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closed (Polling day)
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup> Jun	School Closed Non Pupil Day (changed from Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May)
Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	School Closed Polling E.U. Referendum
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec 1.00	School closes for Christmas Holiday - ADVANCE NOTICE
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup> Jan	School re-opens - ADVANCE NOTICE

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

### 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 4 with **99.33%** 😊😊

**Whole School Target 97%**

**Whole School Attendance 96.68%** 🙏

### 'Phonics' Parents Surgery

Mrs Hollywood is holding a **Phonics** workshop every **WEDNESDAY 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 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.**

### Highlights This Week!

- Playground development almost complete
  - Nursery outdoor development almost complete
- Both of these areas will be ready for use after the Easter holiday

### 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>			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

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

*I wish our families a Happy and Holy Easter,  
God Bless,  
Mr Foley 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016*