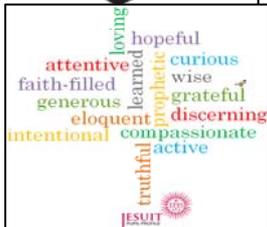




Holy Family School

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Year of Mercy

Virtues & Values

This half term we will be concentrating on the virtues of 'Eloquent' and 'Truthful'.

On Thursday we were treated to a wonderful assembly by Mrs King to launch our virtues for this half term; the children demonstrated a wonderful understanding of these values. Mrs King spoke 'eloquently' about following our Lord's example in displaying these virtues. We also talked about the wonderful examples that we have in our school community to aspire to such as Father Philip and Sister Maura who joined us for our assembly.

Appointment of Deputy Headteacher

I am delighted to announce that yesterday we appointed Mrs King as our permanent Deputy Headteacher. Mrs King has been acting in the role since October doing a fantastic job; we are excited about the future for Holy Family and are extremely lucky that Mrs King will be a big part in shaping that future.

Highlights This Week!

- Launch of Times Tables '99' Club
- Politics with Enabling Enterprise Year 5 & Year 3
- St Marks House - own clothes reward day
- Early Years Nursery & Reception Health Workshops
- St George's Day – marked by wearing red

Thursday After School Clubs

There are 3 different clubs that take place after school on Thursdays - to ease congestion children need to be collected from the **playground at 3.50 pm - 10 minutes earlier.**

Day	Date	Event
Monday	27 th April	Y4 Kingswood 2 night Residential
Tuesday	26 th April	Y3 visit to 'Back to Back Houses'
Thursday	28 th April	Parents invited to share a school meal with your child
Monday	2nd May	School closed May Day
Tuesday	3 rd May	School photographer in school – family photos from 8.30 followed by individual photos
Wednesday	4 th May	Mass in Church led by Year 2
Wednesday	4 th May	Y5 visit to Think Tank
Thursday	5th May	School Closed Polling - Crime Commissioner
Mon - Thur	9 th May	Y6 SAT's Week
Monday	6th Jun	School Closed Non Pupil Day (changed from Friday 27th May)
Thursday	23rd Jun	School Closed Polling - E.U. Referendum
Monday	18 July	Weston-Super-Mare 'seaside' experience Reception to Year 6 (Nursery Closed)
Wednesday	21st Dec 1.00	School closes for Christmas Holiday – ADVANCE NOTICE
Monday	9th Jan	School re-opens – ADVANCE NOTICE

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.

Class Fund

Envelopes are coming home tonight to those families that have not yet paid this year's class fund - please return them on Monday - thank you.

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.

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 15.4.16 Year 4 with 98.67% 😊

Whole School Target 97%

Whole School Attendance 96.36% 😞

Headlice

Please check your child's hair over the weekend with a fine toothed comb.

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.**

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!

'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.

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	Jade	Gardening Club	Miss Weston
Wednesday	Cricket	Callum		
Thursday Collect @ 3.50 from playground	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

Holy Family Catholic Church

Saturday 4.00 pm
Sundays 10.30am & 5.15pm

*God Bless,
Mr Foley 22nd April 2016*

Holy Family Nursery Summer Newsletter.



What a great turn out we had for the Life Education Family Health Workshop. A big thank you to everyone that attended, we hope that you found the workshop useful, and enjoyed taking part in the activities with your children.



As you may already be aware it is St George's day on Saturday 23rd April. As St George is Nursery's patron saint we will be celebrating his feast day on Monday 25th April 2016. Children are welcome to wear their own clothes for the party and bring in party food. We hope that you keep in mind the Family health workshop when thinking about the food that your child brings in for the party.

Party food suggestions: Fruit, Vegetable sticks, cheese, crackers, breadsticks, wotsits, quavers, biscuits, chocolate fingers etc:



Finally the sun seems to be making appearance this year. Could we ask all parents to ensure that they apply sun lotion to their child prior to bringing them into school. And if full time children's parents could provide a bottle of suncream for their child to reapply suncream after lunch. With nursery's lovely new garden area, many children are choosing to be outdoors more than they are inside therefore could we also ask you to provide your child with a sun cap/hat which is clearly labelled with your child's name inside.



This half term, we will be encouraging Nursery children to show more of an interest in numerals within the environment. Whilst encouraging children to begin to show an interest in representing numerals of personal significance in different media. The children will be supported in developing an interest in numbers through their interests.