



Holy Family School

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Corpus Christi

In assembly today we celebrated the feast of Corpus Christi, the body and blood of Christ. We talked about how Jesus fed the 5000 with only 5 loaves and 2 fish. The children spent some quiet time reflecting and praying for those who are less fortunate than ourselves and suffer hunger around the world.

Half Term Holiday

Enjoy the half term break with your children - remember it's a training day on **Monday 6th June** so **school is closed** for the day.

After School Clubs

Please note that all after school clubs need to be **paid for in advance**.

It is not Coach Callum's job to collect money. Please ensure you put the correct money in an envelope and put it in our money box in the entrance foyer. Thank you.

Highlights This Week!

- Nursery Open Week
- Y5 Athletics
- Enabling Enterprises Y3, Y4 & Y5
- Parents uniform meeting
- Cricket match v St Bernard's
- Y1 Ash End House Farm visit

Nursery Open Week

FREE 2, 3 & 4 Year Old Places

We had a successful 'open week' in Nursery with some new families visiting and existing parents too - thank you. Please make sure you have put your child's name on our waiting list and ask your friends and neighbours too so that we can contact families when their child is eligible to start.

IMPORTANT MEETING FOR PARENTS

Children's End of Year School Report.

Friday 1st July 2.30 pm

Please put this date in your diary/calendar to find out about your child's school report which will be different this year. School Reports will be sent home on Friday 8th July and on Friday 15th July our leadership team will be available if you need to talk through your child's report (a translator will also be available).

SCHOOL UNIFORM MEETING

A big thank you to all parents who attended meetings this week about changes to the school uniform in September.

Feedback was extremely positive!

Please find attached a uniform list for next year.

Health & Safety

Road Safety

Our children's safety is our priority.

Please talk to your child about finding a safe place to cross roads and to keep looking in both directions whilst crossing.

Parents please park safely at all times.

Sun Safety

As we have been blessed with some sunshine - please ensure you put **sun cream** on your child before they come to school and bring a **sun hat**.

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 20.5.16

Year 4 with 99.00% ☺☺

Whole School Target 97%

Whole School Attendance 96.23% ☹

Weston-Super-Mare - Monday 18th July

Just to confirm that this is a school trip that **all** children are expected to attend. Any absence that day will be treated as unauthorised unless we have medical evidence. If you have any concerns then please come to see me.

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

Day	Date	Event
Monday	6 th Jun	School Closed Non Pupil Day (changed from Friday 27 th May)
Friday	10 th Jun	Royal Day Queen's 90 th Birthday Celebration. Children can wear 'red, white or blue'
Thursday	16 th Jun	Sport's Day @ King Edward's School Parent's welcome to attend Details to follow
Thursday	23 rd Jun	School Closed Polling E.U. Referendum
Monday	18 July	Weston-Super-Mare 'seaside' experience Reception to Year 6 (Nursery Closed)
Wednesday	21 st Dec 1.00	School closes for Christmas Holiday ADVANCE NOTICE
Monday	9 th Jan	School re-opens ADVANCE NOTICE

Saturday School
Our Saturday School has finished until the Spring Term 2017
No Saturday Sport Club tomorrow, Colm will be continuing after half term.

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.

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.
Do come and choose a book with your child.

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.**

'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.

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

Sainsbury's Vouchers
We are now collecting Sainsbury's vouchers so that we can get vital playground equipment.

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.

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.**

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	Multi Skills	Colm & Callum	Choir Homework Club Library	Mrs O'Driscoll & Miss Pollard HFS Staff Mrs Guest
Friday	Football	Callum	Sign Language	Mrs Maloney

Mass times
Holy Family Catholic Church
Saturday 4.00 pm
Sundays 10.30am & 5.15pm

God Bless, have a restful and peaceful half term
Mr Foley 27th May 2016



Uniform Guidelines for parents 2016



These guidelines will apply to new children joining our school from September 2016 and to inform parents who may be renewing items of uniform for their children.

Our uniform gives us our identity as a school and I expect our children to wear the uniform with pride.

Please ensure all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name

Winter Uniform - Autumn and Spring Terms

Girls

- Black V-neck cardigan with school logo (available from the School Office)
- White school shirt buttoned to the neck (Asda, M&S, Tesco and other high street stores)
- School tie (available from the School Office)
- Grey pinafore, skirt or trousers
- Black or grey tights or white socks
- Black shoes with flat heel

Boys

- Black V-neck jumper with school logo (available from the School Office)
- White school shirt buttoned to the neck (Asda, M&S, Tesco and other high street stores)
- School tie (available from the School Office)
- Grey long trousers
- Black or grey socks
- Black shoes with flat heel

Summer Uniform - Summer Term only

Girls

- Black V-neck cardigan with school logo (available from the School Office)
- Yellow summer dresses (Asda, M&S, Tesco and other high street stores)
- White socks or white tights **only** (not leggings)
- Black shoes with flat heel (no open-toe sandals)

Boys

- Black V-neck jumper with school logo (available from the School Office)
- Yellow polo shirt (Asda, M&S, Tesco and other high street stores)
- Grey long or short trousers
- Black shoes with flat heel

P.E. Kit all children

- Yellow t-shirt with school logo (available from the School Office)
- Black shorts
- Jogging pants may be worn in cold weather for outdoor PE only
- Velcro fastening pumps for indoor PE
- KS2 pupils may wear trainers for outdoor PE
- Swimming trunks for boys (long swimming shorts are not allowed)
- Swimming costumes and swimming hats for girls

Nursery Uniform

- Black V-neck sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo (available from the School Office)
- Yellow polo shirts (Asda, M&S, Tesco and other high street stores)
- Dark jogging bottoms or trousers (Asda, M&S, Tesco and other high street stores)

As well as wearing school uniform pupils and parents at Holy Family School are expected to abide by the following rules regarding appearance:-

- **Black flat shoes** which fully enclose the child's foot and are fastened with Velcro or a buckle - sandals are not appropriate for health and safety reasons. Shoes with laces are acceptable in Key Stage 2, however children should be able to tie their laces independently.
- **Trainers** are allowed as part of the KS2 outdoor PE uniform only. Children will not be allowed to wear trainers during the school day.
- **Earrings** small gold stud earrings (1 per ear maximum) are allowed for all pupils BUT must not be worn on swimming days. Staff will not remove a child's earrings without parental permission.
- **Watches** an analogue watch may be worn by children in Key Stage 2 to help children learn to tell the time.
- **Extreme Hairstyles** e.g. coloured hair, hair with logos or shapes cut out, styles that are obviously not in keeping with what is normal within the school, are not allowed and the Headteacher reserves the right to instruct parents to collect child/children whose hairstyle/s contravenes this ruling. If in doubt, always check first.
- **Long hair** must be tied back in school in particular for PE, Science Investigations and Design and Technology for health and safety reasons.

