



Holy Family School

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Retreat Day/Vocations Week

On Monday the children took part in a special retreat day to celebrate the light of God shining on us. The children took part in a day of reflection, thinking about the shining lights that God has sent us in our lives.

We particularly remembered the shining light of Mrs Denny and were joined by Mrs Denny's family to bless the new Nursery outdoor space created in her memory. The children have also been learning about different vocations this week and have enjoyed visits from people living out a range of different vocations.

Thank you to Mrs King for organising this very special week.

Staffing September 2016

Miss Payne and Miss Pollard will sadly be leaving us at the end of term as they have secured new jobs in Manchester and Gloucester - we send them our best wishes for their future careers and thank them for the fantastic work they have done for the children at Holy Family School.

In September we welcome Miss Flynn and Mr Craggs to our Holy Family as full time teachers, I ask that you give them your wonderful support in teaching your children. Children will be joining their new teachers on the 30th of June for transition day.

St Chad's 'Year of Mercy' Flower Festival

There will be a Year of Mercy Flower Festival at St Chad's Cathedral this weekend, 17-19 June. This includes a display telling the story of Venerable Catherine McAuley, Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy. Sister Maura would love you to see it!

Highlights This Week!

- Vocational visitors all week
- Dan Callow reflection day in memory of Mrs Denny
- New Reception parents meetings
- Y5 King Edwards familiarisation session
- 'No Pens' Day
- Nursery workshops
- Sports Day
- Big First Aid

Sports Day - Thursday 16th June

Yesterday we all enjoyed our wonderful Holy Family sports day. Children competed with great enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and with smiles on their faces. Thank you to all parents who braved the weather to support the children.

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

Have you ordered your new V-neck sweatshirt and cardigans for September? **Order NOW** so that your order is received in time for the start of term. Remember all children will be wearing school shirts and ties in September.

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

Day	Date	Event
Thursday	23 rd Jun	School Closed Polling E.U. Referendum
Monday	18 July	Weston-Super-Mare 'seaside' experience Reception to Year 6 (Nursery Closed)
Friday	22 July 1.00	School closes for the summer holidays
Monday	5 Sep	NON PUPIL Day – School Closed
Tuesday	6 Sep	School re-opens 8.35 am for 8.45 am start
Wed	21 st Dec 1.00	School closes for Christmas Holiday ADVANCE NOTICE
Monday	9 th Jan 2017	School Re-opens ADVANCE NOTICE

Regular Reminders		
Holy Family is a Reading School - ensure you hear your child read every evening	Daily	20 minutes
Breakfast Club	Daily	8.05 - 8.35
Money Day	Mondays	
Life in the UK Course	Tuesdays	9.00 - 11.00
Parent Voice Meeting	Wednesdays	8.40 All welcome
Parents Phonic Surgery	Wednesdays	2.00 - 3.00 All welcome
School Uniform sales	Wednesdays	2.30 - 3.00
Saturday Sports Club	Saturdays with Colm	9.30 - 11.30
Headlice - check your child's hair with a fine toothed comb	Weekly at the weekend	
We are collecting Sainbury's Vouchers	During promotion	

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 10.6.16

Year 1 with 100% 😊😊

Whole School Target 97%

Whole School Attendance 98.72% 😊

Nursery

FREE 2, 3 & 4 Year Old Places

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.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

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

Please ensure you put the correct money in an envelope and put it in our money box in the entrance foyer.

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	Film Night	
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, Mr Foley
17th June 2016