



# Holy Family School

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## Advent

On Thursday we came together as a family for Mass to celebrate the start of Advent - such a special time of preparation for the birth of Jesus. The Year 4 children read beautifully and were supported by the rest of the school with wonderful singing and responses.

We have many events and celebrations happening over the next two weeks in school such as our Christmas coffee morning on Thursday, our KS1 nativity and our KS2 Carol Concert. The children and staff are working really hard to make sure they are very special, please come along and show your support.

## Christmas Fundraising Morning



**Next Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December**  
**8.45 am**

See flyer coming home today!

We are supporting the following charities:-

- Acorns Children's Hospice
- Birmingham City Mission Toy Appeal
- 'Mary's Meals' an international charity providing a nutritious meal encouraging hungry children to come into classrooms to learn
- our Nursery outdoor provision.

**Look forward to seeing you there!**

## Christmas Jumper Day



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December  
£1.00

Proceeds to Birmingham Children's Hospital



## Reminder - Parent Worries or Concerns

My door is always open if ever you have worries or concerns. I need to know what the problem is before I can help - so please do come and speak to me.

## 'Be Active'

We are actively encouraging children to be more active both in and out of school.  
Get out and about with your family this weekend.

## Family Support Worker

Karen our family support worker is here to help you. If you would like to speak to her, please make an appointment at the school office. She can help you with a wide variety of issues or concerns such as housing, finances & debt, child development or anything that is worrying you.

## 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.

## This Week's Highlights

Monday	Advent assembly
Wednesday	King Edwards History Challenge
Wednesday	Stay & Play
Wednesday	Life in the UK workshop - all welcome
Thursday	Year 4 Advent mass
Friday	EYFS Theatre Production

## 'Stay & Play'

For mums or dads and little ones

**Wednesdays**  
**9.00 - 10.30**

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

Day	Date	Event
Thur Thur	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Fundraising Morning Christmas Festive Night 3.00-5.00 £3.00
Fri	9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day £1 for Birmingham Children's Hospital
Tue	13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Nativity 1.00 pm
Wed	14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
Thur	15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Dance Club Assembly 9.00am Parents Welcome
Thur	15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	'Dick Whittington' Theatre Visit
Fri	16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS2 Carol Concert 3.00 pm
Mon	19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Sign Language Assembly
Tue	20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Mass Whole School
Wed	21 <sup>st</sup> Dec 1.00 pm	School closes for Christmas Holiday
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2017	School Re-opens
Friday	17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School closes for half-term
Monday	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School re-opens
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup> Apr	School closes for Easter
Monday	24 <sup>th</sup> Apr	School re-opens
Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> May	May Day Bank Holiday
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> May	School closed Local & Mayoral Elections
Friday	26 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes for half-term
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> Jun	School re-opens
Monday	24 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Non Pupil Day

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	
Parents Phonics Surgery	Tuesdays	2.00 - 3.00 All welcome
Life in the UK Course	Wednesdays	1.30 - 3.00
School Uniform sales	Wednesdays	2.30 - 3.00
Parents Voice Group	Fridays	2.15 - 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	

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!
<b>We aim for 100% Attendance and Punctuality for EVERY child</b>
Class of the Week 25.11.16 <b>Year 5 with 98.71% 😊</b> Whole School Target 97% <b>Whole School Attendance 96.92%</b>

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES				
Day	Physical Activity	Staff	Other Activity	Staff
<b>Monday</b>	TKD Free	Julie-Ann Years 1 & 2	Y6 Homework Club Free	Miss Walker Y6
<b>Tuesday</b>	Dance £2.00 Baking £1.00	Jade KS2 Miss Flynn Years 5&6 only	Library Free	Mrs Guest All welcome
<b>Wednesday</b>	Cricket £2.00	Callum KS2		
<b>Thursday</b> Collect @ 3.50 from playground	Football £2.00	Callum KS2	Choir Free Homework Club Free	Mrs O'Driscoll KS2 HFS Staff Y3/Y4/Y5
<b>Friday</b>	Multi Skills No charge	Colm & Callum Children invited	Sign Language £2.00	Mrs Maloney KS2

Mass times
<b>Holy Family Catholic Church</b>
Saturday 4.00 pm Sundays 10.30am & 5.15pm

God Bless, Mr Foley  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016