



Holy Family School

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Advent

It has been a busy week in school as we continue to prepare for the very special time of Christmas and the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. **KS1** have been practising for their Nativity production to which all parents are invited to on **Tuesday at 2.00**, while **KS2** have been learning songs and readings for their Christmas Carol performance on **Friday at 3:00**.

I am looking forward to seeing lots of parents at these very special events and would like to take this opportunity to remind you that it is very much a time of prayer.

I thank you in advance for respecting this in all upcoming performances as we come together as a family community in School and in Church to celebrate the advent season.

Christmas Fundraising Morning

I am delighted to say that a total of **£1360.59** was raised in our Christmas coffee morning yesterday. It was wonderful to see so many parents there supporting the school, thank you! A big thank you to our parent volunteers who helped on stalls and a huge thank you to all staff and children who worked so hard on the creative gifts that were on sale. The biggest thank you goes to Mrs Anderson and Mrs Hollywood who organised the whole event. The money will be shared between the Acorns Children's Hospice, Birmingham City Mission Toy Appeal, the international Mary's Meals project and our Nursery outdoor project.

This Week's Highlights

Wednesday Maths Challenge Archbishop Ilsley
Wednesday Stay & Play
Wednesday Life in the UK workshop - all welcome
Thursday Christmas Fundraising Morning
Thursday Festive Night Celebration
Friday Christmas Jumper Day

'Stay & Play'

For mums or dads and little ones
Wednesdays
9.00 - 10.30

Christmas Jumper Day



£123.00 raised for Birmingham Children's Hospital

Theatre Trip

We are looking forward to our trip on Thursday, it is an expectation that **all children** will be going to access this wonderful experience. We expect to be back at 5:00 and the children will be dismissed from classes as normal into the playground.

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.

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

Day	Date	Event
Tue	13 th Dec	KS1 Nativity 2.00 pm
Wed	14 th Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
Thur	15 th Dec	Dance Club Assembly 9.00am Parents Welcome
Thur	15 th Dec	'Dick Whittington' Theatre Visit Year 1 to Year 6 Children due back at 5:00 pm
Fri	16 th Dec	9.00 Golden Book & Attendance Assembly
Fri	16 th Dec	KS2 Carol Concert 3:00 pm
Mon	19 th Dec	Sign Language Assembly 9:00am
Mon	19 th Dec	Early Years Carol Services at 10.15 & 1.45
Tue	20 th Dec	Mass 10:30am in School
Tue	20 th Dec	Parties KS1 & KS2 Children to come to school in school uniform & bring party clothes in a bag with their name on.
Wed	21st Dec 1:00 pm	School closes for Christmas Holiday
Monday	9th Jan 2017	School Re-opens
Friday	17th Feb	School closes for half-term
Monday	27th Feb	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday	28th Feb	School re-opens
Friday	7th Apr	School closes for Easter
Monday	24th Apr	School re-opens
Monday	1st May	May Day Bank Holiday
Thursday	4th May	School closed Local & Mayoral Elections
Friday	26th May	School closes for half-term
Monday	5th Jun	School re-opens
Monday	24th Jul	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday	25th 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!
We aim for 100% Attendance and Punctuality for EVERY child
Class of the Week 02.12.16 Year 6 with 98.00% 😊
Whole School Target 97%
Whole School Attendance 96.27%

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

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

God Bless, Mr Foley
Friday 9th December 2016