



Holy Family School

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This Week

Once again we have received great support from parents this week in the INSPIRE workshops that have taken place, in the 'Stay and Read' that has started in Reception and the 'Go Orange' fundraising event today for Muscular Dystrophy. Your continued support at school really does have a huge impact on the progress of the children, thank you. As always, you have been incredibly generous in your support of 'Go Orange' day, it really does demonstrate to the children the value of generosity and we are extremely grateful.

We are a Reading School!

We continue to work hard on our reading skills throughout the curriculum, particularly during guided and shared reading sessions. The children have been very enthusiastic about their class reads and their experience of reading for pleasure is truly growing. Can I remind you about reading with your child daily; this will support your child's development of reading. Our school library is open every Tuesday after school - come and choose a book with your child. Reception parents are encouraged to join their child in class at 8:45 every Thursday for 'Stay and Read', we hope to introduce this to other classes very soon!

This Week's Highlights

Tuesday	Year 5/6 Tennis Competition
Wednesday	Year 5 Football Tournament
Wednesday	Stay & Play - 8.45 - 10.15
Wednesday	Reception - Family Learning
Thursday	Reception class 'Stay and Read'
Thursday	Year 1 Inspire
Thursday	Celebration Assembly
Friday	Go Orange Day

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'

Mr Craggs has sent out contact details for local Football teams this week. It is really important that children are active both in school and out.

Joyce Farley Trust

I am delighted to inform parents that we have received a grant of £2000 from the above trust to supplement our Y4 Residential Visit to the Kingswood activity centre in March.

Letters went out to Y4 parents this week, we expect all children to attend this wonderful learning experience. If any Y4 parents have concerns or questions then please come to see me.

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.

INSPIRES

Thank you to all parents who have come in to support our recent Maths INSPIRES. It is a fantastic opportunity to share with you methods that we use and answer any questions that you may have. We have more INSPIRES coming up over the next few weeks, I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

SPORT

Well done to Andrei, Aneeka, Zaira and Ismail who represented our school this week in our Tennis competition. Well done also to our Football team who played a very strong Christ the King team in the Catholic Cup. Despite losing, they didn't give up and were a credit to the school.

Day	Date	Event
Monday	30 th Jan	9.00 Y3 Inspire
Tuesday	31 st Jan	9.00 Y6 Inspire
Wednesday	1 st Feb	St Brigid Year 4 Class Saint Day
Thursday	2 nd Feb	9.00 Y5 Inspire
Thursday	2 nd Feb	10.30 Mass led by Y4
Friday	3 rd Feb	St Blaise Reception Class Saint Day
Friday	17 th Feb	School closes for half-term
Monday	27 th Feb	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday	28 th Feb	School re-opens
Friday	7 th Apr	School closes for Easter
Monday	24 th Apr	School re-opens
Monday	1 st May	May Day Bank Holiday
Thursday	4 th May	School closed Local & Mayoral Elections
Friday	26 th May	School closes for half-term
Monday	5 th Jun	School re-opens
Monday	24 th Jul	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday	25 th Jul	Non Pupil Day

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

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 20.01.2017

Year 6 with 99.26% 😊😊😊

Whole School Target 97%

Whole School Attendance 95.52%

'Stay & Play' New Time

For mums or dads and little ones

Wednesdays

8.45 - 10.15

**Come and see us in Nursery,
after your children have gone into class!!**

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.

Go 'Orange' Day

Thank you for your support today in raising money for 'fighting back for Jack.'
& Muscular Dystrophy.

I'm delighted to say that we raised a total of **£422** so far!

Well done to everyone involved.

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 27th January 2017