



Holy Family School

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Shining Light

Our assembly this week focussed on how we show the goodness and talents given to us by God in our everyday lives. We have challenged the children to shine their light brightly both at home and in school this week. We encourage you to speak to your child asking them what they have done to demonstrate God's love and kindness through their actions this week. Please look at opportunities to further develop their talents outside of school, if you need any support please come to speak to us.

Mission Statement

We had some great input into the formation of our mission statement this week from one of our parents. This really needs to be a joint effort from the whole school community to create something that is really going to drive the school forward and be at the core of everything we do. I have included a draft statement with today's newsletter, please take time to look over it and feedback any thoughts that you might have. Thank you.

Important - Pupil Data Checking Forms

We have moved to a new system for recording our children's data. Information has been transferred from our old system to the new system and we are still checking that it has transferred over accurately.

Next week we will be sending out **Data Checking Forms** for you to check the details we have for your child.

Please do check the information carefully and amend incorrect information or add missing information including contact numbers and medical information and return the form to school the next day.

This Week's Highlights

Monday	Year 5 Central Library visit
Tuesday	Year 6 Aston Hall visit
Wednesday	Stay & Play - 8.45 - 10.15
Wednesday	Reception - Family Learning
Thursday	Reception class ' Stay and Read '
Friday	Jaguar Challenge visitor

'Be Active'

'A mile a day!' The children have been running a mile each day to boost their activity and concentration levels.

SPORT

Year 3 have made a great start to their swimming lessons. We are very fortunate to be able to take our children to such a wonderful provision at St. Martin's in Solihull but this is not enough. It is important that children are swimming outside of school to make sure they are fully confident in the water.

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.

Day	Date	Future Events
Thursday	16 th Feb	1.30 Year 4 Kingswood Meeting
Thursday	16 th Feb	2.00 Year 4 Class Assembly
Friday	17 th Feb	NURSERY CLOSED
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

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.

Parents are invited to an information meeting next Thursday 16th Feb at 2.00 followed by Year 4's Class Assembly.

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 03.02.2017

Year 1 & Year 5 with 98.8% 😊

Whole School Target 97%

Whole School Attendance 97.3% 😊

'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.

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

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.

God Bless

Mr Foley

Friday 10th February 2017

Holy Family Mission Statement

As God's family we work together as brothers and sisters in a safe, happy and compassionate environment. We take pride in everything we do ensuring that our children are motivated to achieve and be the very best they can be.

Built on the foundation of Christ and through teaching of Gospel values, we develop the whole child in a setting which has an understanding and appreciation of all faiths.

Inspired by Pope Francis we endeavour to 'light a fire in the hearts' of our children, empowering them to make a real difference in our diverse, ever changing society.