



Holy Family School

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Lent

On Wednesday we started our Lenten journey by celebrating a very special Mass with our parish sister school St. Bernadette's. Lent is a very special time in which we think about the sacrifice that our Lord Jesus made for us and prepare to celebrate his resurrection. We have been talking to the children this week about the importance of Lent and have many activities planned to help others who are less fortunate than ourselves during this time.

Parents Evening

We are looking forward to seeing parents on Wednesday this week to update you on the progress of the children. It is really important that school and parents work together for the good of the children so I urge all parents to please make sure that you attend your child's appointment. Nurse Jo will be at the parents evening to answer any health related questions that you might have and also talk to parents about the impact of diet and sugary drinks on the children. On the subject of food, Mrs Lloyd will be selling some healthy recipes and ingredients for you to cook at home with your children, she has assured me they are very simple! Prices range from 50p to £2 and all money will go to our Lenten charities.

Important - Pupil Data Checking Forms

We have now moved over to our new data system with some minor teething troubles.

Thank you to those parents that have returned data forms so promptly - it is important we have all the data forms returned to the office so that we know our data is accurate.

This Week's Highlights

Monday	Staff training day
Tuesday	Children made pancakes for Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday	Stay & Play - 8.45 - 10.15
Wednesday	Reception - Family Learning
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Mass
Thursday	Reception class 'Stay and Read'
Thursday	First Holy Communion meeting
Friday	Sports coaches and Spanish

Lenten Charities

There are cake sales and other activities happening over the next few weeks to raise money for our Lenten charities. We will also be having a coffee morning for parents only on Wednesday 5th April, please come and support. Children will be bringing home Good Shepherd boxes this week, please fill these with whatever change you can afford. Other charities we are supporting are the Rwanda appeal and the NSPCC. Part of any money raised will also go towards developing our library in school.

Day	Date	Future Events
Monday	6 th March	Year 4 Library & Museum
Tuesday	7 th March	Cadbury World
Wednesday	8 th Mar	Parents evening from 1:30
Wednesday	29/30 th Mar	Yr 4 Kingswood Residential
Wednesday	5 th April	Easter Coffee Morning
Thursday	6 th April	Easter Mass
Friday	7 th April	Easter Bonnet Parade
Friday	7 th Apr	School closes for Easter at 1:30
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

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.

We are also collecting Sainsbury's "Active Kids" Vouchers Which we will put towards sports & cooking equipment.

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.

'Be Active'

Now that the better weather is with us - make time to take the children outside for some time each day to get some exercise.

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 17.2.2017

Year 2 with 99.3% 😊😊

Whole School Target 97%

Whole School Attendance 94.6%

'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 3rd March 2017