



# Holy Family School

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## Rwanda Appeal

During our assembly this week we heard from Mr Walmesley from the Birmingham Catholic Partnership about the work that the partnership is doing in Rwanda. We learnt that £150 would provide education and board for a child in Rwanda for a whole year. We learnt that £500 would provide school uniform and footwear for children in a whole village, enabling them to attend school. We also learnt that some children are trying to learn in classrooms with no roofs and are sitting on bricks all day with no resources. The Rwanda appeal is a big part of our Lenten fundraising, we want to help provide a safe and effective education for all children there. Please show your support in upcoming Lenten activities.

## Miss Walker

We say goodbye to Miss Walker today for a little while as she starts her maternity leave. We will miss her but are very much looking forward to meeting the new arrival. I'm sure you join me in wishing Miss Walker and her family future joy and happiness.

## Missing Clothes

I have spoken to a few parents over the last few weeks who have been concerned about uniform and sports kits going missing. Could you please ensure that any items of clothing coming into school are labelled with your child's name and check that your child is bringing back their own uniform/sports kit home.

## This Week's Highlights

|           |                                  |
|-----------|----------------------------------|
| Monday    | Yr 3 Library visit               |
| Monday    | Rwanda Assembly                  |
| Tuesday   | Yr 6 writers at St. Bernadette's |
| Wednesday | Stay & Play - 8.45 - 10.15       |
| Wednesday | Reception - Family Learning      |
| Thursday  | Reception class 'Stay and Read'  |
| Friday    | St. Patricks Day                 |
| Friday    | Celebration Assembly             |
| 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 5<sup>th</sup> April, please come and support. Please continue to fill and bring back Good Shepherd boxes. 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.

## SPORT

We had children represent school this week at a local Rugby Megafest. The children demonstrated great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Thank you to Mr Craggs and Coach Callum for supporting the children.

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

| Day       | Date                    | Future Events                              |
|-----------|-------------------------|--|
| Wednesday | 29/30 <sup>th</sup> Mar | Yr 4 Kingswood Residential                 |
| Wednesday | 5 <sup>th</sup> April   | Easter Coffee Morning                      |
| Thursday  | 6 <sup>th</sup> April   | Easter Mass                                |
| Friday    | 7 <sup>th</sup> April   | Easter Bonnet Parade                       |
| Friday    | 7 <sup>th</sup> Apr     | School closes for Easter at 1:30           |
| 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<br>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                              |

## 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.

## St Patrick's Day

Happy St. Patrick's Day and thank you for your contributions for own clothes day.

### 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 10.03.2017

**Year 3 with 99.2%** 😊😊

Whole School Target 97%

**Whole School Attendance 95.6%** 😊

### '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.

### Hair

We have had some cases of head lice in school, please carefully check your child's hair weekly. Can you also make sure that children with very long hair have it tied up. Thank you.

### Cake Sales

Please be aware that for any upcoming cake sales we will only be able to accept cakes that have been purchased from a shop. We are no longer able to sell cakes that are homemade.

## AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

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

### '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.

### Birthday Treats

If you are bringing in treats for you child's class to celebrate a birthday please check all ingredients to make sure there are no nuts or traces of nuts. **We are unable to give out homemade treats and if we are unsure we will not give them to the class.**

### 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.

### Mass times

**Holy Family Catholic Church**

Saturday 4.00 pm

Sundays 10.30am & 5.15pm

*God Bless and Happy St. Patrick's Day!*

*Mr Foley*

*Friday 17th March 2017*