



# Holy Family School

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## School Council Visit

Our family community has been particularly affected this week by the tragic events that unfolded outside Westminster on Wednesday afternoon. Our school council representatives were visiting the Houses of Parliament, accompanied by Mrs King and Mrs Lloyd, when the terrorist attack took place. During what was an extremely frightening time, our children conducted themselves in a way that has earned praise from across the country. We know that the children at Holy Family are amazing, but to hear that they helped raise the spirits of the MPs and people around them through their bravery and positivity at such a difficult time has filled me with pride. They were of course supported and cared for by Mrs King and Mrs Lloyd who remained calm and brilliant throughout. They kept us constantly updated which allowed us to reassure parents as the evening went on. The parliamentary staff were also incredibly caring and generous towards the children. It's at times like these when we really see everyone come together as a family. We've had so many calls, emails and people calling in from across our school community to make sure that everybody was okay, it really has been quite touching. We must remember those people who have lost their lives or have been injured as a result of this tragedy. I ask you to pray for them and their families at this time.

## School Meals Price Increase

We have been advised that the cost of a school meal is going up on 1<sup>st</sup> April by 10p per day, to £2.25 so the cost for a week will be £11.25.

## This Week's Highlights

Monday	Assembly
Tuesday	Incredible Years Parent Workshop
Tuesday	Yr 6 writers at St. Bernadette's
Wednesday	Stay & Play - 8.45 - 10.15
Wednesday	School Council Visit to Parliament
Thursday	Reception class 'Stay and Read'
Thursday	Nursery Mother's Day Workshop
Thursday	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

Year 3 are making great progress with 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.

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 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

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 17.03.2017

**Year 4 with 98.7%** 😊😊

Whole School Target 97%

**Whole School Attendance 96.8%** 😊

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

*Mr Foley*

*Friday 24th March 2017*