



Holy Family School

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Welcome Back

It was great to see the children back and ready for our last half term of the year on Monday. Once again we found ourselves thinking about and praying for those people affected by terrorism last weekend. We spoke in assembly about how the disciples were given the gift of the Holy Spirit to guide them and give them courage in delivering the word of God. We need to use the Holy Spirit in all of us to make sure that we don't live in fear as a result of the actions of the few people who wish to harm others.

We also came together as a family to celebrate a wonderful Mass led by Year 1 which focussed on the gift of the Holy Spirit to the disciples at Pentecost. The children read beautifully and confidently, I was incredibly proud of them all.

There was also a new addition to the McDonald household this week! Congratulations to Mr McDonald and his family on the birth of Louie who arrived in the early hours of Sunday morning.

Ramadan

We are aware that many of our families are currently fasting for the holy month of Ramadan. As a school we feel our **Year 6** children, in consultation with parents, are mature enough to make an informed decision when choosing to fast. We would however, like to remind parents that it is a long school day and the children are very active. Guidance states that children of primary school age may want to do a **partial fast** which is best done under parental supervision after school hours or at the weekend, which we have talked to the children about. The health and safety of our children is our number one priority and we appreciate your support at this time. Please speak to me if you have any concerns.

Attendance

A reminder that it is vitally important that your child is in school everyday, and on time.

This week I have been visiting families of absent children to see how they are, and where needed, to bring them back into school. We will continue to do this if children are repeatedly missing school.

This Week's Highlights

Monday	Assmby
Tuesday	Yr 6 Sikh Temple trip
Tuesday	Yr 1/2 Gardening Club
Wednesday	King Edwards visit
Wednesday	Yr 3 Hindu Temple visit
Wednesday	Yr 1 Pentecost Mass
Thursday	School closed for Election
Friday	Yr 4 SPARKS visit

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.

Please send in any Sainsbury's "Active Kids" Vouchers which we will put towards sports & cooking equipment.

Day	Date	Future Events
Wednesday	5 th July	Secondary Induction Day
Friday	7 th July	KS1/KS2 Sports Day at Holy Trinity School
Tuesday	18 th Jul	KS1/KS2 Trips
Friday	21 st Jul	Leavers Assembly
Friday	21 st Jul	School finishes for summer at 1:00
Monday	24 th Jul	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday	25 th Jul	Non Pupil Day

Polite Notice - Parking

Please take care when parking at the beginning and end of the school day outside school.

Children and parents are unable to walk on the pavements safely due to inconsiderate parking.

Parents should not be parking illegally on the roads around our school as it places our/your children in danger.

End of Year Trips

Reminder - Payments need to be in on **Monday** please.

All children pay for our end of year trip.

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 26.5.2017

Year 4 with 99% 😊😊

Whole School Target 97%

Whole School Attendance 95.9%

'Stay & Play'

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.

Lost Property

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.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Day	Physical Activity	Staff	Other Activity	Staff
Monday	TKD Free	Julie-Ann Years 1 & 2	Library Free	Mrs Guest All welcome
Tuesday	Dance £2.00 Baking £1.00	Jade KS2 Miss Flynn Years 5&6 only	Yr 1/2 Gardening Club	Miss Weston/Mrs Guest/Mrs Wright
Wednesday	Cricket £2.00	Callum KS2		
Thursday Collect @ 3.50 from playground	Football £2.00	Callum KS2	Choir Free Homework Club Free Yr 1 Baking Club	Mrs O'Driscoll KS2 HFS Staff Y3/Y4/Y5 Miss O'Connor/Miss Ahktar
Friday	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 9th June 2017