



# Holy Family School



## Mission Week

What an amazing week we've had of living our mission and making a difference to others! We've had so many activities going on through the week to raise money for the charities each year band are supporting. Our week started with Dean from Help for Heroes coming into school to speak about the fantastic work they do for ex-servicemen and women who sacrifice so much for our safety. Year 5 have been supporting them, designing and creating some wonderful canvasses to sell to raise money. On Tuesday we had Dan and Emily in to lead our whole school retreat day. Again, it was a real privilege to witness the singing and prayer shared within our family with all children and many parents joining in. On Wednesday we came together as a parish with our sister school, St. Bernadette's to celebrate the start of Lent with our Ash Wednesday Mass. On Thursday we had April Barrett MBE and Andrew visit school to lead our 'Diversity Day' - raising awareness of people living with disabilities. The children had the opportunity to have a go at Archery, Blind Football, Kurling and Bocchia. The fund raising carries on today - I'm currently getting ready for a lot of wet sponges to be thrown at me!

Sister Maura led a reflection with the staff - she reminded us that we all lead busy lives and how important it is to share our time with others.

*'The greatest gift you can give someone is your time.'*

*Because when you give your time, you are giving a portion of your life that you will never get back.'*

### Attendance

It is vitally important that your child is in school and on time everyday. As a school we constantly aim for 100% attendance to make sure your child is getting the very most out of school.

**This year we are planning a very special trip in the summer term to Harry Potter World to reward those children with 99% and above attendance for the whole school year.**

We visit families if children are not in school as absences are a concern.

**Class of the Week w/e 9.2.2018**

**Year 1 98.7% ☺**

**Whole School Attendance  
96.3%**

### Punctuality

A reminder that registers are taken at **8:45 sharp**. Children arriving after this time are **late**. We have a new sign in system in school - **any late children will need to be signed in by parents**. This will be closely monitored, parents of children who are repeatedly late will be invited into school to discuss further.

### Extended Leave

Over the last few weeks I have received requests from parents for extended leave for children.

**Under no circumstances will I authorise periods of extended leave.** We are actively working with the local authority to fine parents who are removing children from school for periods of extended leave.

## This Week's Highlights

	Lenten Activities - All Week
Monday	Help the Hero's Assembly
Tuesday	Whole School Retreat Day
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Wednesday	Year 1 Stay and Read
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday Mass
Thursday	Diversity Day
Friday	Year 2 Stay and Read

## Parents Evening

Parents Evening for children from **Year 1 to Year 6** will be on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March**.

**For this parents evening you will need to book your appointment time online.**

Please visit [www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk) and enter the code 7r2eq - See separate emailed letter

Reception & Nursery Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March - see teachers to arrange appointment time.

## Traffic

I continue to be concerned about the traffic and parking outside our school. I have been speaking to the Police about this unacceptable situation and we will continue sharing with them number plates of people parking inconsiderately.

**Your child's safety is our priority!**

## Mass times

**Holy Family Catholic Church**

**Saturday 4.00 pm**

**Sundays 10.30am & 5.15pm**

*Wishing you a happy and restful half term, God Bless*

*Mr Foley*

*Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February*

