



Holy Family School

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This Week

We had lots going on this week, all crammed into four days after the glorious Bank Holiday! On Thursday we came together as a parish for a special Mass to celebrate the Ascension of our Lord to heaven. It was a pleasure to join with our sister school St. Bernadette's to fill the church and pray together. I'm always proud of all the children but on Thursday I was particularly proud of the children in Year 5 who led our Mass so wonderfully. They all had a role but the readers who were so clear and confident must get a special mention - well done all! Next week, our Year 6 children will be sitting their SATs with all the other Year 6 children throughout the country. Please remember them in your prayers; they've been working incredibly hard and I'm sure they'll give their absolute best next week.

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 4.5.2018

Year 4F 100% 😊😊😊

Whole School Attendance

95.5%

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

Tuesday	Reception 'Stay & Read'
Tuesday	St Chad's working with Y4
Wednesday	Y1 'Stay & Read'
Thursday	Ascension Day Mass
Friday	Year 2 'Stay & Read'
Friday	King Edwards 'outreach' programme
Friday	Y4 Fire Service visit

Cricket

I was lucky enough to go with our Y3/4 cricket team to a school games competition on Tuesday. They played brilliantly to come runners up and displayed excellent sportsmanship throughout. Well done!

Ramadan

Children are not obliged or expected to fast during Ramadan though some children may wish to do a partial fast, however this should be in consultation with and under the supervision of their parents - weekends are a good time to share this experience with your child.

Mass times

Holy Family Catholic Church
Saturday 4.00 pm
Sundays 10.30am & 5.15pm

God Bless

Mr Foley

Friday 11th May 2018

READING

It was great to see so many parents in **Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** this week for 'Stay and Read'.
We remind you that your child should be reading for at least 20 minutes every night.
Thank you for your support.

Uniform

We have had children come in this week in summer uniform. The picture below shows the correct summer uniform for both boys and girls. We will also be emailing a copy of the uniform policy.

Please make sure your child is wearing the correct summer uniform.



Lunchtime

- Please ensure that **Dinner Money** is paid **in advance on Mondays**.
- Children that have sandwiches must bring their lunchbox into school with them in the **morning**.
- As the weather improves, children should apply sun cream before they come to school and bring in a sun hat.

Day	Date	Time	Future Events
Fri	25 th May		Break up for Half Term
Mon	4 th June	8.45	School Re-opens
Sun	10 th June	10.30	First Holy Communion
Sun	1 st July	10.30	Confirmation Mass
Fri	20 th July	1.00	School closes for Summer holidays
Mon	3 rd Sep		Non Pupil Day
Tue	4 th Sep		Non Pupil Day
Wed	5 th Sep	8.45	Children return to school (gate opens at 8.35 am)

Governor Message

Fr Philip prepared two children for their First Holy Communion by hearing their first confession after Mass on Thursday.

Confession is a sacrament - the means by which we receive God's forgiveness for our sins and make peace with God and our neighbours.

Mrs Jones & Mrs Meehan also attended this Mass.

Mrs Collins met with our School Council on Thursday to hear their views about our school.

Mrs Jones Mrs Meehan and Mrs Collins joined us in school this week for the Governor's curriculum meeting.

Thank you Governors.

Mission Statement

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As God's family we work together as brothers and sisters in a safe, happy and compassionate environment. We take pride in everything we do ensuring that our children are motivated to achieve and be the very best they can be.

Built on the foundation of Christ and through teaching of Gospel values, we develop the whole child in a setting which has an understanding and appreciation of all faiths.

Inspired by Pope Francis we endeavour to 'light a fire in the hearts' of our children, empowering them to make a real difference in our diverse, ever changing society.