



Holy Family School

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2018-2019



Happy Christmas

What an end to the term we have had! It has been a very special end to the term with all of the children involved in different events to celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ. Last week we enjoyed our EYFS singalong, and our brilliant KS1 Nativity production, then, yesterday we joined together in Church for our wonderful KS2 performance. It really does fill me with immense pride to see our amazing children performing with such confidence and joy at this special time of year. We have also come together for our Christmas dinner (thank you to Mrs Burgundy and Mrs Flynn, it was delicious!). On Thursday, we joined our parish family for our end of term Mass to give thanks for all we have achieved and prepare for Christmas. Finally we shared our Golden Book Assembly this morning.

Once again I would like to thank you all for your continued support and your generosity with your gifts to us all.

Have a restful, happy and peaceful Christmas and we look forward to seeing the children back on **Monday 7th January.**

After school clubs

Our after school provision timetable is now out - please sign up your child for the clubs you would like them to attend after Christmas. Please be aware that the majority of clubs are provided by teachers/TAs in addition to all of their other responsibilities in school. They are giving their own free time to provide experiences for the children. You can access the after school clubs for next term at

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/code?z=ZiXIlI> then enter the code **reh8d**.

Clubs will commence in the week beginning **Monday 14th January**. If you have any questions then please don't hesitate to speak to the office.

Vocations

We are busy preparing our vocations programme with the help of our liturgical leaders. This is a message from two of our leaders - Laila and Zahra.

'We would like to hear from past pupils or current parents who would be willing to give up some time to talk to the children about their gifts and talents in their working life.

We would love to hear from you.'

Please contact Mrs King at school.

Christmas Coffee Morning/Christmas shoebox appeal

Thank you so much for your support of our Christmas Coffee Morning. The children and staff worked really hard to create different Christmas things to sell. I'm delighted to say that we raised an amazing **£1239**.

This money will be split between school projects and the wonderful Tabor house, who support the homeless throughout the year. We were also able to deliver all of the kind donations made via the School Council Appeal to Tabor House this morning. Thank you!

God Bless and Merry

Christmas

Mr Foley

Friday 21st December 2018

CASHLESS OFFICE - Coming Soon!

Following on from the success of our online school uniform sales, we will be transferring to an online system for collecting money in school after Christmas.

All payments including dinner money and trip money will need to be made online or via a paypoint machine.

More details to follow over the next few weeks.

School Planners

We have made a good start with our school planners but need your continued support with these.

All children need to be reading every night and their planners need to be signed by an adult.

The children will also be working towards achieving their daily reward stars by:

- Being in school every day and on time
- Having the correct uniform
- Having their PE kit
- Reading every night
- Doing their best in everything they do
- Taking pride in everything they do

A number of children have reached their bronze target and received their special bronze star in assembly.

More bronze stars will be given out in the new year and children will then be working towards their silver award.

Weather

As we come into Winter I remind you that all children need to have coats, hats and gloves in school. If we do have any weather that may cause the school to shut, then parents will be notified by text, through our Twitter feed and on local radio.

DfE League Tables

Each year the Department for Education publish league tables based on the performance of schools. You can check our school performance by following this link - <https://www.gov.uk/school-performance-tables>

We are very proud of the achievement of our children last year and are working hard to make sure this continues. A reminder that it is very much in partnership with parents, if children are reading and doing their homework it makes such a difference to their progress. Thank you!

Diary Dates

Mon	7 th Jan	8.45	Back to School
Wed	9 th Jan	Nursery	Tiger Came to Tea
Thur	10 th Jan	10.30	Epiphany Mass in School
Mon	14 th Jan	Year 4	Shakespeare Project
Mon	14 th Jan	Reception	Family Learning x 8 families
Wed	16 th Jan	Year 5	Library
Thur	17 th Jan	Year 5	Library
Wed	23 rd Jan	Year 3	Library
Mon	28 th Jan	Year 5	Shakespeare Project