



Holy Family School

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This Week

It's been another very busy week in school with lots of great learning going on in each class. We started our week with an assembly which focussed on our continued Lenten journey. We spoke about how this is a time, not just for helping others and making sacrifices, but also a time for when we ask for forgiveness and follow our Lord's example in forgiving others. This week the children have continued to make a difference to help others as they have throughout this very special time of lent. From our skipathon last week we raised an incredible £249 for the British Heart Foundation and through other fundraising activities, across all classes, we have raised money for a host of other great causes. Thank you for all your support in all of our fundraising activities, it really does make a difference.

Holy Week and Easter

Holy week begins on Monday 15th April. It's a very special time in which we think about the sacrifice Jesus made for us. We will be having daily assemblies talking through the Stations of the Cross with the children that week, with Father Phillip leading our final assembly on Thursday 18th April. All assemblies will begin at 9:00 and parents are very welcome to attend. Because this is a very solemn time, we will not have our Easter Bonnet Parade until after the children return from the holiday. **The parade will be on Friday 10th May at 2:00** as part of our Golden Book assembly, it also gives children a little longer to work on their bonnets!

Swedish Exchange

Last week in school, we had a very special visitor over from Sweden spending time with us for the week. Mrs Lindkvist is a Headteacher of a school in Eskilstuna in Sweden - as part of a British Council exchange programme she spent the week learning about education practice in the UK. We learnt lots about the way schools work in Sweden and hope to develop a strong link for our children to do some work together in the future.

Uniform

As we come into the summer term, children are welcome to wear our summer uniform. This is yellow polo shirts for the boys and yellow summer dresses for the girls. A reminder that children should be wearing school shoes. Many children have been coming in to school wearing trainers - they are not part of school uniform. If you are unsure about any aspect of school uniform then please check with the office. Our policy is also online and available from the office.

After School Clubs

After school clubs will be changing for the summer term. Please log on to schoolinterviews.co.uk and use the code **reh8d** to book your child on to the after school clubs. Please note that clubs will start on the week beginning Monday 13th May. Please speak to Miss Keating in the office if you're having any problems with the online booking. Please encourage your children to be more active as we come into the summer term.

God Bless

Mr Foley

Friday 12th April 2019

Diary Dates			
Thursday	18 th April		School Closes for Easter 1.00pm
Tuesday	7 th May		School Re-opens after Easter Holiday
Wednesday	8 th May	REC	Sarehole Mill
Thursday	9 th May	Year 2	Easter Mass - School
Friday	10 th May		Golden Book Assembly & Easter Bonnets 2.00
Mon - Fri	13 th - 17 th May	Year 6	SATS Week
Wednesday	22 nd May		School Closes for Half Term - 3.00pm
Thursday	23 rd May		School Closed - European Elections
Friday	24 th May		School Closed - Teacher Training Day
Monday	3 rd June		School Re-opens
Wednesday	12 th June	Year 4	Library Visit
Thursday	13 th June	KS2 School Council	Trip to Parliament
Thursday	13 th June	Year 4	Corpus Christi Mass - Holy Family Church
Tuesday	18 th June	Year 3	Trip to Hindu Temple

Parent's Evening

We had a wonderful turnout for our parent's evening. Thank you for all your support, it's so important that we work in partnership to make sure all children work to be the best they can be. The parent feedback from our questionnaire was overwhelmingly positive. We thank you for this but we are always striving to make things even better for the children, please speak to us if you have any suggestions. Full feedback can be found here

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1oPcAQZL1zc6sPQxaSzqiWqkro2h1gzEHIF8ccd78o/viewanalytics>

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.

We will be celebrating our outstanding attendance as part of our Golden Book Assembly on Friday 10th May at 2:00

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

Class of the Week w/e 5th April 2019

Year 5JMc 98.4% 😊😊

Whole School Attendance

94.6%

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.

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.

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.