



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- W/B Monday 12th October – Parents Evening. Please book your telephone appointment using the link below.
- Wednesday 14th October – Year 6 trip to Cannock Chase
- Wednesday 21st October – Individual School Photographs
- Friday 23rd October – Wear Pink Day
- Friday 23rd October – Break up for Half Term
- Monday 2nd November – Return to school following Half Term
- Friday 13th November – Children's Nasal flu Spray

HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

As you know, this week we have been faced with our first instance of having to close a class bubble. This is never a decision that is taken lightly, we are always following guidance set by Public Health England and the Department for Education. Thank you to parents who have been so understanding and supportive of this measure, I've been really impressed with some of the home learning that has been completed by our year 3s this week, well done!

Staggered starts

We have set start times to avoid congestion at the school gate – please make sure you stick to allocated time slot for your child

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 - between 8:30 and 8:40

Nursery, Reception, Yr 1 and 2 – between 8:40 and 8:50

Covid symptoms

You will have received a letter yesterday reminding you about covid symptoms and the need to test if your child displays symptoms. Please read this carefully and follow the guidance to help keep us all safe.

Anti-Social Behaviour in Small Heath

Following on from my letter last week I would encourage parents to contact our local elected representatives to stress the need for change in Small Heath. Our children and families deserve better.

New Priest

This weekend we will be welcoming a new Parish Priest into our family. Fr Fretch Ballesteros has been appointed the Priest in Charge of Holy Family Parish, please remember him in your prayers as he begins his work in our community.

Have a restful and safe weekend.

Mr Foley.



VIRTUES

Gospel Virtues are at the centre of our ethos and our policies, and run throughout every aspect of our curriculum to encourage our children to be kind, caring, forgiving and respectful.

Talk to your children about the Virtues for this half term, as they will be growing to be....

Curious about everything;
and **Active** in their engagement with the world, changing what they can for the better.

PARENTS' EVENING

To reduce the amount of visitors into school, parents' evening in October will be changing to keep everyone safe. During the week beginning Monday 12th October teachers will be phoning parents to talk through the progress of children so far this term. You will still need to book a time slot through logging on to

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/code?z=NSrr5L> and using the code **c3tp3**

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please note, only children who have been signed up to these clubs through the online system will be able to take part. We do still have some places available for some of the clubs – please contact the office to find out more.

Monday – Years 3 & 4 Sign Language Club - £2.00

Tuesday – Years 1 – 6 Reading Club

Wednesday – Years 5 & 6 Football - £2.00

Friday - Years 1 & 2 Dance - £2.00

Donations

Harvest Donations

During this time, we would usually be asking families to make donations to our Harvest appeal. Over the last few years we have been able to take car loads of food to the Fireside centre in Digbeth to help provide dinners to the homeless and those in need of help. Because of the Coronavirus, this year we are unable to collect any donations sent in from home but we still need to help and make a difference for those who need it. We are asking each parent to donate £1 through their squid account to enable us to make a donation to the Fireside centre who so badly need our help more than ever. Thank you for your support in this.

School Fund

We won't be able to have our usual Christmas fundraiser this year which is vital in allowing us to buy resources for the children. We are asking for £5 school fund per term per child if you can manage it through squid. Again, we appreciate your support so much and will go directly back into supporting your child's learning.



BIRTHDAY SWEETS

Due to current restrictions we cannot allow children to bring in any sweets or treats to share with the rest of the class. Thank you for your understanding

Books

We are still waiting on lots of books to be returned that were given out over the lockdown period. Please look carefully for any school books you may have at home and return them to school. Thank you

Dropping off

Please do not park or stop on the yellow lines outside of school to drop off children. This is very dangerous and safeguarding risk to our children and parents – thank you for your understanding

DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD (DSL)

We are committed to safeguarding all pupils. We take child protection/ safeguarding issues very seriously. The DSL team for Safeguarding are Mr Foley, Mrs King, Mrs O'Driscoll and Miss Landucci. Please do come and speak to us if you have any concerns.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Mr McDonald is sending out invites today for children to create projects to celebrate Black History Month. There will be prizes for the best projects brought back showcasing the efforts of so many inspirational people who have made our world a better place. We are really looking forward to seeing what our children come up with. Good luck!

Punctuality can affect your child's attendance. Our target is 97%.



Please ensure your children are on time for school.

Classes and their Attendance figures	Week 1 21st September – 25th September 2020	Week 2 28th September – 2nd October 2020
Nursery		
Reception	82.6%	83.6%
Year 1	63.2%	80.3%
Year 2	77.7%	89.2%
Year 3	76.7%	-
Year 4	88.0%	96.0%
Year 5	82.8%	92.0%
Year 6	81.9%	80.6%

Well done to the above classes who were our attendance winners for the last two weeks..

Who will be the winners for the autumn term?