



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The school has been under great scrutiny this week.....

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we were visited by three of Her Majesty's Inspectors from OFSTED.....

The children have begun to practise in earnest for the school Christmas productions ...

The school football team were in action at home against Robert Drake.....

Christmas Fayre Whilst there are some changes to the way in which things have worked in the past, in keeping with Holy Family tradition we will still be holding a Christmas Fayre and a children's bake sale/raffle.

The children's bake sale and raffle will take place on Wednesday 30th November. We would appreciate donations of small homemade or bought cakes that the children can buy in school on Wednesday morning. Please ensure that your child has a named container to bring home their purchases.

The children's raffle will also be drawn on Wednesday morning. Prizes will include, footballs, art and craft items, sweets, chocolates and books, plus many more items.

The Christmas Victorian Fayre will take place on Friday 2nd December from 3pm to 5.30pm. Thank you for the offers of help we have received so far. Whilst we have already had some items dropped in (thank you), we would still very much appreciate the following donations: -
Clean soft toys, books, puzzles, toys and games in good condition, unopened cosmetics or toiletries and costume jewellery (in good condition).

It would also be wonderful if each year group could supply the following items that we can either raffle, include in the tombola or sell at the Fayre: -

Reception, Y1 & Y2 – Non- perishable food items

Y3 & Y4 – Large Cakes

Y5 & Y6 – bottles (alcohol or soft drinks)

Please do be aware however, that we have a nut minimalisation policy within school so any food items must **not** contain nuts.

Friday will be a non -uniform day, the children (and adults) will have the option to either dress in Victorian fancy dress or their own casual clothes. There will be a fee of £1 for each child not in uniform, with all proceeds going towards our Fayre. There will also be a small prize for the best Victorian Costume.

Once again, many thanks for your support.

Lost coat We have a plea from Mrs Wilson mother of Evie in Year 5. Evie's school coat has been missing for two weeks now and both Evie and her Mum and staff members have been searching for it. Please check your child's coat in case they have taken the wrong one home. The coat is from Sainsbury's, it is age 9-10, navy blue with fur inside with a gold zip and buttons. Thank you.

School Health Drop-in service If you have concerns about your child's health then you can use the Drop-in service where no appointments are necessary. The limit is 15 minutes per child but for more in-depth problems please contact the clinic directly to speak to a member of the school nurse team. The locations are: Central Canvey Primary Care Centre, Long Road, Canvey Island, SS8 OJA. Phone 01268 686041 2-4pm 1st&15th December and Oak Tree Children's Centre, Grovewood Primary School, Grove Road, Rayleigh SS6 8UA. Phone 01268 775910 2-4pm 5th December.

Attendance Due to technical issues with our server last week, we have been unable to generate attendance figures for this week.

Saint of the week Many Catholics wear a "Miraculous Medal" around their necks—often tied to a piece of blue thread. Our Lady showed the medal to St Catherine Laboure on 27th November 1830 during one of a number of visits Catherine received from Mary. St Catherine was a 24 year old nun with the Daughters of Charity in Paris at this time. She died in December 1876 and was canonised in 1947. Her Feast Day is today, 25th November.



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Diary Dates

Sunday 27 th November	First Sunday of Advent
Thursday 1 st December	KS2 Children Walk to Holy Family Church for Mass & Rehearse Christmas Production
Friday 2 nd December	Dress Rehearsal Morning for Christmas Productions
Friday 2 nd December	Victorian Christmas Fayre

Monday 5 th December	Christmas Production Afternoon (Elderly of the Parish & Grandparents) 1.30pm
Monday 5 th December	Finance & Premises Governors' Meeting 6.00pm
Tuesday 6 th December	Christmas Production Afternoon (Parents & Carers—Limited Tickets) 1.30pm
Wednesday 7 th December	Christmas Production Afternoon (Parents & Carers—Limited Tickets) 1.30pm
Thursday 8 th December	KS2 Children Walk to Holy Family Church for Mass & Rehearse Christmas Presentation
Thursday 8 th December	KS2 Children Christmas Performance in Holy Family Church 7pm (All KS2 Children to Attend)
Wednesday 21 st December	Advent Reconciliation Service
Wednesday 21 st December	School Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 21 st December	Christmas Hat Assembly
Thursday 22 nd December 2016—Wednesday 4 th January 2017	Christmas Holidays
Thursday 5 th January 2017	First Day of Spring Term
Friday 6 th January 2017	Mass for the Epiphany (tbc)
Wednesday 18 th January 2017	Whole School Theatre Visit (Beauty & The Beast—Wednesday Players, Palace Theatre)
Monday 6 th February 2017	Year 6 Danbury Residential Trip
Friday 10 th February 2017	Year 6 Return from Danbury
Monday 13 th February—Friday 17 th February 2017	Half-Term Holiday

Wednesday 1 st March	Ash Wednesday—Lent Begins
Tuesday 21 st March 2017	Hot Cross Run (Catholic Schools' Cross Country Event) (tbc)
Monday 3 rd April—Friday 14 th April 2017	Easter Holidays
Sunday 9 th April 2017	Palm (Passion) Sunday—Start of Holy Week
Sunday 16 th April 2017	Easter Sunday
Monday 17 th April 2017	Public Holiday—School Closed
Tuesday 18 th April 2017	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 1 st May 2017	Public Holiday—School Closed
Monday 8 th May 2017	SATs Week Begins
Monday 29 th May- Friday 2 nd June 2017	Half-term Holiday
Thursday 20 th July 2017	Leavers' Mass (tbc)
Friday 21 st July 2017	Last day of the school year
Monday 24 th July 2017	Summer Holidays Begin

There is one more non-pupil day that needs to be set for 2016-2017 academic year

HEALTHY SCHOOLS POLICY APPENDIX ONE

The school is committed to: -

- Provide appropriate facilities for pupils eating packed lunches and ensure that free, fresh drinking water is available at all times.
- Work with parents to encourage packed lunches to meet the standards listed below.
- As fridge space is not available, pupils are advised to bring packed lunches in insulated bags with freezer blocks where possible.
- Wherever possible enable pupils eating packed lunches and pupils eating school lunches to sit together.

Packed lunches should include: -

- At least one portion of fruit (dried fruit: raisins, sultanas or other unprocessed dried fruit or a small tub of fruit in natural juice is also acceptable) and one portion of vegetables every day.
- Meat, fish, eggs or a non-dairy protein (e.g lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas, hummus, falafel) every day.
- Oily fish, such as salmon, at least once every three weeks.
- A starchy food such as any type of bread (white or wholegrain rolls, pitta bread or wraps), pasta, rice, couscous, noodles, potatoes or another cereal every day.
- A dairy food such as milk, cheese, yoghurt, *fromage frais* or custard every day.
- A drink of water, fruit juice or smoothie (maximum portion 150mls), semi skimmed, 1% or skimmed milk, yoghurt or another milk drink.

Packed lunches can occasionally include: -

- Meat products such as sausage rolls, individual pies, corned meat and sausages.
- Cereal bar, plain slice of cake or plain biscuit, but encourage your child to eat these as part of a meal.

Packed lunches should not include: -

- Salty snacks such as crisps
- Confectionary such as chocolate bars, chocolate biscuits, processed fruit bars or sweets.
- Sugary soft drinks such as squash, fizzy drinks (even if labelled as sugar-free, no added sugar or reduced sugar as these drinks can contribute to tooth decay and offer little nutritional value).