



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome back! I hope that you all had a relaxing and enjoyable time with your families over the Christmas and New Year period.

As many of you are aware, Mr. O'Kane was unwell over the Christmas holidays and has been unable to return to work since then. Fortunately, we are blessed with a team of committed and hardworking teachers and staff, all of whom are dedicated to doing the very best for our children. The governors and I will continue to ensure we maintain leadership and direction in the school. Due to my increased leadership responsibilities, with effect from the week beginning 27th January, Mrs. Frost will teach Year 2 on Mondays and Tuesdays and I will teach the children on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs. Frost is a supply teacher who is familiar with the Year 2 curriculum and has worked in the school before. We all wish Mr O'Kane a speedy recovery.

On Monday 6th January, we were pleased to welcome Father Eduard into school to celebrate a Mass for the Epiphany which was a lovely peaceful way to start the new school term.

On Friday 10th, the children and staff enjoyed our annual trip to the Palace Theatre to watch Jack and the Beanstalk. As usual we had a wonderful time and the Wednesday Players put on a superb performance; it was great to see some current and past pupils of the school treading the boards. I would like to give special thanks to Jackie Poth for helping us organise our visit.

The after school clubs run by Deanes have started this week. Netball training will begin on Wednesday 29th January.

The school nurse will be at school for a drop in session on Wednesday 22nd January from 2.30-3.30pm for any concerns you may have about your child. No appointments are necessary.

The Baptism of the Lord Last Monday it was the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Traditionally this Feast was celebrated on the Feast of the Epiphany, but over time it has come to be commemorated as a separate Feast. Jesus did not need to be baptised to wash away his sins—he was sinless. The Baptism of the Lord is all about revealing to humankind who Jesus really is. He is revealed as the ***Beloved Son of God*** by a voice from Heaven that accompanied the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove. Sunday's Feast was a wonderful opportunity for us all to think about our own Baptism—unlike Jesus, we were born with original sin - our Baptism cleansed us from sin and also made us children of God.

Thought for the Week “Where is the infant King of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.” Matt 2:2.

Attendance last week RF 94% 1F 90.4% 2T 99.2% 3W 98.3% **4LB 100%** 5H 99.3% 6M 98.6% Well done to Year4 for 100% attendance in the first week back!

Attendance this week

RF 89.3% 1F 88.5% 2T 98.1% 3W 98.9% **4LB 100%** 5H 97.9% 6M 93.1%.

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Diary Dates

Wednesday 22 nd January	School Nurse drop-in 2.30-3.30pm
Friday 24 th January	Year 5 class Assembly 9.15am
Wednesday 29 th January	Chinese Dance Day
Thursday 6 th February	Superheroes Day (EYFS)
Thursday 6 th February	First Aid Training (organised by the PGSA @ 7pm)
Monday 10 th February–Friday 14 th February	Year 6 Residential Trip
Monday 17 th February–Friday 21 st February	Spring Half-Term Break
Monday 24 th February	All Pupils Return to School
Monday 2 nd March	Grant Strong (visiting author)
Friday 6 th March	Y5 Day at Appleton High School
Friday 13 th March	Y2 Assembly
Friday 20 th March	Y3 Assembly
Monday 23 rd March	Infant Music Festival Year 2
Saturday 28 th March	PGSA Race Night
Friday 3 rd April	Y4 Easter Presentation
Friday 3 rd April	PGSA Children’s Disco
Sunday 5 th April	Palm/Passion Sunday—Start of Holy Week
Monday 6 th April—Friday 17 th April	Easter Holidays
Thursday 9 th April	Maundy/Holy Thursday
Friday 10 th April	Good Friday
Sunday 12 th April	Easter Sunday
Monday 20 th April	Pupils Return to School
Friday 8 th May	75 th Anniversary of VE Day—Public Holiday
Monday 11th May	KS2 (Year 6) SATs Week
Saturday 16 th May	Quiz Night (PGSA)
Monday 25 th May—Friday 29 th May	Summer Half-Term Break

Monday 1st June

Tuesday 2nd June

Thursday 4th June

Friday 26th June

Tuesday 21st July

Wednesday 22nd July

Non-Pupil Day 4

Pupils Return to School

Y3 & Y5 Mary Poppins Trip

School Summer Fete (PGSA)

Final School Day of Academic Year

Non-Pupil Day 5