



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome back and I hope that you all had a lovely break with your families over the Christmas period.

School Pantomime trip It is now possible for parents and carers to pay for the school's annual visit to the Wednesday Players' Pantomime (which is next Friday 12th January) via Parentpay. This may be accessed by the Parentmail website or the app. The cost is £12.10 per child covering the cost of the ticket and the coach. If you have not already paid we should be grateful for payment as soon as possible. Thank you.

School Uniform When our children go out on class trips or on other occasions when they represent the school, people always comment on how smart the children look in their uniforms. Visitors to the school also make similar comments. The overwhelming majority of pupils and parents support the school's uniform policy each and every day. However, a small number of children are attending school wearing items of clothing that are non-uniform. Uniform information can be obtained on the school website by clicking on the **ABOUT US** link, then **PARENTS' INFORMATION**—at this point you will be able to click on **SCHOOL UNIFORM**.

Attendance and Lateness You will see from the weekly figures below that attendance rates at Holy Family are falling. Mrs Hurley spoke to the children in assembly on Wednesday about an initiative that we will be introducing this half-term to encourage attendance and punctuality.

Music lessons Piano lessons will recommence on Tuesday 9th January and drum lessons on Monday 15th January.



The Holy Family

Prayer to the Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family and its beauty in God's plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen

Saint of the week The 6th of January is traditionally seen as the Feast of the Epiphany. The Epiphany marks the visit of the Magi (wise men) to the infant Jesus; the revelation of the Son of God in human form. For the majority of Roman Catholics, the Feast will be celebrated on the Sunday closest to 6th January. For Eastern Rite and Orthodox Christians, the Epiphany, celebrated on 6th January is one of the three great Christian Feasts—the other two being Easter and Pentecost.



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

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RF 88.4% 1F 91.1% 2T 89.4% 3W 90.9% 4HW 88.7% 5LB 90.2% 6F 96%. Well done to Year 6 for best attendance during the last week of term.

Mr P. O’Kane

Headteacher

Diary Dates

Friday 12th January 2018

Whole School Pantomime Trip

Saturday 13th January 2018

Fr Eduard will be available to provide Certificates of Catholic Practice after evening Mass

Saturday 20th January 2018

Fr Eduard will be available to provide Certificates of Catholic Practice after evening Mass

Friday 26th January

Year 5 Class Assembly, 10.15am

Monday 29 th January 2018	Young Voices concert o2 Arena Y5 & Y6
Friday 2 nd February 2018	Non-pupil day
Monday 5 th February—Friday 9 th February 2018	Year 6 Danbury Residential
Thursday 8 th February	Reception Class Assembly, 10.15am
Monday 12 th February—Friday 16 th February	Half-term Holiday
Wednesday 14 th February 2018	Ash Wednesday—Beginning of Lent
Friday 23 rd February 2018	Year 6 Class Assembly, 10.15am
Friday 2 nd March 2018	Year 1 Class Assembly, 10.15am
Thursday 8 th March 2018	Year 3 Class Assembly, 10.15am
Friday 23 rd March 2018	Year 2 Class Assembly, 10.15am
Sunday 25 th March 2018	Palm (Passion) Sunday
Thursday 29 th March 2018	Year 4 Solemn Easter Presentation, 2.15pm
Thursday 29 th March 2018	Holy Thursday
Friday 30 th March 2018	Good Friday (School Closed)
Sunday 1 st April	Easter Sunday
Monday 2 nd April	Public Holiday (School Closed)
Tuesday 3 rd April—Friday 13 th April 2018	Easter Holidays
Monday 16 th April 2018	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 7 th May 2018	Public Holiday (School Closed)
Monday 14 th May 2018	Beginning of SATs Week
Monday 28 th May—Friday 1 st June 2018	Half-term Holiday