



# NEWSLETTER



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Friday 12th January, 2024

Welcome, Ласкаво просимо, добро пожаловать, Witamy, Sveiki, Bienvenido, Bienvenue, ยินดีต้อนรับ to our weekly newsletter.



Welcome Back! We hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year. We've had a great first week and are looking forward the term ahead!

Please could we ask that My Child At School accounts for school meals and wrap around care clubs are kept up to date and paid regularly. If payments are not received for outstanding amounts, future bookings may not be available.

Thank you

## Term Dates

School closes for half term on  
**Friday 9th February, 2023**

and reopens on

**Monday 19th February, 2024**

Click the calendar icon or see documents in My Child At School for details of term dates.



## New Contact Numbers or Addresses

If your contact number or address has changed, these can be updated via your My Child At School account or you can inform us by emailing the school office.



## After School Interest Clubs

We are pleased to announce the new after school interest clubs starting next week.

**Any children who qualify for pupil premium funding may be eligible for a part subsidised place on some of the clubs, details below.**

**Please book places for all children via Clubs in My Child At School.**

### **Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 Girls Netball Club**

Monday 15/1/24 to Monday 25/3/24

3.30 pm to 4.30 pm

£10.00 per child

Further details on the newsletter about this club.

### **Year 1 & Year 2 Sports Club**

Tuesday 15/1/24 to Tuesday 26/3/24

3.30 pm to 4.30 pm

£30.00 per child

£15.00 per child using pupil premium funding

### **Year 6 Revision Club**

Wednesday 16/1/24 to Wednesday 27/3/24

3.30 pm to 4.30 pm

No charge

### **Year 2 & Year 3 Sign Language (BSL)**

Thursday 17/1/24 to Thursday 8/2/24

£8.00 per child

£4.00 per child using pupil premium funding

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries or for details about how to register for My Child At School.



## Packed Lunch & Break Time Snacks

Please can we ask that children bring a healthy packed lunch and snack for break time.



Please do not send sweets, items containing nuts or nut products.

# Happy Birthday

to pupils celebrating their birthday during the next week

Max W

Charlie CC

Erin W

Alexander SS

Cassie C

## After School Girls Netball Club

We have been offered the opportunity to partner with Headlanders Netball Club to provide an after school club which will be led by Miss Dove and a Coach from Darlington Headlanders

After running this training successfully at other schools, the club is designed to encourage girls to take up sport outside of school, whilst promoting health and well-being benefits of the sport. Out of school activities also help girls develop friendships, team building skills and promotes resilience.

The netball club offer activities for ages 3 years to adults. Further information is available



## Commemorative Books

We would like to remind families about our commemorative book scheme which has been really popular with families.



On your child's birthday, instead of sending sweets, why not donate a book to your child's class. All books donated will be added to the class reading corner and feature a nice label inside saying, 'Given on the occasion of \_\_\_'s \_\_\_th Birthday'.

If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff or the school office.

## Attendance Stars

The Class with the best weekly attendance will be rewarded with an additional activity.

This week's Attendance Stars  
are

**Year 4**

**A great start to the term.  
Congratulations!**

## Childcare Voucher Payments

Please remember to email the school office with details of any payments made via your childcare voucher provider for your child's account. We need to know name of child, amount paid, reference number and which account(s) the payment is for.

## CONTINUED PARKING APPEAL

Maintaining a good relationship with our neighbours and local community is really important to everyone at Holy Family.

Please can we renew our parking appeal and remind families not to park cars on double yellow lines, zig zag lines, in front of driveways and on pavements when dropping off in a morning or collecting after school.

Please continue to be considerate.

Thank you for your support



## Celebrating Good School Attendance

At Holy Family we like to celebrate and promote good school attendance and punctuality.

Each week, the class with the best attendance are rewarded with an additional activity and our attendance stars are also shared on the weekly newsletter.

As we start a new term, we would like to share with families some information produced by Bishop Hogarth Catholic Education Trust, in association with the Trust's attendance policy.

We have also included below some useful information about absence and appointments.

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### Attending School

Please try and ensure that your child is in school as much as possible and that they arrive before registration so they don't miss the start of their school day.

### Concerns

If at any time your child is concerned about anything or anxious about attending school, please contact us so we can help.

### Appointments

We understand that pupils need to attend medical appointments during the school day. If your child has an appointment they can be collected from/returned to school via the main entrance.

### Absence During Term Time

In accordance with the Trust's Attendance Policy, time off for holidays during term time will not be authorised and a fine/sanctions may be issued by the Local Authority.

### Illness

If children are going to be absent from school due to illness. Please inform the school office by telephone or email before 9.10 am.

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Research clearly demonstrates links between regular attendance and educational progress and attainment. We will always support pupils to access the best education we can offer and will work in partnership with families to help them achieve their maximum potential.

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# ATTENDANCE

Every School Day Counts!



**5** Minutes late each school day

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**3** school days lost each year

Every day your child is absent impacts on their education and academic achievement  
There is a clear link between attendance and attainment

95% Attendance	↔	9 Days Absent	↔	2 Weeks Absent	↔	50 Lessons Missed
90% Attendance	↔	19 Days Absent	↔	4 Weeks Absent	↔	100 Lessons Missed
85% Attendance	↔	29 Days Absent	↔	6 Weeks Absent	↔	150 Lessons Missed
80% Attendance	↔	38 Days Absent	↔	8 Weeks Absent	↔	200 Lessons Missed
75% Attendance	↔	48 Days Absent	↔	10 Weeks Absent	↔	250 Lessons Missed
70% Attendance	↔	57 Days Absent	↔	11.5 Weeks Absent	↔	290 Lessons Missed
65% Attendance	↔	67 Days Absent	↔	13.5 Weeks Absent	↔	340 Lessons Missed

Missing School = Missing Out!

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Every School Day Counts!



**365** days in a calendar year

**190** school days each year

**175** non-term days each year

(All the time you need for shopping, holidays and appointments)

Good attendance means being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days  
Please don't let your child miss out on the education they deserve



Attend Today = Achieve Tomorrow!