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Holy Family News

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Hello everyone!

Well winter is definitely here!

The children really do need their hats, scarves and gloves with them in school. I know it is a challenge but if you could try and make sure they have the children's names or initials on them.

Thank you to all of our the parents who attended Parents Evening over the last couple of weeks. We hope you found it useful to meet with class teachers and discuss your child's progress.

On **Tuesday**, we were entertained by a theatre company who performed **Snow White**. The children were engrossed with the production. A big thank you to the **Friends of Holy Family** for arranging the treat for the children.

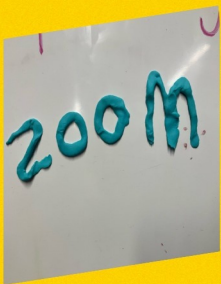




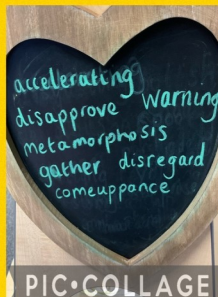
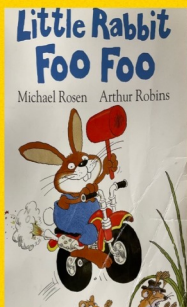
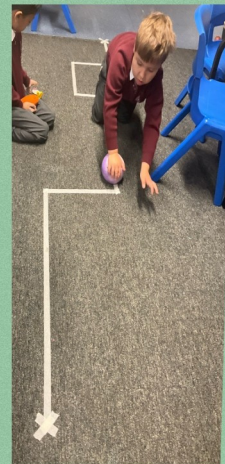
It was such a fun day on Wednesday when the pens around the school were put away for the day. The children really enjoyed a range of activities which involved lots of team work. Here are some photos of the classes activities.



No Pens Day Wednesday



**PLAY
DOUGH
CLUB!**



We have received the report for our recent audit for our Values Based Education Quality Mark. We are delighted by the comments Sue Jones, the assessor wrote about the school:

I arrived at Holy Family Catholic Primary School to conduct an audit for their second Standard Quality Mark. I had received their Audit Tool in advance and had seen that they have been working extremely hard to develop Values-based living throughout the whole school community. I therefore was prepared to consider the criteria for the Enhanced QM as well as the standard one.

On arrival, I was greeted by smiling and friendly staff and the wonderful warm and loving atmosphere of this school. I was able to speak to groups from all stakeholders and follow up thoroughly on the school's self-assessment.

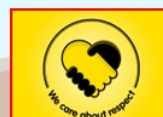
This is a school where Values are explicitly and naturally part of every aspect of school life. Everyone I spoke to demonstrated their understanding and their commitment to the four Core Values of the school:



These images and phrases are displayed in every area of the school and are constantly referenced in lessons and in day-to-day conversation. They are a fundamental part of every policy and action of the school. Staff feel highly valued. They receive good quality CPD and are encouraged to develop their individual skills.

At Holy Family staff have shown a firm commitment to sharing the Values-based approach widely and have certainly been great ambassadors for this. They are very ably led by Mrs Davison and Mrs Sharvin and VbE is so well embedded that I am confident this will continue, even if staff move on in their careers. This is a school where the Values really are the bedrock upon which everything else is founded. Everyone is invested totally in this philosophy.

It is rare to find a school as wholehearted in its approach and as compassionate to all.



ADVENT

Advent begins on Sunday. The theme for next week is **HOPE**. We will be holding a special **assembly** each **Monday** during **Advent** where **parents and friends** are more than welcome to **join us**, starting on **Monday 2nd December at 9am**.

The assembly will last for 20 minutes.

Prayer of Hope

God of hope,
we cling to you,
for your renew the face of the earth.

Through the gift of your Son,
our Lord Jesus,
we follow you on the path of dawn.

Enlightened by your love and wisdom,
help us to lead each other
and all creatures
back to your open arms.

Amen.



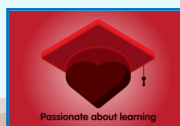
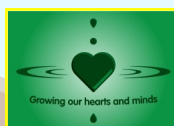
ATTENDANCE

	Attendance for week ending 23/11/24	This week's attendance 30/11/24
Reception	100%	96.4%
Year 1	96.1%	99.1%
Year 2	96.7%	98.3%
Year 3	93.7%	95.7%
Year 4	97.3%	96.7
Year 5	98%	97.7%
Year 6	94.3%	95.0%
Whole School	96.2%	96.9%

This week's attendance is better. It would be nice to see more 'greens' next week.

It is so important that the children are in school EVERY day.

Thank you for your support.



Dates for the Autumn term —dates are subject to change

DECEMBER

- 2nd 9am Advent assembly—parents are welcome to join us
- 3rd Early Years dress rehearsal
- 4th 9.15am Early Years Nativity—parents and families are welcome to join us
- 5th 9.30am Year 5 at mass
- 6th Christmas Fair 5pm—7pm
- 7th Choir singing at Walkden Gardens—time to be confirmed
- 9th 9am Advent assembly—parents are welcome to join us
- 10th Key Stage 1 dress rehearsal
- 11th 9.15am Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert
- 12th Christmas Dinner—children can wear own clothes with Christmas jumpers
- 13th 2.30pm Parents invited to Values Assembly
- 16th 9am Advent worship—Parents are welcome to join us
- 19th 9.30am Christmas mass in church—parents welcome
- 20th **1.30pm School Closes for Christmas break**

JANUARY 2025

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Funeral arrangements

It was with great sadness that we informed you about the passing of Michael Coughlan, our former site manager who dedicated many years to our school.

For those of you wishing to pay your respects, the funeral details are as follows:

Reception into Holy Family Church, Tuesday 3rd December at 7pm.

Requiem Mass, Wednesday 4th December at 11.30am.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Michael's family at this very difficult time.