

# Holy Family Newsletter

13th December 2022

Dear Parents

Another busy week at Holy Family! There are many Christmas celebrations—today is the KS2 panto and Wednesday is the KS1 nativity and the KS2 panto again on Thursday. All performances are at 2pm. We do ask that only one or two people attend per child, in order that we can fit everyone safely into the hall. On Thursday we will celebrate our End of Term Mass at 9.30am in the school hall. Carols around the Tree will take place on Friday at 9am –parents are very welcome to join us.



The Christmas Fayre was a great success on Friday and raised over £900. Thank you to everyone who helped and all who came along and supported it.

Sadly we will say goodbye to Mrs McArdle at the end of this week—we thank her for all her work in Year 2. We also say goodbye to Mr Lee from Signature Sports who has been our constant sports coach this year. We wish them both well in their new adventures.

Just to remind everyone that school finishes at 1.30pm on Friday 16th December 2022. We return to school on Wednesday 4th January 2023 (Tuesday school is closed for In Service training). Please ensure your child always bring a coat (and gloves and hat) - playtime and lunchtime are normally outside.

With warmest wishes for a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Mr Harding

## Fox Cubs

Our After School Care Club is getting busier. The club runs every day after school. Sessions can be booked until 4.30pm or until 6pm (5pm on Fridays). See leaflet for full details.

## Parking

Thank you to all the parents who are parking so much more considerately recently. We would remind parents that parking on pavements, across drives and blocking roads contravenes the Highway Code. Please think about the safety of all our children whilst manoeuvring by school.



## First Holy Communion

Fr Eugene is now inviting children who will be 8 years of age by 31st August 2023 to apply to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. They MUST be a BAPTISED Catholic and will need to produce a copy of their Baptism Certificate.

The course will begin with a meeting for Parents and Children on Friday 13th January 2023, where the course books will be available. The course will start on Saturday 21st January. Details of the set-up for the day will be available a successful application has been received.

To apply for the course please email [bristol.holyfamily@cliftondiocese.com](mailto:bristol.holyfamily@cliftondiocese.com) giving the Full name of the child, date of birth, date of baptism. An application form will be emailed and after it has been accepted, you will receive an acceptance email and invitation to the meeting on the 13th January 2023. Applications must be received by midday on **Friday 16th December 2022.**



## Governors

The school are currently seeking one Parent Governor and one Foundation Governor. The Foundation Governor is appointed as the Bishop's representative and must be a practising Catholic—applications for this should be to Fr Eugene. A parent governor may be any parent at the school. Both roles involve evening meetings and a commitment to help support the school. If you would like more information please make an appointment to have a chat with me.

## Kintbury

Year 5 had a wonderful time at Kintbury Advent Retreat this week. They were wonderfully behaved and a credit to yourselves and the school. Please see Class Dojo for photos.

## Choir

Twenty members of our choir attended Clifton Cathedral along with many other schools in South Gloucestershire. It was a wonderful Christmas celebration.

## Attendance

Just a reminder that holidays should not be booked during term time. Holidays cannot be authorised and can lead to a fixed penalty fine.

Attendance in school this week is 92.14% - well below the national average!

## Volunteers

We are always looking for parents to come in and listen to children read. We are also always looking for volunteers to accompany us swimming on a Tuesday afternoon. We do ask that you have a current DBS—but we can arrange this with you. Please contact school if you can offer a couple of hours a week. Thank you



## School Menu

The meal options for our return to school are:

Monday 2nd	Tuesday 3rd	Wednesday 4th January	Thursday 5th January	Friday 6th January
		Chicken & Veg York-shire Pudding or Quorn Roast	Quorn & Veg Crumble or Beef Bolognese	Fish Fingers or Cheese Omelette



## Sports Clubs

Sports clubs will remain the same days in Term 3. Unless you let us know otherwise, we will assume your child wishes to continue and will send out reminders for payment each term. The cost will vary each term depending on the number of weeks in that term. All clubs finish at 4.20pm. There are currently a few spaces in each club if your child is interested.

## Important Dates:

Tuesday 3rd January	School closed to children for In Service day
Wednesday 4th January	Children return to school
Wednesday 4th January	Year 3 Forest Schools
Friday 6th January	Feast of Epiphany Mass at Church 9.30am—parents welcome to walk to church with us
Tuesday 10th January	Year 5 swimming pm—volunteer parents needed
Wednesday 11th January	Reception Forest Schools
Tuesday 17th January	Year 5 swimming pm
Wednesday 18th January	Year 4 Forest Schools
Tuesday 24th January	Multifaith day
Tuesday 24th January	Year 5 swimming pm—volunteer parents needed
Wednesday 25th January	Year 5 Forest Schools
Tuesday 31st January	Year 5 swimming pm—volunteer parents needed
Wednesday 1st February	Year 1 Forest School
Monday 6th February	Book Fair—books on sale each day
Tuesday 7th February	Year 5 swimming pm—volunteer parents needed
Wednesday 8th February	Year 2 Forest Schools

## Forest School Clothing

The dates of Forest Schools are shown above. Please ensure your child has suitable clothing for the weather. We are outside all day.

