

# Holy Family News

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of our parents attending parents evening last week. As you will know the children are working extremely hard. The teachers have planned some great trips and experiences to enhance learning for your child. Last week, Year 1 children went on a nature walk and to visit a war memorial and Year 2 went to a Fireground Museum to support their learning in History.

Christmas will soon be upon us! I am hoping that we are able to hold our annual nativity performances live, but the decision will be made nearer the time depending on current advice from Public Health and the rates in Oldham.

Please take the time to read the newsletter carefully. As always should you need any support please contact school on [support@holyfamily.oldham.sch.uk](mailto:support@holyfamily.oldham.sch.uk).

Take care and stay safe.

Mrs Booth



## School Uniform:

Thank you for your continued support in making sure that the children are wearing the correct uniform for school and PE. It is essential that children adhere to the school uniform as it creates a sense of belonging and community and prepares them well for secondary school.

**Please make sure that your child:**

- **Is wearing black shoes. The playground can be slippy in wet weather please make sure that your child's shoes are suitable for the Winter months.**
- **Is not wearing jewellery**
- **If they do wear earrings they must be studs**
- **Is not wearing nail varnish**

## Nursery Places:

We still have a few places available for January. If you would like more information please contact Mrs Ordano in the school office.

## Safety at Home time:

Please can all parents make sure that little ones are close by in the playground, it can be slippy during the winter months.

The gym equipment in KS2 playground is for children aged 7-11. Please can you keep the children off the play equipment at home time to avoid any accidents. Thank you for your help with this.

## Attendance

In line with School Attendance: Guidance for Schools, we will be changing the way Covid related absences are recorded. In the past, Covid related absences were marked with an 'X' code, which did not affect the child's attendance record. Now, following the new guidance, we can only mark with an 'X' while you are waiting for the test result (two days), after that, the mark will be an 'I', which is used for illness. The 'I' code will also be used when the test is positive. Schools can request supporting evidence from the family following an absence for a Covid test.

Thank you for your continued support.

During the month of November we will be praying for loved ones who are no longer with us. If you would like us to pray for a loved one, leaves for our memory tree are available in in school.

