



Holy Family News

28th February

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a lovely half term holiday and enjoyed the time with your children. It is lovely to be back and already the children are working hard! Due to school trips on the 6th March, our annual World Book Day celebration has been moved to **Tuesday 4th March**. Apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused. Please take the time to read the newsletter, there is important information about communication.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Tunnicliffe

Communication

By the end of March we will no longer be using teachers to parents text messages. All communication will be done through School Comms and email. It is extremely important that ALL our parents sign up to this App to ensure that you receive letters and information from the school. We currently have 80% of our parents using the app. This needs to be 100%! Please speak to the school office if you need help accessing School Comms.

Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent. Lent lasts for 40 days reminding us of Jesus' time in the wilderness. During Lent we prepare for Easter, the most important festival in the Catholic calendar. Father Celestine will be celebrating Mass with the children at 9.15am and distributing ashes.

Football

We are proud to announce that our football team won 4-2 away at Oasis Limeside with goals from: James, Jeremiah, Alice and Alex. The team went 1-0 down within the first few minutes, but showed excellent resolve and team spirit to fight back and come away with a win. We have now won our first two games and are on track to reach the next stage of the league. Man of the match was Olly, who showed great composure and ran the midfield.

Please see the next page for IMPORTANT dates for this half term.

Choral Speaking:

On Thursday 6th March, Year 5 will be participating in Oldham's Annual Choral Speaking Festival at the Queen Elizabeth Hall. They will be reciting 2 poems:

1. Invictus
2. The Car Trip.

We wish them lots of luck and hope that they enjoy the experience!

Parent View

We would be grateful if you would complete our parent questionnaire. Your views are important to us and help us to improve further. Please click [here](#) to share your feedback..

Theatre Trips:

Year 1 and Reception are going to Salford Theatre to participate in a musical singalong with Greater Manchester Music Hub. The children have been enjoying learning the songs, and I am sure it will be lots of fun!

Year 6 will have the fantastic opportunity to see the theatre show of their current text, *The Pig Heart Boy*. I'm sure they will enjoy this page-to-stage experience.

St Joseph's Penny

This year, the children will be bringing home a St Joseph's Penny Box. During Lent, we ask that if you have any spare change, that you pop it into the money box to donate to Caritas. Caritas provides many services around Manchester to support local people. Click [here](#) to find out more. Every penny counts and helps to change and improve lives. Thank you for your support with this.

Tuesday 4th March	World Book Day
Thursday 6th March	Reception / Y1 trip to Jack & the Beanstalk
Thursday 6th March	Year 5 choral speaking performance
Wk beginning 17th March	Parent conference week
Wednesday 26th March	Year 6 trip to the Lowry
Friday 28th March (9:30am)	Mother's Day coffee morning
Tuesday 8th April at 2:30pm	Clarinet Easter performance
Wednesday 16th April	The pupils are invited to bring in their Easter bonnets and gardens.
Thursday 17th April	School closes at 1:30pm