



# Holy Family Catholic Primary School

*To work, to pray, to play  
in the Light of the Lord*



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November

## Advent is coming!



### Holy Family Admissions September 2016

If your child will be 5 between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017, you will need to apply for a primary school place in November 2015

The governors will admit 30 children aged 4 in September 2016, children born on and between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012 may be admitted full time places.

Applications for a primary school place will open on 1st November 2015 and close on 15th January 2016. Places will be confirmed by email on 15th April 2016.

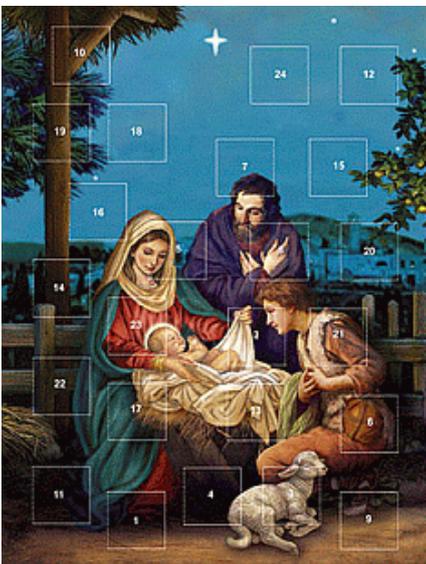
Applications are usually submitted online at [www.leeds.gov.uk](http://www.leeds.gov.uk). **Holy Family also requires that you complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF)** as well as your application to Leeds City Council. These forms are available at the school office, or from the school website. They should be returned to the school office.

We warmly invite you to come and watch our happy school at work before you submit your application.

The following open mornings are currently available (9:00 - 11:30)\*:

**7th December**

\*We can arrange a tour of school if you are unable to attend any on the open morning. Please call the office to arrange a date and time. Please call early to avoid disappointment as these spaces are limited.



# Advent



It is a warm season filled with the anticipation of the coming of Jesus, the Advent of Jesus. There are four Sundays in Advent, each one represents one of the four thousand years that mankind awaited its saviour. One of the traditions is lighting the Advent Candles in the Advent wreath and saying Advent prayers each Sunday leading up to Christmas. The Churches year begins on the first Sunday of Advent this year it will begin on the 29th of November. Following this are the four weeks of Advent and the Christmas festivals, ending with the Epiphany, January 6th.



## After School Clubs

- **Before and after School Clubs**
- **8.00am-8.50am**
- **3.15pm-6.00pm**
- **Currently has vacancies**
- **We are also open during the School Holidays, 21st, 22nd and 23rd of December**
- **For more information please contact Harriet on: 07780660498**

## Independence!

Please allow your child to bring in their own Homework, PE kit, reply slips, trip money, notes and messages in a clearly marked envelope. They should be passed to their class Teacher and brought to the Office with the registers. Children must learn to take responsibility and the Office area is getting very congested these days!

Thank you for your consideration.



## KEY DATES FOR SCHOOL CALANDER 2016-2017:

- The school year starts on the **5th of September**.
- We break up for October half term on the **21st of October**, we then return on the **31st**.
- We break up for Christmas on the **22nd of December**, we then return on the **3rd of January**.
- **February** Half term begins on the **13th** and we come back on the **20th**.
- We break up for Easter on the **31st of March** and return on the **10th**– in school for holy week being the 10th 11th 12th and 13th.
- **Bank holiday weekend 14th-17th of April**.
- **May Bank Holiday 1st of May**
- We then have a week of in June starting on the **5th then return 12th**
- We break up for Summer on the **21st of July!**



## BOOKS TO AFRICA

With all the recent building work the teachers decided it was time for a spring clean!

Rather than throwing unwanted text books in the bin, we decided it would be a good idea to donate them to Africa. Hopefully children less fortunate than ourselves will be able to make good use of them!



## READING CORNERS

Teachers have been working hard to develop reading in classes. As part of this each class has been given a budget to buy a new bookcase, bean bags and accessories to create interactive reading areas. Each class will take part in a competition to create the best area! Winners to be announced very soon!



## SCHOOL COUNCIL: BOOK SWAP!

School council have visited each class this week to talk about book swapping. We decided it would be a lovely idea to bring books to school that children no longer want. Each class will have a special book box where they can donate or borrow a book. We hope you will enjoy using your book box!

# Using the Library!

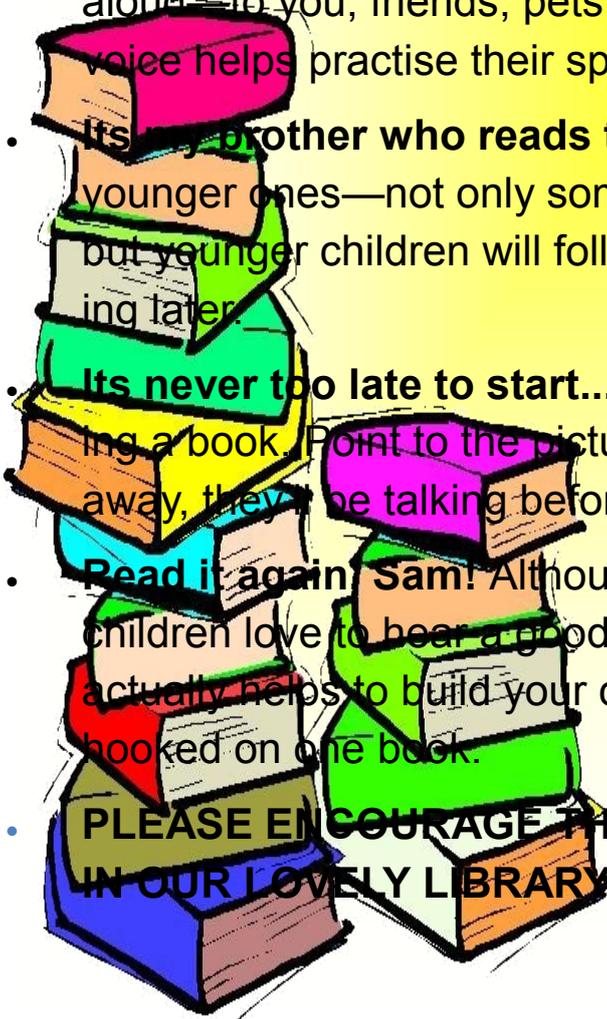
- Parents are welcome to come in on a Wednesday after School (starting after Christmas)
- We continue to do our best to promote the use of our school library. The children are encouraged to use it regularly. The best role models for encouraging reading are in the home: parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters. It is important that your children see you reading. Not just books, newspapers or magazines are good too.
- **Set the example...**We all know how much children copy their parents. Make sure they see you reading the newspaper, magazine, a book or a recipe. In copying you they will gain confidence and get to be great readers too.
- **Be nice...**praise your child for their efforts when reading—its fine for them to make mistakes. Its supposed to be fun!
- **Let them make some noise...** Encourage your children to read aloud—to you, friends, pets or even their toys. Hearing their own voice helps practise their speaking and builds confidence.

- **Its my brother who reads to me...** get older children to read to younger ones—not only some valuable time off for mums and dads, but younger children will follow their example in practising their reading later.

- **Its never too late to start...**even your youngest children love sharing a book. Point to the pictures and encourage them to babble away, they'll be talking before you know it!

- **Read it again Sam!** Although grown ups might like something new, children love to hear a good story again and again. Plus, repeating actually helps to build your child's language, so don't worry if they're hooked on one book.

- **PLEASE ENCOURAGE THE CHILDREN TO READ THE BOOKS IN OUR LOVELY LIBRARY!**



# Christmas Dinner



We are delighted to have 106 extra people joining us for Christmas Dinner on Friday 11th. I am afraid we can take no more orders as there has been so much take up this year!



## Christmas Jumper!

We are inviting the children to wear 'Christmas outfits' on Friday 4th December (a non uniform day)



## Classroom Windows



We would appreciate it if parents and visitors to school do not disturb classrooms by putting their faces right up against the windows to see in. this is very disconcerting for the children and distracting. Please remember your child is not in a zoo and they want peace and privacy to get on with their work. Thank you for your consideration!

## Sculpture Day

Also on Friday 4th December all classes will be displaying the sculptures they have created after our visit to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park. We will have our own sculpture park, in the living Classroom area, for you to visit from 2pm. You may like to join us for our celebration assembly!

## JOURNALISM at Trinity and All Saints

On Thursday 19th November some children visited Trinity and All Saints for an evening of Journalism.

The children got to learn about the different roles in the newsroom.

They got 'hands on' experience with the equipment including TV cameras, autocue, sound desk and lighting.

The children also got a chance to meet Associate Principle Lecturer in Journalism and Jason McCartney, MP for Colne Valley. Ella-Rois said "I liked using the film cameras and we got our very own press cards!"



# SUPER SATURDAY - CANOEING AT YEADON TARN

On Saturday the 14th of November some children from KS2 attended a 'Super Saturday' event at Yeadon Tarn.

The children took part in Bell boating and canoeing. Leon in Year 6 said

"It was really exciting and we got to

take part in lots of fun activities. We got a bit wet but we didn't care!"



## Christmas Cup!

Mr Pinna has organised 2 Football competition for our house teams. The KS2 event will take place on Monday 7th and Wednesday 16th after school. The KS1 event will be on Monday 14th at 1.00pm and Wednesday 16th at 9.30am. A final day will take place on the 17th.



# Cluster event!

We are proud to say that the cluster event was very successful! All the cluster schools took part in sports such as Hockey, Bench ball and Dodge ball. The children that took part had never played these sports properly before and we won all of the games we played! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it and made the school proud so a big well done to the following students who took part...

Chloe Wade

Oliwia Nauka

Leigha McDowell

Neamh Eldahma

Mae Alexander

Natalie Jones

Evie Rae Woodward