



Holy Rood Catholic Primary School

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Important Dates and Events

Thursday 21 December 2017—Nursery to Cannon Hall

Thursday 21 December 2017—9.15am—KS2 Carol

Concert led by Y4 and Y5

Thursday 21 December 2017—pm—Christmas Parties—Children can bring party clothes to change in to

Friday 22 December 2017—10am Christmas Mass—whole school to Church—Y6 children to read

Monday 8 January 2018—Children and staff return to school

Tuesday 9 January 2018—Swimming begins for 4 weeks

Wednesday 10 January 2018—SEN Coffee Morning

Thursday 11 January 2018—9.15am Friends of Holy Rood Meeting

Wednesday 17 January 2018—SEN Review meetings

Thursday 18 January 2018—Choir to Young Voices—1pm departure

Monday 22 January 2018—Y1 Parents Meeting re: Phonics Screening Check led by Mrs Dalton

Friday 2 February 2018—2.45pm Evidence of Learning afternoon—*please note last entrance through main reception will be at 3.20pm*

Tuesday 6 February 2018—2pm Tiny Tots Stay and Play

Wednesday 7 February 2018—3.30pm Y2 SATs Meeting

Thursday 8 February 2018—First Confession at Holy Rood Church 6.30pm

Friday 9 February 2018—3.30pm Valentine's Bake Sale

Friday 9 February 2018—3.30pm Break up for Half term

The theme of our prayers this week:

We must bring the love of God to others.

Last week's attendance

Class	% Attendance
Foundation 2	97.1
Year 1	92.2
Year 2	91
Year 3	98.7
Year 4	97
Year 5	99.3
Year 6	93.8
SCHOOL TOTAL	95.6

Congratulations to Y5 who had the best attendance last week. Well done keep it up!

Class	100% Attendance	Number of Children
Foundation 2	85.7	24
Year 1	79.3	23
Year 2	82.7	24
Year 3	93.3	28
Year 4	88.8	24
Year 5	96.6	29
Year 6	83.3	20
SCHOOL TOTAL	87.3	172

School Holidays 2017/2018

25 December 2017—5 January 2018—Christmas

12—16 February 2018—February Half term

30 March—6 April 2018—Easter Holiday

7 May 2018—May Day

28 May—8 June 2018—Spring Bank Holiday

20 July 2018—Break up for Summer

Inset days 2017/2018

Friday 8 June 2018

Monday 23 July 2018

KS2 Carol Concert

On Thursday at 9.15am, Y4 and Y5 will lead our Carol Concert. Parents, grandparents and people of the parish are warmly invited to come along and join us.

Christmas Mass in Church

On Friday 22 December, the whole school will be going to Holy Rood Church for Christmas Mass at 10.00am. If any parents or grandparents are willing to help escort the children to and from Mass, would you please give your name to the office staff? Thank you for your continued support. PLEASE NOTE school will be closed from 9.30am until 11.30am as the whole school including office staff will be attending the Christmas Mass.

Barnsley Hospice

Last Wednesday, 14 of our children went along with Mrs Heald and our Vice Chair of Governors, Mrs Preston to Barnsley Hospice to sing Christmas carols to the patients. Both children and patients enjoyed the morning. Please see below a message that we have received from Barnsley Hospice.

I would just like to thank the staff and children for visiting the hospice yesterday. Patients and staff really enjoyed listening to the lovely carols and we were all really impressed with how the children behaved. They showed a genuine interest in meeting and chatting with the patients.

I think it would be good to continue these visits throughout the year.

FS1 and FS2 Nativity

A very huge thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who came to see our Foundation Stage Nativity. The singing, the speaking parts and the acting was brilliant to say that a third of the children have English as a second language and some of them are only just 3 years old! Well done children.

KS1 Nativity

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to see the KS1 Nativity. The children worked incredibly hard to learn their lines and songs. A huge thank you to our parents for your continued support with the costumes; those who bought them and also those who made them.

Christingle Y3

A special thank you to Y3 who worked really hard and read and sang beautifully during the Christingle assembly. Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who came along to watch.

Christmas Jumper day

£167.64 was collected for Barnsley Hospice. Thank you for your kind generosity, we will arrange to send a cheque to them today.

January 2018

From January 2018, we will be opening the classroom doors from 8.50am. This means that children will be able to enter their classroom from this time. Should you wish to speak to the teacher, they will be available briefly at the door but we ask that parents from Y1-Y6 do not enter the cloakrooms. Y3 children can walk straight round to their classroom door. We hope this will help and support our parents with drop off prior to them setting off to work.

Crisis.org.uk

Thank you to everyone who has supported the homelessness this year by either downloading the Streets of London song or donating coats, hats and scarves etc. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

School Kitchen vacancy

We have a vacancy within our school kitchen for 2 hours a day throughout lunchtime. If you are interested in joining the team please apply on the council website at www.barnsley.gov.uk-jobs.

Swimming 2018

Please return the permission slip and completed BPL health form before Friday 22 December 2017. Thank you.

School comms

An account named Dinner Money Spring Term 2018 will be online from 2 January 2018 to allow you to pay for your child's dinner money.

Music Tuition

Please pay any outstanding music money before Friday. Thank you.

Christmas Holidays

School closes at 3.30pm on Friday and re-opens for children on Monday 8 January 2018.

*May I take this opportunity to wish all of our wonderful children and their families a very happy and holy Christmas.
Enjoy spending time together as a family, making wonderful memories and remembering those that cannot be with us during this festive time.
God Bless you all
Mrs Dobson*

