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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, we have had an amazing enrichment week with trips out to Lourdes, Normandy, Newby Wiske Y 7 residential, the Skylark centre and Flamingo Land!

In school, our students have been given opportunities to try lots of different activities and we urged them to come out of their 'comfort zone' to get involved in as many things as possible. They have been fantastic. Here are some of the experiences different groups have taken part in:

- Different circus skills – including spinning plates (plastic ones!) and balancing long feathers on their fingers and chins!
- Volleyball skills
- Quick cricket
- Bake-off - Making chocolate cakes
- Music workshops
- Board games and jigsaws – learning patience, resilience and team work.
- Creative writing workshops
- Arts and crafts – making 'gonks', finger crochet skills, balloon powered cars!
- Origami skills
- Making 3D Maths sculptures
- Sign language
- Badminton skills
- Lego challenges
- Orienteering
- Solving puzzles
- Bingo
- Quizzes
- Building the tallest tower
- An 'escape room' challenge

And more!!!

It was lovely to be invited to 'afternoon tea' today by a group of students to sample the baking they have done this morning, everything was delicious. We enjoyed judging the bake-off and sampling the very tasty chocolate cakes.

Many thanks to all our staff at Holy Family for planning such a great week of trips and activities, supporting our students 'To grow in wisdom and grace.' Our staff and students have worked together as a team as we adapted activities due to the weather! Thanks for all your support with the changes we have had to make.

We have uploaded some photos onto our Twitter (X) feed and our students will be writing some 'news stories' about their experiences to include with other photos in next week's Newsletter. Well done to Matilda K (Y9) and Cameron D (Y10) who were nominated for my headteacher awards due to their positive involvement in the circus skills activity – very impressive! Also to Aleks D (Y8) for his fantastic effort in all the activities. They will receive their headteacher awards on Monday.

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Reminder - 'end of term' information

Day/Date	Information		Uniform
Monday 15/07/24	Sports Day		School PE Kit
Tuesday 16/07/24	Normal school day		Normal Uniform
Wednesday 17/07/24	Normal school day		Normal Uniform – school PE kit if you have PE
Thursday 18/07/24	Normal school day		Normal Uniform
Friday 19/07/24	Tutor group activities – preparing for next year. Whole school liturgy. Celebration and Award assemblies. Finish at the normal time of 3pm.		Normal Uniform

Please note that in the final week there will be no after school homework club on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th July.

Progress Reports – message from Mr Devlin

Progress reports are now available to view on Edulink. These reports give you an overview of your child's progress over the year for each of their subjects. Teacher's use evidence from many different sources to make these judgements, ranging from contributions in lessons to the recent end of year assessments. If you wish to discuss any aspects of your child's report please contact us using enquiry@holyfamilycarlton.org and your questions will be directed to the relevant member of staff.

Finally this week...

We will be 'weather watching' again next week and will 'group call' if we have to move sports day. Currently it looks okay for Monday during the day.

If you can make sure your child has a water bottle, sun protection and a happy, 'can do' positive attitude we will be enormously grateful.

As always, thanks for all your support.

Have a great weekend and we hope all the football fans enjoy the Euros final on Sunday –lets hope the England Team also have a happy, 'can do' positive attitude!



Mrs D. Mitchell
Headteacher