



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

This week in school:

The children have been focussing on activities to help improve their mental health and wellbeing in their classes this week. It has been a very calm start to each day and the children have lots of tips they can share with you.

They have also been learning about online safety in their classes. Please continue to regularly talk to your child about what they are doing online and how they can keep themselves safe.

Next Week:

On Thursday morning Year 5 will be performing their production of the Tempest. Year 5 parents are invited to watch from 9:30-10:30. A version will be filmed and put on the school website for those who cannot attend.

On the morning of Friday 18th February, Year 6 will be hosting a World War 2 Tea Dance for their parents. Year 6 parents are invited to come in from 9.15am to help celebrate the end of our history topic by watching us perform our dances from the 1940s and hopefully enjoy our traditional war time cakes which we will have made using rationing. All Year 6 children are encouraged to come in wearing clothes from the 1940's on that day.

Coronavirus Update:

Coronavirus continues to be a concern for us all in school. We currently have a small number of pupils who have tested positive and are isolating, especially in Year 1 and Year 4. Please monitor your child closely for symptoms and keep them home if they are at all unwell.

Current recognised symptoms include a scratchy throat, lower back pain, a runny or blocked nose, a headache, muscle pains and fatigue, sneezing and night sweats as well as fever, loss of taste/smell or a continuous cough. If your child has any of these symptoms, please do not send them to school and get a PCR test.

If there is a case in your child's class you will have been informed by text message. The current government guidance means that we would only close a class if we were unable to staff it. Thank you for all your support in these continuing tricky times.



There may be situations where the isolation period can be shortened to 5 days for positive cases and close contacts. Please check you are following the rules carefully to help keep us all safe. Please follow this link for further information:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/how-long-to-self-isolate/>

Although mask wearing is no longer compulsory, all staff and visitors will continue to wear a mask in communal areas. We hope this will reduce the risk of having to close classes due to staff shortages. We are hoping to restart having parents back in school from the last week of this term.

Storyboard Walk:

In celebration of Spring and Half Term, Victoria Park Primary are hosting a Storyboard Walk with Koru Kids. It's an outdoor game, story and walk all in one! It's a community event, and everybody is welcome to join in. Children, together with their families, follow the trail to complete the story which helps Marina the Monkey get her balloon back. It starts on Friday 18 February and runs until 13th March. It's perfect for families with children aged 3 - 10. Booklets and maps will be sent home in book bags. Visit korukids.co.uk/bristolwalk to find out more.

Snacks:

Please remember children are not given a government provided snack for playtime in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6). Please provide your child with a healthy snack if you wish.

Road safety and parking:

I have been asked **again** this week by local residents to politely remind all parents about parking considerately and legally outside school both in the morning and the afternoon. As Dean Lane is now a one way system due to the local road network upgrade, it is really important that you do not park on any double yellow lines or where there is not a designated parking space. Please also do not use the car park between the bed and breakfast as a parking or turning place. Please also do not park on the pavement as this makes it dangerous for all our children. I have also been sent photos of cars parked illegally by local residents. Please, please help us continue to have a positive relationship with local residents by not parking across garages or on corners so that cars cannot get through. Parking services and our PCSO will be monitoring parking around the school regularly from next week.

Assemblies/Visitors:

Class assemblies will resume as soon as possible and will be added to the calendar shortly. We are hopeful that stay and play/read/count sessions will also resume after February half term.

Online Gaming:

We have been informed of harmful content on gaming platform Roblox. Please read: https://oursaferschools.co.uk/2022/01/19/roblox-parents-guide-and-age-restrictions/?utm_campaign=Evil%20Santa&utm_medium=email&_hsmt=201314829&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9MFHf6ikzF6nd_sSRp3U6HQ35VVeKzggL9FeKt6PtvBhuN_JPdZ5dHNPT3Z3shInPV_HfOjYasrH6i_bo-YgnyOeTYtNktGTGWglfNCABM3WyQSg&utm_content=201314829&utm_source=hs_email



Please make sure you are regularly checking sites and activities your child is using when on the internet. We will be doing more work with the children this week as part of National Online Safety Week.

Nut free school:

Please remember that we have a number of children with nut allergies: some airborne. This means that we need to **insist that all products sent into schools are nut free**. There are some food items you would not think contained nuts so please can all parents check labelling when making packed lunches.

Please check if all treats are nut free if you are sending them in for your child's birthday. Even cakes that say may contain nuts can be dangerous for some of our children. We are unable to give them out if this is the case.

Finally:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kDBJNQiugnM>

Thank you for all your support. Have a restful weekend.



Mrs Kingston.

Important Dates:

Date	Event
Tuesday 15 th February	Year 3 Museum Trip
Wednesday 16 th February	Year 1 Aquarium Trip
Thursday 17 th February	Year 5 Performance AM Reception Zoo Trip
Friday 18 th February	Year 6 WW2 tea dance for parents am End of Term 3 Parents learning sharing session
Monday 28 th February	Inset Day
Tuesday 1 st March	Start of Term 4
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day

