



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

This week in school:

Today we celebrated Numbers Day as a way to raise funds for the NSPCC. All classes took part in a number of mathematical activities that might vary from their normal learning. Year 6 were able to take on a leadership role by sharing their hand made maths board games with reception class. They even took them on a number hunt in the forest! Year 6 were excellent role models and it was amazing to see them showing such support and patience, helping the younger children with their learning.

It has been great to see everyone from across the school so engaged in their mathematical learning and all for such a great cause too!

Thank you for all of your generous donations and the winner from the 'guess the number of sweets in a jar' will be announced on Monday.

The teachers have been working with the children on their writing on a 1:1 basis this week and will have the opportunity to do this again next week. They are drawing up individual action plans for each child to help them make the best progress possible.

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.

Safer Internet Day:

Next week is Online Safety week. Please use this link to find ways to keep yourself and your children safe online. <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022/top-tips-for-under-11s>

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:

February seems to have brought lighter evenings already. The forecast for the weekend is looking very promising. Please look after your own well-being as well as your children by getting out in the fresh air as much as possible and taking time to rest.

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



Mrs Kingston.

Important Dates:

Date	Event
Monday 7 th February	Online safety week
Monday 7 th February	Children's mental health week
Wednesday 9 th February	Festival day for mental health week
Wednesday 9 th February	Year 6 SATs Information Evening 3.30pm
Friday 11 th February	Wear your scarf to school day
Saturday 12 th February	Lantern Parade
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

