



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **This week in school:**

On Tuesday, Year 2 visited Bristol Aerospace Museum and had a fantastic day out. They loved seeing the planes – especially Concorde – and making their own versions. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time to make it possible for the class to go. The children were amazing and made their teachers very proud.

Yesterday and this morning a group of Year 5 pupils took part in 'Bikeability' training. They learnt how to sensibly and safely ride their bikes on the roads around the school, and then got to ride their bikes around the key stage 2 playground just for fun.

This morning the fire brigade came to visit Year 2 as part of their Topic work. The children got to sit in the fire engine, learnt how to 'drop and roll' and how to call the fire brigade in an emergency. They also got to use the water hose outside on the cars and walls – managing to just avoid soaking Mrs James in the process!

After school today, the Year 6 pupils are running a cake and book sale to raise funds for their end of year activities. Please come along and support them if you can. Thank you to all those who donated cakes and books.

### **Coronavirus Update:**

Coronavirus continues to be a concern for us all in school. We currently have a small number of pupils and staff absent from school. 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

In order to help keep us all safe and all classes open, please do not send your child to school if they feel at all unwell. This is particularly important with the highly infectious Omicron variant where the 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. Thank you for all your support in these continuing tricky times.

**If your child has any of the symptoms above they will be required to have a PCR test to rule out Covid before being able to return to school.**



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.

### **Numbers Day:**

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February we will be taking part in Numbers Day. Children are invited to wear clothing linked to numbers and bring in a donation for the NSPCC. The children will also take part in a range of number based activities throughout the day.

### **Snacks:**

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

### **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.

### **Class newsletters:**

All class teachers have sent out their class newsletter for this term with important information and dates on them. Please also check the class dojo or Tapestry apps to check you are receiving the most up to date information or any changes to the timetables.

### **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-YgnyOeTYtNktGTGWglfNCABM3WyQSqg&utm\\_content=201314829&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](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-YgnyOeTYtNktGTGWglfNCABM3WyQSqg&utm_content=201314829&utm_source=hs_email)



### **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=UqFcetG7wGQ>

January can be a tricky month for many. We are so nearly at the end of it! Keep going.

If you are finding things tricky at the moment, talk to someone you trust.

Remember to be able to look after your children you need to look after your selves too.

Take care of your selves and I hope you are able to enjoy some rest and recuperation this weekend with your loved ones.

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

*J. Kingston*

Mrs Kingston.

### **Important Dates:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Numbers Day
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Lantern Parade
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 Museum Trip
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 Aquarium Trip
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 Performance AM Reception Zoo Trip
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	End of Term 3
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Inset Day
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Start of Term 4
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day

