



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

This week in school:

The children returned to school full of enthusiasm and happiness, and it was so lovely to see them again and hear about the fun had during the Christmas break. I hope you were all able to spend quality time with your families.

Our back to school Assembly focussed on bridges we can choose to cross throughout this year. A bridge can take us somewhere new if we have the courage to step onto it. I have asked the children to think of a new challenge they can take on this year to help make them and the world the best they can be. Your children are amazing and can do amazing things.

On Tuesday, staff took part in training to further help the pupils dealing with the continued pandemic. I am very conscious of the impact on the well-being of our whole school community, and would like to remind you all to reach out if you are finding it difficult, especially at this time of the year. We are able to offer practical support in the form of food parcels, as one example.

Coronavirus Update:

Coronavirus continues to be a concern for us all this New Year, especially as the figures are currently very high in Bristol. 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. So if your child has any of these symptoms, please do not send them to school and get a PCR test.

The guidance around the testing process changes from Tuesday 11th January. Please follow this link for the updated guidance:

[Confirmatory PCR tests to be temporarily suspended for positive lateral flow test results - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/confirmatory-pcr-tests-to-be-temporarily-suspended-for-positive-lateral-flow-test-results)

However, 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.



'Bemmie Lanterns':

Unfortunately, the Bedminster Lantern Parade due to go ahead tomorrow afternoon has been postponed until February. Further information will be sent out nearer the time.

First communion classes:

First communion class continue this Sunday after Mass. If your child is making their first holy communion next June, please come to Mass at 9:50am and the class will follow at 10:50am until 12pm.

Flu vaccinations:

Flu vaccinations will take place next Wednesday in school for all those children who parents previously completed the forms. We are unable to add any late additions as it is the school nurses who run the vaccination programme and not school staff.

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.

Finally:

Happy New Year! I hope 2022 is a positive and successful one for you all.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bf5fszR6Bcc>

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



Mrs Kingston.

Important Dates:

Date	Event
Wednesday 12 th January	Flu Immunisation
Thursday 13 th January	Year 2 SATs information session 4pm online
Tuesday 25 th January	Year 2 Trip Aerospace
Thursday 27 th January	Year 5 Bikeability all day
Friday 28 th January	Year 5 Bikeability AM Cake and book sale after school
Saturday 12 th February	Lantern Parade
Thursday 17 th February	Year 5 Performance AM
Friday 18 th February	End of Term 3
Monday 28 th February	Inset Day
Tuesday 29 th February	Start of Term 4

