



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

This week, in school, the children have been very busy taking part in a range of activities.

Year 4 took part in an enrichment day linked to their Topic for the term. They spent the day as Anglo Saxons, led by Bristol Museum Service, and particularly enjoyed the sword fighting session!

On Wednesday Year 1 had a lovely time on their trip to Slimbridge. They enhanced their Topic learning about the world through the migration of birds and the seasons. They were all so excited leaving on the coach and Miss Ormsby, Mrs Tamlin and Mr Toogood were so proud of their learning and behaviour. Well done!

On Thursday,, we held our Advent service led by the School Chaplain team, to mark the beginning of Advent. This coming Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent and in school we are counting down to Christmas by thinking of all the positive things we can do to help the world.

On Friday

morning, Year 2 presented their class Assembly on their learning for the term which was livestreamed to their parents and all the other classes. They were fantastic and the parents particularly enjoyed their jelly fish dance. Such wonderful speaking, acting and singing by everyone.

Also today, Year 4 started their lantern building workshops. They have spent the day building lanterns for the Bedminster Winter Lantern Parade which we hope will go ahead as it is an outdoor event. They look amazing so far and I look forward to seeing the finished product.

Coronavirus Update:

We continue to be badly affected by confirmed positive cases of coronavirus. I continue to be in constant communication with public health south west and act on any advice given by them to help stop transmission of the virus in school. I am monitoring the situation closely and will continue to keep you fully informed of all new cases, and implications. Currently, there are no plans within school to close classes for circuit breakers as other local schools have done. If the situation changes, I will let you know as soon as possible.

The current extra measures of classes being back in bubbles with separate playtimes, playgrounds and lunchtimes for classes will continue for the next 2 weeks at least.



We will also continue to use the church gate for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 plus their siblings for drop off and collection.

PHE have again asked me to advise parents that the best way to reduce the number of cases in school is to keep your child at home if they are at all unwell. The most common symptoms we have seen in school in the past 2 weeks are headaches, sore throats, tiredness and eye strain.

As many pupils have Autumnal colds with symptoms which are the same as Coronavirus, keeping your child home and taking them for a PCR test to check is the only way to keep everyone safe. I understand it is frustrating for children to miss school again. However, if you are able to take your child to a walk in or drive through site the results are coming back very quickly, and it means they are able to get back to school as soon as possible.

Lateral flow tests will continue to be used twice a week by all staff so we can ensure that if staff are asymptomatic but positive they are aware and do not come into school to keep us all safe. We also ask all visitors to take lateral flow tests before coming into school. Lateral flow tests are not appropriate for use if pupils or staff have symptoms or are a close contact.

Christmas activities:

I am sorry to say that it is looking increasingly likely that parents will not be able to see the Nativity, Carol Service and Talent show in person. The children will practise in their separate classes for the next 3 weeks and the performances will be live streamed, if we cannot have a live audience. Again, I will let you know as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, I have taken the decision to cancel the PTFA Christmas Disco as there is a lot of preparation needed which would be hard to cancel at the last minute. I am hopeful we can have a disco in the spring as well as other social activities.

Talent show:

This year's talent show will take place on Friday 10th December. This week the house and sports captains have collected the names of the children who wish to take part. Due to Covid restrictions, the children will have to practise at home and on the playground at morning and lunch breaks. If your child is in key stage 2 and would like to take part, please check their choice of music is appropriate!

Donations needed, if possible:

The Creary family have set up a Go Fund Me page to help with funeral costs for Dontae's funeral. If you are able to make a donation to help the family at this very difficult and sad time, please follow the link below or send in a cash donation to the Office:

<https://gofund.me/ff175b85>

Advent:

Yesterday was the first Sunday of Advent and to help prepare for Christmas, we will be collecting for CAFOD, so if you have any spare change, please send it in any Friday with your child.



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.

School Dinners:

Just a reminder that the price of a school lunch has increased to £2.30 from 1st November. Also from today there has been an option of tomato pasta on the menu for all children to choose each day. This caters for all children with allergies.

Finally:

Please spend some time as a family thinking about how to truly prepare for Christmas this week. Fr Rupert has suggested spending time as a family reading the Mass readings together.

Here is the link to the Sunday Mass readings:

<https://universalis.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iyjm6VpNaNA>

Mrs Kingston.

Important Dates:

Date	Event
Tuesday 30 th November	St Andrew's day – children wear blue
Friday 3 rd December	Year 1 class assembly
Tuesday 7 th December	Reception visit to Post office
Wednesday 8 th December	Pantomime for children AM
Friday 10 th December	Christmas jumper day Talent show AM
Wednesday 15 th December	Nativity 1.30pm
Thursday 16 th December	Nativity 9.30am Christmas dinner day
Friday 17 th December	End of term End of term assembly AM Carol service 1.30pm

