



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Last week in school, the children were thinking about kindness as part of our Anti-bullying week theme: one kind word. We have all thought about how we can show kindness to each other both in school and at home.

Thank you to all parents who logged on for parents evening to discuss their child's progress. Although online parents' evening is not what we would usually choose, at this present time it was the most sensible option. If you were unable to book an appointment or had difficulty logging on last week, please contact your child's class teacher this week to rearrange.

On Friday morning, Year 3 presented an Assembly on Children in need which was livestreamed to their parents and all the other classes. They were fantastic! Such wonderful speaking, acting and singing by everyone and the message of helping others shone through. Thank you to all pupils who came in non uniform and made a donation to Children in Need.

Coronavirus Update:

Last week was a worrying time for us in school with 7 confirmed positive cases. I have been in touch with school governors, the DFE coronavirus helpline and public health south west and discussed implementing our contingency plan. The classes are back in bubbles with separate playtimes, playgrounds and lunchtimes for classes. We will not be reintroducing staggered times as we do not want the children to miss any more learning time. However, we will use the church gate for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 plus their siblings.

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. I had to take one of my own children for a test last week as they had been sent home from school with symptoms. We were at the test centre at 11am and the result came back at 4am the following morning, meaning not even a full day of school was missed.



Lateral flow tests are being 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.

Office and Clubs this week:

If your child is not currently signed up for clubs we will be unable to add any children to any clubs this week. Places are full as numbers are limited for the rest of this term due to the need to keep classes separate.

The office will be closed this week **except for emergencies**. Please leave a message on the answer phone or send a text message on school comms if you need a same day response.

Talent show:

This year's talent show will take place on Friday 10th December. This week the house and sports captains will collect 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:

<https://gofund.me/ff175b85>

Advent:

This week the chaplains will present our Advent service as next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. We will be collecting for CAFOD during Advent 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.



School Governor Roles:

We have vacancies for a foundation and parent governor on our governing body. If you would like to apply for this wonderful role, please contact Mr Franks as the clerk. If you would like any further information, please see Louise the Chair.

Finally:

Please continue to pray for all those in need at this time, especially the Creary, Guthrie and Rauf families.

Please talk to your children about being kind to others. Our motto for this term is: Kindness is not weakness.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oJQg2JyQ3mM>

Mrs Kingston.

Important Dates:

Date	Event
Friday 12 th November	Rock star dress up Year 4 class assembly: parents to attend
Wednesday 17 th November	Parents evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Thursday 18 th November	Parents evening 4.30pm – 6.30pm
Friday 19 th November	Children in Need Year 3 class assembly Family bingo 6pm – 7.30pm
Wednesday 24 th November	Year 1 Trip
Friday 26 th November	Year 2 class assembly
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

