



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

This week in school, the children have been reflecting on Remembrance and how important the message of peace is for us in our everyday lives. The children were very respectful in our whole school Remembrance service and reflected well on the sacrifice made by those who fought in wars across the world.

This morning, Year 4 presented an Assembly to their parents (socially distanced and laterally flow tested!) on Remembrance which was also livestreamed to the rest of the school. They were fantastic! Such wonderful speaking, acting and singing by everyone and the message of hope, respect and peace was clear to us all.

Update from PHE:

“The good news is that following the half-term break and return to school last week, we have seen a reduction in cases among school-aged children. It is not yet clear what the reason is behind this decrease in case rates, however, it is important to note that the rate amongst school-age children remains significantly higher than other age brackets in Bristol and across the South West. Furthermore, the majority of South West local authority areas still have COVID-19 rates above the England average.

Therefore, in light of this uncertainty and recognising the clear mandate to keep children in school wherever possible, the Department for Education, UKHSA and DPH's have jointly made the decision **to encourage the continuation of the advisory measures detailed within the consensus statement until the end of November**. This will be reviewed again at that point.

I know there will be questions about the many Christmas activities that are being planned. The Department for Education will be developing some further guidance on this which I hope will follow soon.”

In practice at Holy Cross, this means that staff will continue to wear masks in all communal areas of the school, and gatherings such as social events will be postponed and whole school Assemblies and activities such as stay and play etc will not take place for the rest of November.

Please continue to support all the children in our school by keeping your child home and having them tested if they have symptoms and get them tested if another household member tests positive.



Next week:

Next week is Anti-bullying week. This year's theme is One kind word.

PTFA:

Thank you to all those who donated to the cake sale last week. Unfortunately, the planned PTFA Bingo evening which was due to go ahead next Friday has had to be postponed.

Parents' Evening:

Will now take place **online** on Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th November. The times will stay the same as previously booked, with Tuesday's times being moved to Thursday. The links will be sent out separately from Monday by your child's teacher by class dojo.

Parish shoe box collection:

Holy Cross Parish are running the shoebox collection again this year. This is a charity based event where you can fill a shoebox with items to be sent to a child in need around the world. For some children it may be the only present they have ever received. The boxes and leaflets will be available for collection every day after school this week. The deadline to return is this Sunday 14th November.

Poppy collection:

Thank you to all those who donated to the poppy appeal. You were all so generous and the Royal British Legion will use the funds to support soldiers and their families affected by war.

TT Rock stars competition:

Thank you to all the children and teachers for their dedication and enthusiasm in competing in TTRS competition this week. It has been great to see so many children improve their recall of times table facts and the speed at which they can answer the questions. Overall we came 806th out of all primary schools who entered the competition nationally and 31st out of local primary schools. What an amazing achievement! It was all topped off with the fantastic costumes and cool rock stars that came to school today! Well done everyone!

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 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.

Clubs:

If you have not signed up for clubs and would like a space, please speak to Miss Sims. Please remember that we have limited numbers in breakfast club and all after school clubs so you need to book prior to the day.

Finally:

Please continue to pray for all those in need at this time, especially the Creary, Rauf and Guthrie families. If you are able to contribute to the 'Go fund me page set up to support the Creary family at this very difficult time, please follow the link below:

<https://gofund.me/ff175b85>

Mrs Kingston.

Important Dates:

Date	Event
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: children dress up 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

