



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The first group of our new Reception children came to visit this afternoon one by one with their parents. They look so young! They spent time in the classroom getting to know Miss Stroud and Mrs Matthews and the new environment. It is amazing how quickly this year has gone and how resilient the children have been with all the difficulties we have faced. I am so proud of our school and am very grateful to all you parents for your support this past year.

Our Year 6 pupils had a wonderful surprise this morning when their very own ice cream van came to school to treat them. It was lovely to hear their happy voices when they heard the music and watch them try to eat their ice creams before they melted! What lovely, special memories they are leaving us with. Thank you to Mrs James and Mrs Edwards for arranging it.

### **Staffing update:**

All classes will take part in a shuffle up afternoon session on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July, where they will meet their new teacher and teaching assistant for next year. The new class lists will go out next Friday and the children will be told in school before they go home.

### **Summer Fair:**

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our Summer Fair planned for this weekend due to the restrictions still in place. The PTFA are keen to treat the children in some small way before the end of the year. We will keep you posted with their plans.

### **Sports Days:**

Each class will have their own sports day this year which parents will be invited to watch (in a closed bubble of 1 parent per child). Please see the dates and times in the key dates' section below. The children will need a T-shirt in the colour of their houses. If you do not know your child's house colour, please speak to Miss Sims.

### **International week:**

Each class will take part in a series of activities linked to the countries and cultures associated with the countries taking part in the Euros during the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> July. On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July, all children are invited to wear clothing linked to a chosen or their family country and to bring in food to share with their classmates.



### **End of year Assemblies and Y6 Leavers' events:**

The end of year celebration assembly will take place in a different format this year. Each class will have their own short Assembly during the morning of Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July which will be livestreamed to any parents who wish to join. A link will be sent out via class dojo on the Friday before by the class teacher. Each class will award a citizen and learning skills winner of the term and there will be our special annual Good Samaritan and St Paul awards from each key stage awarded as well.

We are hopeful that our Year 6 parents will be able to attend the Leavers' Celebration Assembly and the end of the year performance in the last week of term, and are currently working on the risk assessment to allow this to happen. We will let you know if this will be possible asap.

### **Parking at drop off:**

We have seen a huge improvement in safe parking and turning outside school this week. Thank you. Please continue to follow the guidelines below to keep everyone safe.

Please do not pull up outside school on the zig zags to drop off, even if you are late or in a rush. This is very dangerous and we do not want to see any accidents. Also, I have been asked to remind you to not park in the guesthouse or do a U-turn on the bend outside it.

The double yellow lines and zig zags are there to keep your children safe and parking services can issue fines to anyone parked on them.

There are often plenty of parking spaces outside the doctor's surgery further up the road both in the mornings and afternoons.

Please turn around by carrying on up Dean Lane past school and using Southville Road (the right turning by the doctors/St Paul's Church) and come back down Acramans or Alpha Road.

I would also like to politely remind you that the speed limit around school is 20 mph and that I am concerned that the "little parking people" have been damaged by cars hitting them.

Please do not leave your engines running when dropping off or collecting your child/ren.

### **Appropriate gaming/messaging and watching:**

Please remember that all primary aged children are too young to be on social media. If your child has a mobile phone, please remember to check it regularly to ensure they are safe. If you see any inappropriate messaging or viewing please inform school and you may also need to inform the police depending on the level of the language and images shared. There are still incidents being reported of children using unkind and unacceptable language in their messages, and that some children are talking to strangers online.



### **Uniform:**

PE kits are allowed to be worn for the full day on your child's PE day. Correct kit is navy bottoms (joggers, shorts, skorts or leggings) and a plain white t shirt (polo shirts may be worn). When it is your child's PE day they may wear trainers of any colour to school. We recommend that the children wear shorts, skorts or lightweight leggings in the hot weather. Year 6 can wear their leaver's hoodies for PE days, if they wish.

As the end of the school year approaches, we are collecting uniform for a uniform swap which will be held in the summer holidays. This will be a financial help for some of our families and will help the planet by recycling.

### **Coronavirus update:**

Please do not send your child/ren to school if they are unwell. If they have any coronavirus symptoms, please isolate and get a test to keep us all safe.

### **Parish Sunday Mass:**

The planned restart date is now Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July. Spaces do not need to be booked in advance. If you are able to help as a volunteer, please e mail Fr Rupert directly.

### **First Holy Communion:**

There is a new date for the children to make their First Holy Communion who prepared last year. Children who wish to make their first holy communion this year are invited to do so on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Classes will continue every Wednesday after school until 4:30pm. Once the children complete the classes, they can make their first communion on any Sunday in September (arranged with Fr Rupert) if they cannot make the 22<sup>nd</sup> August. As restrictions will be lifted by then, there will be no limit on guests for each child.

### **Attendance:**

Class	Weekly Attendance
Reception	92.3%
Year 1	88.7%
Year 2	66.7%
Year 3	98.6%
Year 4	93.3%
Year 5	92.9%
Year	94.9%
Total	93.2%

Thank you to those who attend regularly. Attendance to school is now mandatory and we are expected to monitor and address Attendance concerns. Please remember to phone the school office if your child is going to be absent. If we do not hear from you, we will ring you

and then may also make a home visit if we are unable to contact you. Thank you to those who arrive on time.



It is still the expectation that children do not attend school if they are displaying symptoms, they can return when a negative test has been achieved. We have found that the Coronavirus PCR tests are now taking less than 12 hours in some cases, so children are only needing to be absent for a day or two. If your child has symptoms they have to get a PCR test to be able to return to school, we have been advised by the DFE that a lateral flow test is not sufficient.

We have been asked by our EWO to issue penalty notice fines when a child is absent for more than 4 days within a 10 week period as attendance is mandatory. However, please be aware of waiting 48 hours before your child returns to school if your child has had a tummy bug.

Our motto for this term is:

“Don't be discouraged.” It may seem harder over the next 4 weeks as we thought all restrictions would be lifted but it will pass. We need to keep going.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rOooelyA9Ws&list=RDMMUVb8OJEQGIQ&index=2>



Mrs Kingston

**Key Dates:**

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	-	International Week
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Reports out Own clothes for International week Selected new reception children sessions
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Reception sports day 10am Shuffle up afternoon PM
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Year 1 sports day 9.30am
	-	Year 2 sports day 1.45pm
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Year 3 sports day 9.45am Year 4 sports day 1.45pm
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Year 5 sports day 9.30am Year 6 sports day 1.45pm
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Leavers Mass 9.15am
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Celebration Assembly end of year AM Year 6 leavers play 1.30pm
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July-		End of term Leavers assembly 9.15am
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	-	Children return to school for Term 1

