



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a wonderful half term holiday and the children didn't wear you out too much! We have had a lovely week back in school after the half term holiday. Staff were very busy on Monday completing curriculum training which we are looking forward to working with the children on this term and next year. We have had glorious weather this week so the children have had lots of opportunities to play and work outside. Please ensure your child comes to school with a water bottle, sun hat and sun cream during this last term.

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

We are still seeing regular irresponsible and dangerous parking and turning at drop off and pick up times. 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.

### **Parent volunteers:**

Thank you in advance to any parents who are able to come along on Sunday between 11am and 2pm to help with jobs in the grounds.



### **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.

### **Coronavirus update:**

We received a further update from BCC public health on Wednesday evening and have been asked again to share it with you: Please see attached letter.

### **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, skirts 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 or lightweight leggings in the hot weather.

### **Parish Sunday Mass:**

Fr Rupert has shared with the parish that Mass will restart in the school Hall on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June. 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:**

We have provisionally pencilled in Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July as the new date for the children to make their First Holy Communion who prepared last year. Classes restart on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 11am in the Peace Garden.

### **Attendance:**

Class	Weekly Attendance
Reception	96.8%
Year 1	91.5%
Year 2	96.5%
Year 3	98.7%
Year 4	95.4%
Year 5	99.0%
Year	96.2%
Total	96.3%

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.

This week's theme is bringing God's kingdom to earth:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8awpRHg5waw>

Please discuss with your children how they can help bring God's message of equality to all.



Mrs Kingston

**Key Dates:**

Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	-	First Holy Communion Class 11am Work day 11am
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	-	New reception children meeting 6pm
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	-	Year 6 camp day
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	-	Year 6 camp day
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	-	New reception Group A session PM
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	-	Summer Fair
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	-	KS1 sports day
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	-	KS2 sports day
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Reports out New reception Group B session PM
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Back up KS1 sports day
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Back up KS2 sports day
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Parents open evening
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Leavers Mass 9.15am
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	-	First Holy Communion Mass
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Year 6 leavers play 1.30pm
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	-	End of term Leavers assembly 9.15am

