



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a very joyful week in school this week. The children have particularly enjoyed playing out in the sunshine together and have been working very hard in their classrooms.

Year 6 have been extra active every day, taking part in a sponsored bleep test to raise funds for their hoodies and end of year fun activities.

We have had a number of visitors (Covid safely) in school this week, who have commented on how amazing your children are, and what a wonderful atmosphere there is in the building. One of them said: "the caring and supportive ethos is tangible in the school – in the way the children behave and how they are stretched by their teachers."

Staffing update:

I am delighted to share with you the news that Mrs Sanchez welcomed her baby last week. I am sure you will join with us in congratulating her and her husband Thomas on the safe arrival of baby girl Connie.

For those of who were unaware Magda (Mrs B) – our cleaner and SMSA - welcomed a baby boy Kacpar earlier this year. You may have seen them out walking in the local area.

I am also pleased to share with you that Miss Foster is back on a full time basis from next week.

Unfortunately, I am not yet able to share good news about Mr Hobbs' return to work. He is still unwell and unable to return to work at the moment. I am sure you will continue to wish Mr Hobbs a full and speedy recovery.

Reception Places:

If you have been offered a place for your child, for our Reception class for next September, please make sure you accept the offer by 30th April 2021. We do have a couple of spaces, so if you know of any family who did not get their preferences, please encourage them to come and view our wonderful school.



NSPCC Number's Day:

We are taking part in NSPCC Numbers Day on Friday 7th May. Each class will take part in lots of exciting maths themed activities throughout the day. All children are invited to wear clothing with a number on or an onesie. Please bring in a donation for NSPCC.

Parking at drop off:

We have had a number of complaints from the local residents about irresponsible parking and turning around in the mornings when parents are dropping children off at school. Please do not park in the guesthouse or do a U-turn on the bend outside it. Please turn around by carrying on up Dean Lane and using Southville Road (the right turning by the doctors/St Paul's Church) and come back down Acramans Road.

Salad Bar:

From next week the children will have the option of salad bar for lunch. This will include either a wrap or jacket potato with items from the salad bar.

Class Photos:

On Friday 14th May, Jeffersons Studios will be in school to take the end of year class photos. Please make sure all children are in full uniform.

Coronavirus update:

Fortunately, we continue to have no reported cases of coronavirus in school, and we are very grateful to all those parents who keep their children home and take a test if they have symptoms.

Staff continue to take twice weekly lateral flow tests and take part in the COMMINS testing. There is one last opportunity to sign your child up. An e mail with further details was sent out this week.

As parents of pupils in a primary school you are also able to order Lateral Flow tests for you to use at home, to help reduce the spread of the virus in the community now that lockdown restrictions are being lifted. Please see the link below for further information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/all-households-with-children-of-school-aged-to-get-rapid-covid-19-tests-per-person-per-week>

The requirement to self-isolate can be financially challenging but there is support available. Further information can be found through this link:

[Test and Trace Payment Support - bristol.gov.uk](https://www.bristol.gov.uk/test-and-trace-payment-support)

Uniform:

As the shops are all open as usual now, please ensure your child/ren come to school in the correct uniform. Our uniform is grey bottoms (skirts, trousers, or shorts), white or red polo shirts with a navy (dark) blue sweatshirt, hoodie or cardigan. (Royal blue and red cardigans are not our correct uniform.) Children can wear summer uniform from this term which is shorts or a navy and white checked summer dress/short suit. We have spare uniform if you



need any more, so please ask Miss Sims. A polite reminder, that skirts should be knee length, shoes should be plain black and not trainers, and that nail varnish, temporary tattoos and dangly ear-rings are not allowed in school. PE kits are allowed to be worn for the full day on your child's PE day. Correct kit is navy bottoms (joggers, shorts 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.

Parish Sunday Mass:

Fr Rupert visited school this Tuesday morning to carry out a risk assessment and has reported his findings back to the Diocese. We will let you know as soon as we have an update.

Attendance:

Class	Weekly Attendance
Reception	96.4%
Year 1	94.8%
Year 2	89.6%
Year 3	97.2%
Year 4	96.3%
Year 5	95.4%
Year	95.0%
Total	95.0%

Thank you to those who attend regularly. 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. 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.

The motto for this term in school is: "Choose joy and smile."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=15V2sXSJ8Co>



Mrs Kingston

Key Dates:

Monday 3rd May: Bank Holiday School closed.

Friday 7th May: NSPCC Numbers Day: Chn wear number clothing

Friday 14th May: Class Photos

Thursday 27th May – End of term 5

Friday 28th May – Inset day

