



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a wonderful Easter with your families and are slowly getting used to life returning to almost normal. Please take time to enjoy the sunshine this weekend as the children's mental health and well-being is markedly better when they are outside in the fresh air. The snow during the first week of the holiday seems so long ago now.

Today, in school, we thought about St George and it was lovely to see the children all dressed up in red themed clothing to mark St George's Day.

Staffing update:

Miss Foster has returned to school this week on a phased return which will continue next week. Miss Foster was so impressed with her class and how hard working they have been this week. She would like to say thank you to the Y3 parents for all their support and kind words at yesterday's parent evening.

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.

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 we also had our COMMINS testing for staff and pupils on Wednesday of this week. There will be one last opportunity to sign your child up if you wish for next month's test. An e mail with further details will be sent out next 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:

Thank you to all those parents who have already donated good quality uniform for others to use. If you have uniform your child/ren has/ve grown out of, please bring in to the Office so we can recycle to other families who would really benefit from it. Please ensure the correct uniform is being worn from after Easter. We have uniform if you need any more, 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.

Parish Sunday Mass:

Fr Rupert will visit school next Tuesday morning to carry out a risk assessment so that Mass can begin again in the school Hall on a Sunday as soon as lockdown restrictions are lifted on public worship. The children who prepared for their First Holy Communion last year will also be given the chance to make it before the end of the school year.

Attendance:

Class	Weekly Attendance
Reception	98.4%
Year 1	89.6%
Year 2	95.4%
Year 3	99.3%
Year 4	98.5%
Year 5	97.6%
Year	98.7%
Total	96.8%

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>

J. Kingston

Mrs Kingston

Key Dates:

Monday 26th April – Year 6 sponsored bleep test week

Friday 30th April – Deadline to accept primary offers

Monday 3rd May – Bank holiday school closed

Friday 7th May – Numbers day

Thursday 27th May – End of Term 5

Friday 28th May – Inset day school closed

