



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in school we have followed Jesus' journey in Holy Week and thought about how we can follow in his footsteps to ensure we show love to all. This morning, all classes held a Stations of the Cross collective worship in their classrooms and we thought about how some crosses are not easy to see and so we need to care for each other and ask our friends if they need help with anything.

I hope you have a wonderful Easter with your families and are able to see family members or friends you have not seen for a while (in 2 family groups or up to 6 individuals, of course).

Today, we held our end of term certificate Assembly where the termly Learning Skill and Citizen Certificates were awarded.

Congratulations to:

### **Learning Skills winners:**

Saavi, Abrish, Olek, Avishi, Kiya, Adrian and Kevin.

### **Citizen Winners:**

Jaxon, Brooke, Fiona, Alisha, Maryam, Keyon and Tyler.

We also held our annual "Eggmobile" race today, where the Easter bunny made a special appearance! There were some amazing designs and creations: some built for speed and some for beauty. Thank you to the PTFA who provided Easter Eggs for the fastest and best design from each class.

### **Fastest Winners:**

Borek, Mia, Isaiah, Maxwell, Rubie. Tommy and Tyler.

### **Best Design:**

John, Lily, Kaasvi, Olly, Cerafin, Manuela and Tahlia.



### **Staffing update:**

I am delighted to share the good news with you that Mrs Hunt is expecting a baby in September. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mrs Hunt, Ed and George and wishing them all the best.

I am also delighted to inform you that Miss Foster is feeling much better and has been back in school this week, catching up with her class and seeing their work and assessment information, on a phased return which will continue for the first week back after Easter. Miss Foster will also lead Parents' Evening for the Y3 parents on the Thursday afternoon of the first week. (A link was sent out this week for parents to sign up to, which will close on the Tuesday of the first week back.)

It was so lovely to see how pleased the children were to see her back in school, and how much they had obviously missed her. One pupil told her that she had been praying for her to get better every day. Both Miss Foster and I would like to thank the Y3 parents for their support and understanding during her absence.

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.

### **Important holiday Coronavirus update:**

To support the NHS Test and Trace process, the DFE have asked that all head teachers are available for the first 6 days of the Easter holiday to fulfil necessary contact tracing responsibilities. This means that I will be available by text message on my work mobile for contact tracing purposes up to and including Wednesday 7 April. (I am also available on this same number for any emergencies throughout the school holidays.)

If your child develops symptoms and then has a positive Covid test within 2 days of them being at school, please send a text message to **07384450567** straightaway. This is so I can identify close contacts and advise self-isolation, as they may have been infectious whilst in school. If your child is identified as a close contact, you will receive a message from the school account. Please reply to let me know you have received it, as if no confirmation is received I will need to follow up with a phone call, or even home visit.

If your child develops symptoms and then has a positive Covid test more than 2 days since they were last at school, this does not need to be reported to us but you must follow the guidelines on self-isolation. If your child develops symptoms and then has a positive test in the 48 hours leading up to school reopening, you must inform us when the new term begins and isolate as a family for 10 days.

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)



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>

### **Parents' Evenings:**

Parents' evening took place online on Tuesday afternoon from 1:30pm to 4:30pm, and the feedback has been very positive so far. A written report was also sent home with your child on Monday sharing the recent assessment results and any appropriate next steps for your child. Catch up interventions on any gaps identified will take place in Terms 5 and 6. Year 3's written reports will be sent home today. If you missed the appointment for any reason, please contact your child's teacher to arrange a phone call for after the Easter holiday.

### **CAFOD collections:**

During Lent, we have been collecting for the charity CAFOD to help children around the world who live in poverty. Thank you to all those who gave money during this time. Today we held a non-uniform day with any donations also going towards CAFOD's Lent collection. Thank you for your 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 black and trainers, and that nail varnish and dangly ear-rings are not allowed in school. From next term children can wear Summer uniform.

### **Parish Sunday Mass:**

Fr Rupert will visit school in the first week after the Easter school holiday 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. There are many churches offering services during this Easter weekend:

<https://cliffondiocese.com/bristol-south-deanery/>

### **Attendance:**

Class	Weekly Attendance
Reception	97.1%
Year 1	94.6%
Year 2	93.5%
Year 3	97.8%
Year 4	98.2%
Year 5	99.0%
Year	100.0%
Total	97.2%



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.

Happy Easter! Don't eat too much chocolate...

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b\\_RjndG0IX8&list=RDrOooelyA9Ws&index=8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_RjndG0IX8&list=RDrOooelyA9Ws&index=8)



Mrs Kingston

**Key Dates:**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April – End of Term 4

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Good Friday. School closed to all pupils and staff.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Term 5 begins. All children return to school

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – St George's Day. Children may wear red, if desired.

