



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in school we are continuing to think of all the positive people and things in our lives that we are grateful for. We are showing others that it is easy to make others feel valued by smiling and showing we care. At the end of a term especially in these difficult time, it is easy to feel tired and negative about each new day, and so, in school, we are reminding the children that being with positive people with positive actions makes us all feel better.

Staffing update:

Unfortunately, Miss Foster is still unwell and unable to return to work before the Easter holiday. For the remainder of this term, Year 3 will be taught by Mrs Esther Mortimer, ably supported by Mrs Beach and Mr Evans.

Mr Hobbs is also still unwell and unable to return to work at the moment. I am sure you will join me in wishing Miss Foster and Mr Hobbs a full and speedy recovery.

Parents' Evenings:

Parents' evening will take place next Tuesday 30th March from 1:30pm to 4:30pm, with the exception of Y3 which has been rearranged for Thursday April 24th at the same time, due to Miss Foster's absence. The individual invitation will be sent out by your child's class teacher on Monday, if they have not been already. A written report will be sent home with your child on Monday in preparation for you to discuss with your child's teacher. Year 3's written reports will be sent home on Thursday.

Coronavirus update:

Please continue to be vigilant about your and your children's health and follow the government guidelines regarding any symptoms of Covid 19. Please inform us immediately if your child has any of the 3 symptoms of coronavirus and arrange a test. We also need to be informed of the result as soon as possible. Please do not send your child to school with a new persistent cough – even if you think it is a cold. All children who have shown symptoms since the return to school have all had their test results returned within 24 hours and they have all been negative. The children only missed 1 day of school.



As parents of pupils in a primary school you are also able to order Lateral Flow tests for you to use at home. 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>

CAFOD collections:

During this time of Lent, we are collecting for the charity CAFOD to help children around the world who live in poverty. If you are able to spare any change, please send into school for your child to put in the collection box in each classroom. Next Friday we will hold a non-uniform day with any donations going towards CAFOD's Lent collection. Thank you for your support.

Uniform:

Thank you to all those parents who have 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 and that nail varnish and dangly ear-rings are not allowed in school.

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.

Egg mobile races:

Information was sent out about our annual egg mobile race will take place on the last day of this term. Each class will participate and there will be a prize for the fastest and the best design. The house captains and sports captains will organise the event. There will be a prize for the fastest mobile and the best decorated from each class.

Attendance:

Class	Weekly Attendance
Reception	91.3%
Year 1	94.8%
Year 2	95.0%
Year 3	94.1%
Year 4	94.5%
Year 5	93.3%
Year	97.7%
Total	94.5%



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.

As always, thank you for your understanding and support. Please take care of yourselves and your families.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UVb8OJEQGIQ>



Mrs Kingston

Key Dates:

Thursday 1st April – End of Term 4/ Non uniform day for CAFOD.

Friday 2nd April – Good Friday

Monday 19th April – Start of Term 5

