



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Today saw the start of Pope Francis' Year of the family. During this year we will think about how to make family life the best it can be and what our roles and responsibilities are as part of a family. We are lucky to have many families and all have an important to play in helping each other.

Today was the Feast of St Joseph, who is the patron saint of families and is remembered for caring and protecting Mary and Jesus as his family.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend with your families this weekend and that you are able to see your wider family from the 29th March. In my family, we feel very fortunate to be able to enjoy a relaxing weekend altogether as it is a year ago today that my husband was admitted to hospital with coronavirus. What a year it has been for us all but I am sure that like me you are hopeful that finally there is light at the end of the tunnel.

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.

Hello and goodbye:

This week, we have welcomed Natasha in EYFS and Eany in Y5 to our school.

We are delighted to have new members of our school community and wish them a happy time here with us.

We said goodbye to Mimi from Y1 today who has moved to a school nearer her home.

We will miss her very much and wish her and all her family all the best for the future.

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 every Friday for your child to put in the collection box in each classroom.

Uniform:

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.

Parents' Evenings:

Parents' evening will take place on Tuesday 30th March from 1:30pm to 4:30pm. An e mail was sent out for you to sign up to an allocated time. The individual invitation will be sent out by your child' class teacher next week.

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:

Yesterday, 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.

As always, thank you for your understanding and support. Please take care of yourselves and your families. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_RjndG0IX8



Mrs Kingston

Key Dates:

Thursday 1st April – End of Term 4

Friday 2nd April – Good Friday

