



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful week it has been having all our lovely children back in school. The children have been incredible and it has been a pleasure to witness their excitement at being back in class with their peers. The children have, as always, been amazing and so resilient. You have all obviously done a wonderful job home schooling and they are a credit to you.

### **Staffing update:**

Mrs Sanchez will continue to work from home until her maternity leave begins, which should be at the end of this term. Mr Tim Gibbard, who has been covering on Thursdays and Fridays since January, will continue to do so for the remainder of this term. Mrs Sanchez will still be involved in the teaching and learning in Year 4 until the end of this term.

During this term, Mr Tom Evans has joined our Learning Support team and is currently based in Year 3. We wish him a happy association with our school. As the year develops he will work with different year groups on planned catch up activities.

Unfortunately, Miss Foster is currently unwell and unable to return to work at the moment. Until Miss Foster's return, they 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 in wishing Miss Foster and Mr Hobbs a full and speedy recovery.

### **Hello:**

This week, we have welcomed Ruth Anna in Y2 to our school.

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

### **Coronavirus update:**

Although rates of infections and deaths from coronavirus are finally falling, it is still vitally important for all our safety that you do not send your child into school if they are unwell with any symptoms of Covid. 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.



The staff continue to take part in the rapid COVID home testing scheme for school staff, introduced by the NHS and the DFE. All staff test themselves for Covid twice a week before coming into school. This is to help identify any people who currently have the virus but have no symptoms. A small number of staff have been vaccinated but the majority of us are still waiting to be called for a vaccination, so it is important that we still follow the rules.

We are very lucky at Holy Cross that we are also part of the COMMINS testing scheme which means those parents **who wish** can sign their child up to be tested once a month in 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>

### **World Book Day:**

Thank you to all those children (and parents) who participated in our World book day activities last week. The book character potato winners for each class were:

Reception – Borek

Year 1 – Tilly

Year 2 – Natalia

Year 3 – Baz

Year 4 – Amelia

Year 5 –Hattie

Year 6 – Avani

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8YuWAZmD0aU>



Mrs Kingston

### **Key Dates:**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March – St Patrick's Day: Children wear green

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening

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

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Good Friday

