



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have had a very busy week in school this week. We have held our annual Carol Service and Talent Show this week, albeit in in slightly different formats. Each class came into the Hall one at a time and their performances were recorded, they will then be uploaded to the website next week. Thank you to Mrs James and the KS2 staff for all their hard work in making the Carol Service run so smoothly. I would also like to say a special thank you to the House Captains and Assembly monitors for all their help organising the Talent Show.

We are open as usual on Friday 18th December. We have allocated all of our INSET days for the rest of the academic year and have booked speakers and/or training courses for those dates. Therefore, we are unable to swap any of our days at this late stage, as suggested by the DFE.

Next Friday, we will host our Celebration Assembly for the termly winners. Each class will also have a Christmas party in the afternoon, with the food provided by the PTFA in lieu of the usual Christmas disco.

Coronavirus update:

Over this last week of term, it is vitally important that children do not come to school if they are displaying any symptoms. We are very conscious in school that with Christmas approaching families and staff do not want to be spending it in isolation. Many of our staff are hoping to travel to see their families over the Christmas as, I am sure, many of you are and so please help us to ensure everyone gets to have an enjoyable Christmas. Please make sure you drop off and collect your child at the correct time, and that all adults wear masks when entering the school premises.

Thank you for your support in continuing to follow the guidelines to help keep us all as safe as possible.

Information will be sent out on Monday on how to report Covid symptoms and positive test results to us during the Christmas school holidays. I will be on duty throughout the holiday and it is essential that you contact me if your child tests positive for Covid over the holiday. If your child has a positive test result during the first 6 days of the school holiday, then I will need to inform those children and staff who have been in contact with them to self-isolate, immediately.



From Monday 14th December, the period of isolation after being in contact with a positive case of Covid has been reduced to 10 days.

Christmas jumper day/Talent show:

Thank you to all those children who came to school wearing a Christmas jumper, and brought in a donation.

Christmas Cards:

All Christmas cards are now being quarantined and will be handed out next week. Please remember cards are not obligatory and many parents prefer to make a donation to a charity.

Christmas Productions:

The Y1 and Y2 productions will be recorded next week and will be uploaded onto each class web page for you to view at home with your child.

Bemmy Lanterns Light Up:

Our Y4 class have participated in the Bedminster Lantern Parade in a different way this year. Our lanterns are in place and are illuminated in the shop Trilla (next to the Steam Crane) from 3.30pm on Thursday and Friday and 4pm on Saturday. To help everyone wander and see the amazing creativity of the displays, the Lantern team have produced a google map.

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Please maintain safe social distancing, enjoy and stay safe.

Attendance:

We are currently reviewing individual attendance and have, unfortunately, noticed that some children's attendance is causing concern. It is now mandatory for all children to attend school. If your child has had to self-isolate, this does not affect their attendance. We will be making contact with parents to discuss attendance over the next few weeks. If you have concerns with your child's attendance and would like to discuss this further, please call the office to make an appointment with Mrs James.

Community larder/fridge:

If you need any support with food parcels please see Miss Sims. If you would like to donate to our community larder we always appreciate donations for those in need.



Domestic Abuse Support:

Please remember if you need help we can put you in contact with the Assertive Outreach Domestic Abuse Advisor for the Families in Focus Team in south Bristol. Support can be given in the following ways:

Work with victims of domestic abuse (both current and in the past) who have been unable to move forward with their lives as a result of this in the following ways:

- Through regular phone calls/zooms etc to discuss the situation and how best to progress to enable the best outcome for them and their children
- Work with victims to identify what DV is and the ways that it may manifest itself (coercive control etc)
- Help victims to gain more self-confidence and self esteem
- Risk assessment
- Safety Planning
- Referral to Freedom Programmes
- Support families to flee their domestic abuse and have links to the Safe Houses throughout Bristol, South Glos, North Somerset and further afield
- Take part in professionals meetings to support and advocate for victims.

As always, thank you for your understanding and support.



Mrs Kingston

Important Dates:

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas Dinner

Friday 18th December – End of Term 2

