



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

What a term it has been! Your children, as always, have been amazing and have shown such maturity and resilience with the new normal we are all facing.

We are very lucky to have such lovely children and families here at Holy Cross and for that we are very grateful.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term break and look forward to seeing you all on **Tuesday 3rd November**. (Please remember the Monday is an INSET day and school is closed to all pupils.)

We say goodbye to Alicja, from Y5, Zuzanna, from Y4, and Ahmed from Year 1, who have moved away from the Bedminster area and will begin at new schools from after the half term. Both families have had a long involvement with the school and parish here at Holy Cross and we will miss them so much. We thank them and their families for all they have brought to our community over the past 8 years.

Coronavirus update:

Thank you for all your support this term with ensuring children with symptoms are not brought into school and for arranging tests so we can keep everyone safe. We appreciate it is inconvenient but cannot stress how important it is if we are to keep all our classes open or limit the time children and staff have to self-isolate.

I would also like to thank you for supporting your children, who had to self-isolate, with their home learning this term and thank the teachers for organising it so well.

INSET days:

We have set all our remaining INSET days for the year. They are on the parent calendar as well as below:

Monday 2nd November, Monday 4th January, Monday 22nd February, Friday 28th May and Monday 7th June.



Primary Admissions:

If you have a younger child who is due to start school next September, applications are now open. Please follow this link to the BCC website and complete our supplementary form on our website or ask for a paper copy from the office:

<https://parent.bristol.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/admissions>

Please encourage your neighbours or friends who may have school age children to look at our website and consider joining our wonderful community here at Holy Cross. The closing date is 15th January 2021.

Secondary Schools Admissions:

The deadline for secondary school applications is fast approaching. Please ensure you have completed the BCC online form listing 3 choices of school as soon as possible. Some schools also require a supplementary form to be completed.

Fundraising:

Today all children were invited to wear non uniform for the CAFOD 'Brighten up for Harvest' campaign. Children were asked to wear a bright coloured piece of clothing and bring in a small donation towards CAFOD's work. Thank you to all of the parents who donated. We raised £152.06.

Contact and communication:

Due to the need for quick drop off and collections, we are asking parents to use Class dojo, Tapestry or the school e mail address to make contact with their child's class teachers if there is anything you wish to ask or discuss. Please contact your child's teacher to discuss anything you or your child wish to discuss – no matter how small it may be. In lieu of a formal parents evening the parents' evening written mini report will be sent out after the half term break.

Community larder/fridge:

We have sent out information to all those eligible for free school meals vouchers. Free lunches – no questions asked – are also available from The Lounge and Hugo's greengrocers on North Street.

School photos:

School photo cards have been given out. Please place your order online with Jefferson's Studio.

Dinner Monday Increase:

From next term, the price of a school lunch has been increased to £2.25 per day.

As always, thank you for your understanding and support.

J. Kingston

Mrs Kingston.

