



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your continued support.

Our whole school theme this year is being grateful and I am very grateful for all your wonderful children and how each one of them brings joy to our school community in some way.

### **Coronavirus update:**

Please remember the most important rule at this time is not to send your child or their siblings into school if they have any of the following three symptoms of coronavirus (Covid 19).

They are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you have any of these main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), get a test as soon as possible. Stay at home until you get the result. Siblings of pupils awaiting test results must also stay at home until a negative result is returned.

Your child does not need a test if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell **but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste.**

Please follow this link for further information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-parents-and-guardians-when-you-should-book-a-coronavirus-test-for-your-child/letter-to-parents-and-guardians-when-you-should-book-a-coronavirus-test-for-your-child>

### **INSET days:**

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



Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May and Monday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

### **Secondary Schools Admissions:**

The deadline for secondary school applications is fast approaching, 31<sup>st</sup> October. 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. If you need help, please see Miss Sims in the School Office.

### **After School Clubs:**

The new booking form for Term 2 breakfast club and after school club has been sent out to parents who already use the provision. If you have not received it and need to book sessions, please speak to Miss Sims in the office.

### **Harvest:**

We joined a national CAFOD live streamed Harvest Assembly yesterday to give thanks for all the goodness our world has to offer. Thank you to all those families who so generously gave any donations for the food bank of dried or canned goods.

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October (the last day of Term 1), all children are invited to wear non uniform for the CAFOD 'Brighten up for Harvest' campaign. Children are asked to wear a bright coloured piece of clothing and bring in a small donation towards CAFOD's work.

### **Samba drumming workshops:**

In lieu of school trips this term, we are excited to inform you that each class from Year 1 to Year 6 will take part in a Samba drumming workshop in school on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October. We are asking for a voluntary contribution towards this session of £3 per pupil. Please pay on the app or send cash in a named envelope in with your child.

### **Community larder and fridge:**

We still have a large stock of larder products available for any families who need some extra support. Very kindly, we have been given a donation to fund our community larder and fridge by the family of a recently deceased parishioner in their memory. Again, a reminder of real kindness in these difficult times.

### **Reading:**

Reading books and bags are only to be brought back to school on one allocated day per week, depending on which class your child is in. Please keep the books at



home all week and only return on the allocated day. **Class teachers will have told you if the day is not Friday.** The children read books from school to their teacher during the week.

### **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 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.

### **Uniform:**

Thank you for your support in ensuring the children have all returned to school looking so smart. Please now ensure that all nail varnish, temporary tattoos and hair colours have been removed, as per our school policy. Please remember the correct sweatshirt/cardigan colour is navy blue. We have noticed an increase in some children not wearing black school shoes this week again and ask for your support in this matter. Coloured trainers are only to be worn on PE days.

### **School photos:**

Just a reminder that the date for school photographs this year is Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Unfortunately, due to restrictions we are unable to offer sibling or family photos. Only individual photos will be taken.

### **Class Masses and First Holy Communion:**

Fr Rupert came into school this morning to celebrate Mass with our Year 6 class, in the School Hall. It was a very special way to start our day. After Mass, Father visited each class and gave all those who wished a blessing.

The Diocese have informed us that the children who prepared last year will be invited to make their First Holy Communion next year. We are still waiting to hear about how this year's preparation will run.

### **Storytale Festival:**

This year's Storytale Festival is online and has all ages covered... from storytelling and craft activities for tots, to writing workshops and inspiring discussions for teens. The best part is, you can rewatch it all in your PJs as often as you want! Find out more here:

<https://www.storytalesfestival.com/>

As always, thank you for your understanding and support.



Mrs Kingston.

