

Newsletter No 15

Dear Parents/Person with Parental Responsibility

Thursday 17 December 2020



We have finally come to the end of a very busy and unusual term! We have been very touched by the positive response to the Christmas productions. We love to welcome families into the school but as we couldn't this year, we hope you were able to sit down and enjoy them at home. The look back to 2020 has received an overwhelming response and I am sure that many of you, like I did, felt really emotional looking back on the year we have had. If you haven't had time to enjoy it yet, please follow this link:

<https://youtu.be/85Urv8J20ds>

And you know how we, as a staff, like to do a little something!!

<https://youtu.be/Ppmna3hNx0E>

Thank you for all your support, kind words and generous gifts, they are greatly appreciated by the staff team.

Thank you to Mrs Wendy Wright, who has been supporting the office in Mrs Knibbs' absence. I am pleased to say Mrs Knibbs will be returning after Christmas. I need to tidy my office or I know she will be telling me off when she returns!

I would like to take the opportunity to personally thank all the children who have returned to school with such enthusiasm and positivity - this is why we come to work every day! I also want to thank this fabulous, hard working staff team. We are truly blessed and they have all worked tirelessly this term to provide a great learning experience for all our children in these most challenging times. They deserve a good break.

COVID19

Can I please remind all parents that if there are any positive test results over the next week, that you do notify the school through the enquiry@holycross-sch.net email; I will be monitoring this and it is really important that we know this information in case it directly affects anyone in our school community. Thank you for cooperation in this very important matter.

Admissions Arrangements 2022-23

The consultation for the new 2022/2023 Admissions policy is on the school website. If you wish to make any comments, they need to be submitted by 15 January. Thank you.

New Term

School reopens for the new term on Monday 4 January 2021. Please remember the new staggered times for the start of the school day. (Letter sent yesterday)



Supplementary Forms

Supplementary Forms available on the school web site for children who wish to start our Early Years Class in September 2021. The deadline for this to be returned to the school office is **Friday 15 January 2021**. You are required to get a Certificate of Practice from your Parish Priest.

Please note these Supplementary forms are not application forms for school places. Applications must be made online via Birmingham City Council.

Alternative Christmas Card Donation

Thank you for your donations; a total of £47.00 was raised, which will be donated to the Fireside charity. Thank you for your continued support.

Migrant Help Reverse Advent Donation

The children did a fantastic job decorating the shoe boxes and filling them with wonderful items. They were collected by the charity on Wednesday. Thank you for your generosity; these boxes will bring a little joy and comfort at Christmas.

Dates for Diary - December 2020

Friday 18 December

All day

Inset Day School closed

Dates for Diary - January 2021

Monday 4 January

Return to school

Dates for Diary - June 2021

Monday 7 June

All Day

Inset Day



Dinner Money

The deadline for dinner money is **Monday 11 January**. The amount due is **£69.00**, please log into your ParentMail account to make payment. If you have credit, please deduct this amount from amount due. Any queries please contact the school office. Thank you.



Recycle Your Christmas Tree

After the Christmas festivities we are left with waste Christmas trees. At Holy Cross, we love recycling materials and our Forest School would reuse those trees. Therefore, when we return to school in January, Mr Hunt will be able to collect those trees at the start of the day ready to add to the Forest School supplies. Thank you.

Letters emailed to parents this week: Changes of time to school day. Food Bank Information. Contact the school office if you require a copy. Thank you.



Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthdays this week or will do during the Christmas break

: EYFS: Lily G, Mia M. **Y1:** Jewel G, Cadie-Ella **Y2:** Erin H, Freddie F. **Y3:** Ben M, Zac L, Cian P, Ethan P. **Y4:** Bethany Mc, Jay M. **Y5:** Alexandra E, Alice F. **Y6:** Megan P, Tyrese L.

Have a lovely Christmas. Please keep safe.
Yours sincerely



Miss T Cotter
Principal



The staff, Governing Body and Board of Directors wishes you all a very happy and Holy Christmas.