

26 June 2020

Dear Parents/Person with Parental Responsibility



We hope you are all enjoying the sunshine! Thank you to everyone who attended our Zoom liturgy; it is wonderful that such a large percentage of our school community is regularly attending. Thanks you also to Miss Crowley for planning such reflective liturgies. The children in school have coped with the new routines really well and are adhering to all our safety guidance; we are very proud of them.

During this period, we have constantly tried to plan opportunities for the school to connect with our families and we know that children are enjoying the class catch ups; as is the staff! You will see below, other activities that are being planned before the end of term, including another book swap where children can say goodbye to their current class teacher and say hello to their new one!

The government has stated that they are hoping that all children will be back in school in September. We have not been given guidance as yet as what this will look like but when we do, we will share that with you so please be patient!

As always we have loved seeing what you are up to on Twitter; you are a creative bunch! Thank you again from all the staff team for your continued support; we really appreciate it.



### Book Swap

During the week beginning 6 July we will be holding another book swap for your lovely children. It will run the same as last time with a little bit of a twist! Your child will have the opportunity to swap their books and select some new books to read over the summer holidays because we all love reading! Your child's current class teacher will be present to handover an end of year gift and your child's teacher for next academic year will also be there to say hello and give your child a transition pack! In the transition pack will be a checklist and some activities that will help your child prepare for starting their new year group next academic year! Dates and times for the book swap will be sent out next week. Please do make every effort to attend!

Additionally, if your child/children has any sports clothes from any teams they were part of this year, then please return them (washed!) to school during their book swap session.



### Class teachers for September 2020

EYFS: Mr Hunt  
Year 1: Mr Rowlands  
Year 2: Miss Cross  
Year 3: Miss Stevens  
Year 4: Miss Nash  
Year 5: Mr Mayor  
Year 6: Mrs Hope

Children will meet their new teachers during the Book Swap.



**Collection for Marie Turner**

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Marie Turner Memorial fund. To date we have raised £377.75 and we are going to use the money to buy bench for the prayer garden as a constant reminder of someone who was so supportive of and loyal to Holy Cross Catholic Primary School.



**Virtual Sports Day**

Next Friday would have been Sports Day and because we don't want you to miss out we've created a virtual Sports day for you to complete at home. Next week you will receive a PowerPoint Presentation with all of the different events and a link to a YouTube video of the teachers having a go at the events as well. We hope that you can all have a go and have some fun in the process. We would love to see any photos, so please add any pictures of you completing the events to Twitter or email at [enquiry@holycross-sch.net](mailto:enquiry@holycross-sch.net).



**Change from Parent Pay to +Pay on Parent Mail - effective from September 2020**

With effect from September 2020 We are going to be using +Pay on Parent Mail - an online payment service which allows you to pay for school items on your smartphone, tablets or computer, or on the free parent app, this will replace the current system of Parent Pay.

The school already uses Parent Mail to communicate with you, so there will be one less system you need to use. We will inform you about items you need to pay through Parent Mail, and you will be able to pay electronically, with money transferred directly into the school bank account - it's all very easy, safe and secure. Parent Mail doesn't store credit or debit card details and works in the same way as other large retailers who accept online payments.

Have a lovely weekend, please enjoy the sunshine safely.

Yours sincerely

Miss T Cotter  
Executive Principal

Miss K Crowley  
Head of School

