



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I do hope you had a lovely Easter break, enjoyed the sunshine we had and relaxed. At the end of last term a number of you completed your termly questionnaires, many thanks to you. It really is a good way of finding out exactly what people feel positively about and what could be done better. We are always striving to improve! I also send questionnaires out to staff and children in order to gain a comprehensive view of how those within our very special community are feeling.

Your responses were as follows:

What went well last term...

- Outstanding report from Ofsted
- Celebrations for the Ofsted report
- Progress of the children
- Lenten Breakfast
- World Book Day
- Easter Bonnet Parade
- The Way of the Cross service
- Homework
- Swimming Gala – children enjoyed it and parents were enormously grateful to Mrs Slattery and Mrs Dunne for their dedication in staying for the whole evening to support the children, “They are amazing!”
- Booster maths sessions for Year 6
- Cheerleading club
- Fundraising events
- One to one secondary transfer meetings with Miss Collins
- Bonus Pastor trips for Year 5
- Newsletter being sent online
- Behaviour of children
- Children praised for kindness
- PTA poster
- School trips – British Museum, Royal Observatory, Fire Station
- Morning prayers

Even better if....

- Parking was improved on both Sangley Road and Culverley Road and people showed more awareness of the safety of our precious children
- After School 11+ tutor
- School meals were improved – shortage of baguettes
- More staff in the Nursery
- Weekly baking in Nursery
- Reports from instrumental teachers and some variation in the tunes the children learn
- Chicks again like last year?
- Aprons for when children are doing art lessons
- Children genuflecting when they go to Mass

- Hymns at Mass that the older generation can join in with
- Children's voices in assembly to be louder
- Year 6 to be reminded about behaviour when walking home
- No sweets at School disco – children too young to moderate their own intake and eat too much sugar

In response...

Parking was a very big issue for a number of you and so I intend to prioritise it this term. I will speak to the council to see if we can get a regular warden to come and patrol and I will also continue to ask parents and carers to show more consideration.

School meals were also mentioned and I will discuss this with our School Chef to see if we can perhaps supply a greater number of the meals the children like best. Baguettes have been a popular introduction to the daily meal options and I will look to ensure enough are provided for all that would like one.

Children learning a musical instrument receive a report from their tutor in their end of year report. I will talk with the music service about how else we can inform parents and carers of a child's progress. I will also mention varying the tunes learned!

Great news about the chicks, we will be having another batch of eggs ready to hatch before our very eyes in June! They were a huge success last year and so we are very pleased to be having this exciting experience again. We have a lovely family within the School community who take the chicks after they have all hatched and we have watched their early days, the family keep them on their allotment and so it is a happy life from start to finish for the Catford chicks!

I will speak to the Nursery staff about increasing the amount of baking they do – any parent volunteers are always welcome. I will also speak to Year 6 about their behaviour when on their way home from School as this is disappointing.

As always there was plenty of positive comments and some very good ideas about ways to improve. I was particularly pleased when one parent said "The whole community feel is a great thing to be a part of, and very rare for an almost village school in Catford!" Well I feel very proud and privileged to be a part of our village School; our dedicated staff, our fabulous, enthusiastic and supportive parents and carers but most of all our children, the best in the whole world.

I look forward to another successful term for us all.

Yours sincerely,

Miss M Collins

Headteacher

