



Holy Cross School Newsletter Friday 18 December 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

My goodness me, what a term it has been! We have worked so hard to ensure that our children have been in School, learning and enjoying a wonderfully rich curriculum despite all guidance thrown at us often at very short notice. I would like to thank you, our fabulous parents and carers, for all your support, understanding and kindness. I would also like to thank our wonderful staff for their sheer determination and incredible hard work. Finally I would like to thank our gorgeous children. In the midst of all the difficulties we have faced their cheery faces, joyful singing and happy natures have never failed to make us smile. They make us realise what is important in life. When we reach the end of this terrible pandemic we will be able to look back and know that we got through it together with hard work, care and the fabulous Holy Cross spirit. Thank you all and I pray that you have a safe and a happy Christmas.

Fr Antony

The School enjoyed another Zoom meeting with Fr Antony this morning where he blessed our children, staff and all their families. It is very much appreciated by us that Fr Antony is such a thoughtful and enthusiastic Parish Priest. We are blessed.

Chocolate Friday

This will resume next term. We've all had enough treats and sweets this week! We must all remember to give our teeth an extra good clean!

Covid19 Letter

Yesterday a very important letter was emailed home about what to do about notifying School if you have a positive case of Covid19 in your household over the holiday period. Please make sure you read it carefully.

Food Bank

We are able to issue Trussell Trust food bank vouchers for families in serious need. Please email or ring Mrs Wilson for further information.

PTA donations

Thank you for your generous donations towards the PTA children's Christmas gifts. Grateful thanks to our hardworking PTA who organised the gifts (no mean feat!) and generously gave their free time to ensure our lovely children received a gift this Christmas.

Questionnaires

Thank you to everyone who has returned a completed questionnaire. Your views are very important to us. I will report the findings after Christmas. We have had some lovely comments and are very touched by your kind words – as well as being grateful for all new suggestions! One kind parent wrote:

"I wanted to write and thank all Holy Cross staff at how remarkably you have embraced the covid challenges. You have worked tirelessly and so carefully at ensuring our dear children are kept safe and happy at school. You really are to be commended."

Website

There is some wonderful Christmas singing from each Class posted on our website. Please do take the time to view it and talk to your children about it. I know this is in no way the same as our usual beautiful nativities and Christmas concerts but I am sure you will agree that the singing lifts

your heart. We have it playing in the school entrance lobby and I know a number of parents have watched it there and shed a tear or two. Thank you to Mrs Ley for teaching the children so fabulously and Mr Foster for his brilliant production technical skills.

Christmas Parties

The children all enjoyed their parties on Tuesday. It was lovely to see them dancing and having fun. Thank you for sending in party food and for following our Covid19 safety instructions so carefully.

Spring Term

We return to School on Tuesday 5 January at our current start times. It has been very successful having the staggered start times at the beginning and end of each day enabling all children to arrive at and leave School safely without the usual crowds. Thank you so much for being so considerate to others.

Thank you

Thank you very much for the beautiful cards and gifts that have come into School for our staff team. Your kind words and generosity are very much appreciated.

Wishing you and your loved ones a peaceful, happy, Christmas and New Year. Stay safe one and all!

With love,

Miss Collins

“The simple shepherds heard the voice of an angel and found their Lamb; the wise men saw the light of a star and found their Wisdom” – Venerable Fulton John Sheen.

A wonderful poem for us from the lovely Lisa O’Hara:

A Bright Light of Joy

It's been a dark and worrying year
Filled with much dismay
But now the final month is here
Let's hope joy comes our way

The spirit, the fun, the festive cheer
The Christmas songs we sing
May they fulfill in us the strength of hope
That Christmas usually brings

In years gone by our Christmas time
Was filled with lots to do,
With shopping trips and carol singing,
Watching nativities, to name a few.

Dressing up for Christmas parties,
And dancing all night long,
Drinking mulled wine and eating mince pies,
Singing a carol song!

But despite this awful year, my dear
I pray you'll feel the light
The light of love, the light of peace
The light that shines so bright.

May it fill you with hope,
May it bring you good news,
May it show you good fortune and peace,
May it light up your days with a precious warm glow
May it stay with you my friend, always 