



Holy Cross School Newsletter Friday 22 January 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Following my weekly meeting with Public Health England this week it is pleasing to hear that the rate of infection in Lewisham is gradually beginning to decrease. It is still incredibly high but is thankfully going in the right direction at last. It would seem that staying indoors and reducing social contacts is helping so thank you to all those who are following the guidance. We are beginning to hear of people within our community who are receiving the vaccine. This is an enormous step forward and brings us hope for the future. Let's hope it comes to us all soon.

Online learning

After three weeks of online learning I am delighted with the enthusiasm and engagement our children are showing. Our live teaching lessons three times a day ensure that our children are receiving as close as possible to the learning they would have enjoyed if they had been in School. Whilst learning online it is important that the children show the good manners and behaviour that we expect of them in School. This includes not sending messages to each other that are either unkind or rude. We will be monitoring all messages sent from now on. The vast majority of children are enjoying both the live lessons and the opportunity to see and converse with friends and this is what we want to see.

Academic Review Day

On Friday 12 February we will have our annual Academic Review Day. This year we are arranging it via the Teams app we use for our online learning. It is a great opportunity for you and your child to speak with their class teacher/s to find out what they are excelling at and which areas of the curriculum they need to focus more on. A letter was sent out today with full information. Here is the link you need to follow to book your appointment.

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/HolyCrossPrimarySchool@o365.holycross.lewisham.sch.uk/bookings/>

Bubble Closure

Sadly, today we have needed to close one of the bubbles in our Key Worker provision in School as a result of a positive case of Covid 19. The need to be aware and keep to lockdown rules is so important. Please stay safe, follow government guidance and help our community and the NHS.

Flu Vaccination

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic and the subsequent closure of schools the delivery of the flu immunisation campaign has been interrupted. NHS England has advised that that the delivery of the immunisation campaign must continue as a clinical priority during the lockdown.

The School Health Service is offering catch-up clinics to children inadvertently left out of the childhood flu immunisation session due to absence, sickness or isolation. The final flu catch-up sessions for the season is arranged at the Waldron health Centre SE14 6LD and Downham Health and Leisure Centre BR1 5EP, on **Saturday 23 January 2021** and all throughout the week from **Monday 25 January to Friday 29 January 2021**. You will need to contact the team on **020 3049 1897** to book an appointment if you are interested in getting your children vaccinated against the flu.

Website

Mrs Slattery and myself are busy working on the new website for our School. It is looking lovely and we are excited to share it with you when we can. Watch this space!

Prayers

During this difficult time I hope that you are all continuing to pray, either together as a family or with your children individually. It is very important to remind our children of their faith and at this time in particular to remind them that God is always there for us, listening to our worries and taking care of us.

Please take good care of yourselves and give those lovely children a big hug from us all in School,

Miss Collins

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience but where he stands in times of challenge and controversy.”

– Martin Luther King