



Holy Cross School Newsletter Friday 5 March 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

As our online learning comes to an end and the return to school for all children finally arrives on Monday, I would like to say an enormous thank you to the amazing parents and carers out there who have helped our children throughout the lockdown period. I am aware that many of you are not only helping your children but also trying to work yourselves and I do not underestimate the effort and organisation this must have required. I can honestly say that you have been sensational and you deserve our thanks and praise. Monday will see the start of the next chapter and I am sure that with continued vigilance and precautions as well as the usual love and nurture we expect from Holy Cross we will all be able to stay in school and begin to return to some form of normality. We can't wait!

Precautions

In order to keep us safe over the coming weeks we are continuing with the extra precautions we took back in the autumn term. Parents and carers will drop children at the gate in the morning but will not enter the school site unless bringing a Nursery or Reception child in. All children will have their hands sanitised as they enter the School grounds. Adults collecting children at the end of the school day will collect children from the classroom door. All adults coming onto the school site are expected to wear a face covering in order to help protect our community.

Online superstars!

For the final week (fingers crossed!) our fabulous children have worked superbly on their online learning. We are very proud of you all for this. These are our online superstars for this week who will receive a card through the post this weekend telling them how pleased we are with them:

Nursery: Evelina and Ike

Reception: Stefano, Matteo, Emilija

Year 1: Rose and Izzy

Year 2: Kayley and Amira-Rose

Year 3: Valen and Sandra

Year 4: Olivia and Nicolas

Year 5: Stephanie and Francesca

Year 6: Kingsley and Ada

Well done to all of them!

School meals or packed lunch

On Monday children will need to tell their class teacher if they are having a school meal or a packed lunch. They need to keep this same choice until we break for the Easter holidays.

Subtitles

There has been some fascinating research conducted recently that showed children watching television with the subtitles on improved their reading age by a number of months over a short period. What a fabulously simple idea! Why don't you all give it a try and let's see what impact it can make across the whole School.

I wish my child's teacher knew...

As part of our warm welcome back to School next week we would like children to complete the simple sentence 'I wish my teacher knew....' This might be anything they want to say from the most minor detail to something hugely important. We have attached a template to the bottom of this newsletter but children can write on whatever paper they have. There is also a template for

parents and carers in case they felt there was something our teachers might benefit from knowing after being away from the children for so long. If you want to complete either or both of the templates they can be sent into class teachers next week.

Daffodil Competition

Another reminder to keep looking after your daffodils and keep them growing and coming into bloom. We are asking children to bring them in for our annual competition on Thursday 18 March. It is all about the fun of taking part and seeing the wide variety of different daffodils we have managed to grow. Not long to go now, keep watering them!

RSE Policy

Last week a proposed RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) policy was emailed to all parents and carers. The policy is also on our website. We are undertaking a consultation and ask that you email us, by Friday 12 March, at jwilson52.209@lgflmail.org if you wish to make a comment about it.

Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday,

Miss Collins

“Lent is a time for reconsidering our feelings, for letting our eyes be opened to injustice, to open our hearts to those suffering.”

– Pope Francis