



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and a happy new year to you all! I hope that you and your families all had a wonderful Christmas, the children all look well rested and are eager for the term ahead. We have a wide range of fabulous activities planned for this term, including Other Faiths Week, English Week, and we will be beginning with a focus on Geography that will be taking place on Wednesday.

I am writing to you with the feedback from the questionnaire that was sent out before Christmas. Thank you to everyone who filled in and returned the form, your responses are so important to us so, that we can continue to work together for the lovely children at Holy Cross.

What went well:

- All of the Christmas productions were amazing, especially the KS2 Carol Concert
- Trips being planned
- Joining with the Parish for Sunday Mass
- Wide range of Clubs
- Having lots of advance notice around dates for the diary
- Wonderful month of the Rosary, especially the full Rosary on the Fridays
- Wonderful, supportive staff

Even better if:

- There was a possibility of wraparound care
- Advanced notice of clubs being cancelled
- Children didn't use the Chromebooks so much
- More focus on reading or time tables
- Parents to wait in the playground and the children line up to go into class
- Having a daily mystery of the Rosary added to the morning prayers

Other comments:

- It has been a wonderful term – thank you!

In response to your comments I wanted to say thank you to all of you who responded, all of your comments are really appreciated. I have responded to some of the comments made below.

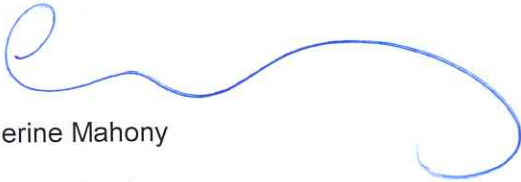
- There was a possibility of wraparound care – this is something that we are continuing to look into and work out how we can offer this for our children.
- Advanced notice of clubs being cancelled – unfortunately some clubs are cancelled at short notice. This is sometimes due to staff illness and we try to arrange cover but I am aware that this can be frustrating so we will try, where possible, to ensure that more notice is given or cover is arranged.
- Children didn't use the Chromebooks so much – children in KS2 have daily access to Chromebooks, these are used to support children's learning, as another form of a resource. They are used to research information, upload worksheets so no printing is needed, complete some short quizzes and occasionally

type up work. Each teacher thinks carefully about when they are asking the children to use the Chromebooks and ensure they are viewed as a resource to support their work.

- Not enough focus on reading or times tables – last term we continued to have a focus on reading, especially reading for pleasure, the whole School, children and staff, participate in DEAR time which demonstrates that we are all readers. Children are taught times tables in age appropriate ways across the School.
- Parents to wait in the playground in the morning and the children line up to go into class – since COVID children have been going straight into class each morning, instead of lining up outside in the playground for ten minutes. Children having a 'soft start' to the day has had the biggest positive impact for every single one of our children. I do understand that we have lost some of the community feeling that parents had gathering together, however, we do offer other occasions for this, for example the PSA have run several coffee sessions that I would encourage as many of you as possible to attend.
- Having a daily mystery of the Rosary added to the morning prayers – this is something that we are looking into.

Thank you for all of your continued support,

Yours sincerely,



Catherine Mahony

Head of School



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