



# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely, restful Easter break. It is wonderful to see the children back in School and refreshed and ready to learn. Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill in the parent questionnaires. Your responses really help us as a School to recognise what you feel is working well and how we can work together to continue to make Holy Cross a wonderful and nurturing learning environment. Below are some of the comments and suggestions that we received:

Want went well:

- Lenten breakfast, pancake race and Easter Bonnet Parade
- The different workshops being offered
- Variety of activities being offered including class trips and the PSA disco
- OPAL – the children are really enjoying the different toys
- Mini Vinnie Mass
- Wonderful Passion Play
- Excellent communication from the School
- Staff being so approachable and listening to parents concerns
- Themed weeks like Science and RE week
- DEAR time is fabulous
- Reception outdoor activities
- Morning prayers and the Rosary
- Lovely, caring staff especially when children have been poorly
- Staff who know and understand each child as individuals

Even better if:

- There were more parent helpers offering different skills
- The children's bikes were parked more considerately so parents with buggies can walk past more easily
- There was more information about what the children are learning about
- Gates to be opened more promptly
- Children could do more than one after school club

Any other comments:

- Thank you for a great term!
- Thank you for fostering a kind, caring environment that feels welcoming at all times.

I have responded to some of your comments below and I hope this answers your comments Remember that if you have any queries at any time please speak to either myself or another member of staff.

- There were more parent helpers offering different skills – we are always open to parents volunteering in School. We welcome regular parent readers or parents who might be able to offer a one-off session. During the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> July we are holding an international week so would love to have as many parents helping with cookery, storytelling etc as possible.
- The children's bikes were parked more considerately so parents with buggies can walk past more easily – I do understand the issue with buggies and bikes, we have moved the bike racks further back but if there continues to be an issue we will look at how else we can resolve this.
- More information about what the children are learning about - all information about the curriculum being covered by each class is available on the School website, including the overview for this term for Years 1-6. Please look regularly at our wonderful website, it holds a wealth of information.

- Gates to be opened more promptly – gates are generally opened at 8.45am or slightly earlier, we cannot open them earlier than this as School doesn't open until 8.45am. Remember that the way to enter and exit the gate is changing so you can access the School by the main office gate and the gate on Culverley Road.
- Children could do more than one after school club - Children are able to do more than one after-school club if there are spaces available. Please contact Mrs Slattery if you would like any more information about clubs or what is available.

Thank you for all of the support that you give to us, it makes Holy Cross a very special community to be a part of. I am looking forward to the final term of this School year which is packed full of amazing learning opportunities for all of our lovely children.

Yours sincerely,



Catherine Mahony

Head of School



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