

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope that you all have had a lovely summer, the weather this week is a glimpse of what the summer could have looked like! It has been lovely to see all of the children in School today, and looking so smart in their uniforms. I know that we are looking forward to another wonderful year.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill in the parent questionnaires before the summer break. Your responses are so important to help us as a School, enabling us to make it even more wonderful for our fabulous children. Below are some of the comments and suggestions that we received:

What went well:

- All teachers work hard and support children
- Assemblies have been brilliant
- Class Trips and the range of trips
- Morning prayers
- Wonderful connection with the School and Parish
- Children attending Mass regularly
- Crowning of Mary
- Sports Day and Sports week
- Communication between home and school
- The online phonics programme
- Lessons taught are varied, informative and engaging
- Beach trip was great
- Parents being involved in activities and learning
- Weekly homework
- The new way of picking up and dropping off
- Support from the teachers
- Open door policy
- Composer of the week

Even better if:

- There was more information about children's learning
- Both parents could receive texts, and more often
- There was more food for children at lunchtimes
- Children had less screen time
- Additional parents meeting in the summer term
- There was wraparound care
- There was less tablet time
- More ethnically diverse education throughout the curriculum

Additional Comments:

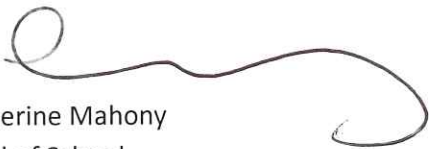
- Thank you to all the school staff and teachers for their hard work
- We feel proud to be part of the school
- Holy Cross continues to be an excellent school with excellent staff!

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

- More information about children's learning – the curriculum for each class is on our website and an overview of what is being taught in each class in under each classes' individual tab, there will also be Meet the Teacher meetings for Reception Class to Year 6 on Wednesday 20th September, more information about these to follow.
- If both parents could receive texts, and more often – we send texts for important messages and information, these texts do, unfortunately, have a sizable cost attached to them, this is why they are usually only sent to one contact, we will continue to monitor this system and send emails to both contacts if more appropriate.
- More food for children at lunchtimes – we have a good relationship with our wonderful kitchen staff and have spoken to them about portion sizes, all children, from Nursery to Year 6, are offered a good-sized meal with additional salads and bread if necessary.
- Additional parents meeting in the summer term - we hold a parents' meeting in the Autumn and Spring terms, with a written report in the Summer, you are able to speak to the class teachers around these times as well, either at the end of the day or you can make an appointment through the office.
- If there was wraparound care – this is something that we are continuing to look into
- There was less tablet time - Children use Chromebooks and iPads to support their learning in appropriate ways at suitable for different ages.
- More ethnically diverse education throughout the curriculum – we plan our curriculum carefully to ensure that it represents the children and local community, we are always open to any new ideas or thoughts on how we can improve even further.

I hope that these responses have answered your questions. Thank you for all of the support that you give to us a School community. I am looking forward to the year ahead and working with you and your lovely children,

Yours Sincerely,



Catherine Mahony
Head of School



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