



Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

Family Newsletter



Thank you

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to start by saying a huge thank you to you all for all the support you have shown since the new academic year started. All your kind words and messages of support have meant a lot to the staff and I.

In these uncertain and rapidly changing times, it is so lovely to be in school with the children and see their happy, smiling faces. As half term approaches and we look back over the last 7 weeks in school, the children have amazed us with their love for learning and all the experiences school has had to offer.

School we know is still a bit different and we understand these differences will become even more noticeable as we build up to Christmas. This would normally have been a time full of Christmas events in school such as the Christmas Fayre and Christmas Plays but due to Covid restrictions all these wonderful events will not be possible. We will, however, still ensure the build up to Christmas is 'magical' and 'memorable' in our own Holy Cross way. We know this is really disappointing for everyone and we promise that we will ensure that the children will have a magical time within their class bubbles.

Stay safe and well everyone

Mrs Clare Higgins

Half Term Break

The children finish for the October half term break this Thursday 22nd October and they will return on Tuesday 3rd November.

Friday 23rd October and Monday 2nd November are INSET days, school will only be open to staff.

Tier 3 Lockdown

You will all now know that Wirral has been placed into the 'very high' alert level of the Government's new three-tier system of interventions to tackle the spread of COVID-19. This means the borough is under the strictest set of restrictions due to the high rate of infection in the area.

This means;

You must not meet socially with friends and family indoors in any setting unless they are part of your household or support bubble. This includes private homes and indoors in hospitality venues, such as pubs.

You must also not meet with people outside of your household or support bubble in a private garden or in most outdoor public venues.

People should avoid staying overnight in another part of the UK.

It is also advised that people should:

Only use public transport for essential purposes, such as travelling to school or work.

Avoid attending amateur and semi-professional sporting events as spectators

You can find out precise details of what this means on the Wirral.gov.uk website.

Face Coverings on the School Site

Thank you again to everyone for continuing to observe the new Public Health request to wear face coverings when on the school site.

Please continue to remember to socially distance when on the school site as a face covering does not replace the need for this. Please continue to think of others and keep everyone safe.

Parents and Carers Consultations

Due to current COVID-19 restrictions we are unable to invite you all into school for consultations with your child's teacher. 'Parent Consultation Phone Calls' will take place the week beginning the 9th November and 16th November.

This isn't the way we would normally update you on your child's progress, but we were keen that parents have the opportunity to have that 5 minute 'conversation' with their child's teacher. It will allow the staff to update you on your child's progress and how they have settled back into school life and their class but will also give you as parents a chance to share any concerns or worries and ask any questions. We will send out further details after the October half term break.

School Admissions 2021 -2022

If your child is in Year 6 and due to start secondary school in September 2021, you must apply for your preferred secondary school place by 31st October 2020.

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2021, the application window is also open. You must apply by 15th January 2021.

If anyone would like support with these applications, please let us know as soon as possible.

New Website and Parent App

We are very excited about the launch of our new website and parent app after the October Half term. We will be writing to you all with further details of how you can all download the free app onto your phones or digital device.

The app will enable us to send newsletters, letters, messages, surveys, forms and general information to you all. It will provide parents and carers with a central point in conjunction with the school website to access school information such as term dates, letters, school lunch menus etc.