



# Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

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## Newsletter Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents,

We have gone yellow! Thank you for the wonderful response in supporting the Mountbatten Hospice 'Go Yellow' 2021 fundraiser. We have managed to raise £\*\*\* for the Hospice and the yellow has certainly brightened up our Friday, and the pupils look bright and cheerful in class!

I have also been very impressed by the quick response to our Island Foodbank Autumn appeal. Walking through the classes I can see piles of produce starting to appear. The appeal will end on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> where we will celebrate with a Harvest Worship before taking the donations to the Foodbank. More information about the foodbank and items required can be found later in the newsletter.

Congratulations to all our football teams who have taken part in matches this week. I have had very positive reports about behaviour and sportsmanship. Next week we have some more football fixtures and an Under 11 Tag Ruby match.

Next week Year 6 are taking up on the offer to visit the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey. Pupils have been preparing for their visit including working out how to get there. The trip is subsidised by the government and travel will be by ferry, rail, tube and Shanks's Pony! We are very excited to be visiting and looking forward to some new experiences.



### Prayer for the Hospice



Loving Lord,

I pray for all those that are in the Hospice and who are facing long nights away from home with little sleep, or who are missing their families and home comforts.

Be close to each one in the Hospice tonight,  
especially those that are finding sleep and rest so difficult.  
Be near to those that are frightened or disorientated,  
and may Your peace and hope fill many hearts.

Lord You are the God of comfort and rest,  
I pray that You would pour out that peace and comfort and joy that only comes from knowing You.  
I ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus,

Amen.



## **GOLD BOOK**

### **Reception...**

Margot Tomlinson – For trying really hard with her letter formation and forming the letter 'a' correctly.

Harry Hutchins – For some super sorting work in our Maths lesson.

### **Year 1...**

Travis Caws - for super independent writing retelling the story of The Little Red Hen.

Joseph Rackett - for excellent independent spelling in his writing - well done!

### **Year 2...**

Ava Greenen-Bell and Chloe Peirce – For excellent teamwork in DT

Kairo Wildish-Aridegbe – For super participation in Maths

### **Year 3...**

Rio Wildish-Aridegbe – For persevering with tricky Maths work.

Jayden Calvert – For trying really hard with his writing.

### **Year 4...**

Frankie Ball – For his excellent effort in class. His presentation has been greatly improved and his performance in spelling and handwriting tests has been flawless.

Harrison Pettinger – For his effort and progress in English and Maths lessons. He has come back to school with a fantastic attitude and lots of enthusiasm.

### **Year 5...**

Harry Sorensen for showing excellent mental arithmetic skills this week during our maths lessons.

Leah Margetts for creating a super police report in English, based on our book Tuesday.

### **Year 6...**

Bailey Maguire - For confident work in maths. Bailey has been working hard to challenge himself when multiplying 4-digit numbers by 2-digits.

Lincoln Wheeler - For great contributions to all lessons. Lincoln always has something to contribute to each lesson which demonstrates good understanding.



## **School Notices**

### **Term Dates**

**Year 6 - Parliament/ Westminster Abbey Trip** - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October

**Autumn Half Term Holiday** - Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October

**Year 3 and 4 Cinema Trip** - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November

**Year 5 and 6 Cinema Trip** - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November

**Year 3 Stonehenge Trip** - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November

**School Photos** - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November

**Year 1 and 2 Cinema Trip** - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November

**Christmas Jumper Day** - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December

**Year 5 and 6 Pantomime Trip** - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Holiday** - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

**February Half Term Holiday** - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> February

**Easter Holiday** - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April

**Spring Half Term Holiday** - Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June

**Summer Holiday** - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September



**MENU – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021**  
(Week three)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Specials	Macaroni Cheese	Chicken and Spanishy Spuds	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips	Fish Fingers & Chips
Specials	Veggie Sausage and Mash with Gravy	Cheese Risotto Bake	Butternut Squash and Potato Pastry Slice	Meat Free Nuggets and Chips	Soft Taco and Chips
Other Options	Jacket Potato ----- Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato ----- Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato ----- Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato ----- Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato ----- Tomato Pasta
Vegetables	Peas Carrots	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Cabbage Carrots	Peas Baked Beans	Peas Bakes Beans
Dessert	Oatie Biscuit with Fruit Slices	Apple and Carrot Yogurt Muffin	Strawberry Ice Cream	Chocolate Sponge Cake or Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt	Peach Rice Pudding

### **School Uniform Reminder:**

Please can we remember to label all clothing items that belong to your children to prevent them being lost, and double check to make sure they bring home their own as many children this week have had their property go missing.

## **Isle of Wight Food Bank**

Autumn Charity Focus

We will be collecting food items in school and taking them down to the food bank depot on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October

Food items that are currently urgently needed include: Rice Pudding, Tinned Spaghetti, washing up Liquid, Shaving Foam/Gel, Sponge Puddings, Tinned Tomatoes, Squash 750ML, Toilet Roll, Par Baked Bread and Toothbrushes

# HARVEST APPEAL



## HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOODBANK WITH FOOD AND FUNDS THIS HARVEST

### DONATE FOOD

Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide food to help people in crisis.



### DONATE MONEY

Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.



### SHOPPING LIST TOP TEN ITEMS

Tinned Spaghetti  
Rice Pudding  
Coffee (100g)  
Savoury Crackers  
Chutney / Pickle  
Sponge Puddings  
Custard  
Tubes of Crisps  
Fruit Juice, Lunchbox size  
Trifle Mix

*Don't forget...  
You can help transform  
more lives with a financial  
donation too.*



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### ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to **RECEPTION CLASS & Year 5** for

100%

Attendance this week.

Holy Cross Primary target for whole school attendance is 96.5%

This week Holy Cross whole school attendance is 97.76%



**Well Done Holy Cross!**

Stay safe & Best wishes

Timothy Eccles  
Headteacher

### **Covid -19 School Guidance**

We continue to follow the current public health advice and government guidance around reducing the risk of spreading Covid -19 in school.

- Children will still be encouraged to wash their hands/use hand sanitizer frequently
  - The “Catch it, bin it, kill it” message will continue to be reinforced.
  - Rooms will still be well ventilated
- Classrooms and equipment /resources will still be cleaned using the appropriate products
  - Children will no longer be in bubbles
- For visitors to school, face coverings are no longer a requirement although it remains up to you if you wish to continue to wear one, especially in crowded places.

DfE guidance: What if someone tests positive or has symptoms?

Self-isolate straight away and get a PCR test immediately if you have any of these symptoms:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough,
- a loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste

You should also self-isolate if:

- you have tested positive for C-19 either according to a PCR test or a lateral flow device test. A positive Lateral flow device test (LFD) means you must book a PCR test. A negative PCR test will override a positive LFD test.
- someone you live with has symptoms or tested positive (unless you are not required to self-isolate – see below if this applies to you)
- you've been told to self-isolate following contact with someone who tested positive – find out what to do if you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app. ([If you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk))

Pupils should only self-isolate if they have symptoms or if they get a positive PCR or Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test. If they develop symptoms or get a positive LFD test, they should book a PCR test. A positive PCR test cannot be overridden. If a

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pupil is asked to get a PCR test as a result of contact with a positive case, they may continue to attend education until they get the result of their PCR back.

And what will happen for people who have been in contact with positive cases?

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons. Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. They do not need to isolate while awaiting the PCR test.

We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so. Staff who do not need to isolate, and children and young people aged under 18 years 6 months who usually attend school, and have been identified as a close contact, should continue to attend school as normal. If none of the above applies, people should self-isolate as per the instructions from NHS Test and Trace ([If you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk))

Holy Cross Pupils currently off with +PCR 1/10/69	
YR	0
Y1	0
Y2	1
Y3	0
Y4	1
Y5	1
Y6	2









**PRESS RELEASE: 15/09/2021**  
**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## Robin Hill and Blackgang Chine offer discount to Island children!

Two of the Isle of Wight's largest tourist attractions are offering Isle of Wight school children and Youth Offers an exclusive opportunity to visit the parks this October.

The sound of laughter and children enjoying themselves at both Robin Hill and Blackgang Chine has been a welcome familiarity for the parks this summer. With many of the park teams growing up on the Island, they're passionate about enriching the lives of Isle of Wight children. Which is why both parks are offering an exclusive discount to local schools and Youth Offers in the hope that as many Island children get the opportunity for adventure and creativity.

For schools, this discount is offered at 50% of their usual reduced entry price, while youth offer groups will be able to take advantage of a whopping 75% reduction.

Isle of Wight schools taking advantage of this discount can visit Blackgang Chine between October 6th – 10th & 13th – 15th and Robin Hill between October 13th – 15th.

Island-based Youth Groups and youth charities are invited to visit Blackgang Chine on 9th & 10th October or Robin Hill on 10th October.

Park entry is just £5 per child with these exclusive discounts; with a free chaperone accompanying every 10 children!

*"We're excited to be able to offer this discount to not only Island schools, but also Isle of Wight Youth Offers and youth charities, too. We know that the last 18 months have been difficult for everyone, and we want to make sure that all our local children get the opportunity to enjoy the parks."*  
– Natalie Lock, Robin Hill Deputy Park Manager.

There are plenty of opportunities to learn while having fun! A visit to Blackgang Chine is visit to the Land of Imagination, children can explore the different areas of the park and unlock the storyteller within. From swashbuckling adventures to cowboy shoot-outs, there's always an adventure to be had!

Robin Hill has recently added a new member to the team, Chief, the White-Tailed Sea Eagle, who is currently being trained by their Head Falconer, Charlie Rolle. Children will get the chance to meet one of the UK's rarest birds and learn

about the conservation efforts to return them back to the UK's southern coast! Not to mention the abundance of wildlife in the many woodland walkways.

All of that on top of a fun-filled day of rides, attractions and engaging walk-through experiences.

Head over to [www.schools.vectis.ventures/ticket-pricing/](http://www.schools.vectis.ventures/ticket-pricing/) to find out if your Youth Group or charity are eligible for this exclusive discount.



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Land of Imagination