



Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Once again, welcome back! It has really been lovely to see all of you again. The children have come back full of energy and raring to go for the new school year. Pupils have spent the last two days familiarising themselves with the changes in routine, life in school and reflecting on Our School Mission Statement and what it means to be a member of Holy Cross.

Our Mission

To enable every child to discover their talents,
realise their potential and achieve their dreams
by living, laughing and learning together,
anchored in the love of Christ, always asking,
“What would Jesus do?”

The revised drop off and collection arrangements seem to be working at the moment. We will, of course, be monitoring and tweaking them as needed. The interim carpark infrastructure is now in place. The next phase will be to put in a surface and paths for the pupil drop off area so that it will can use it all year round.

West Gate Change to morning arrangements

Morning arrangements. Having reviewed and trialled the West Gate arrangements over the last two days we are going to make the following changes.

The pupil waiting area for those using the West Gate entrance will now be at the top of the field. The West Gate and green boundary bottom gate will open automatically at 8.30am to allow access to the site. The gate will automatically lock again at 8.45am

Mr Wild will then sweep the field to ensure that no strangers are on site.

Pupils will be admitted into school at 8.35am via the top field gate.

End of day arrangements. Pupils exiting school by the West Gate will be escorted to the green boundary bottom gate and dismissed from there. Please could those waiting for children wait in the area between the West Gate and green boundary bottom gate.

Year 5 & Year 6, 2.40pm

Year R to Year 4, 3.10pm

The school has a pedestrian right of way along St Thomas Road. Please could we ask parents and pupils to be mindful of the residents and their gardens as they come and go.

As you are aware the latest Government guidance has permitted schools to remove the need for bubbles. This has meant that we were able to hold our first whole school worship this week. Father Jonathan supported our staff inset days earlier this week and has shared a prayer of dedication for the school year.

Prayer of dedication for the School Year

Almighty God, you provide me with all that I need,
My very life is a gift from you,
And without you I could do nothing.
And yet, still more, you give me the freedom to do as I choose.
Accept from me now, the work of this year.
I dedicate to you all my difficulties and joys,
My irritations and rewards,
My disappointments and successes.
Help me to work to the best of my ability,
With a big heart
And good humour.
Lord, you have placed us together, this year, at this school,
Work in us,
Work through us,
Let our hands be your hands,
Our words be your words,
Our work be your work.
Into your hands Lord we commend this year,
You who are God, forever and ever

Amen

We are looking forward to welcoming Father Jonathan into school again celebrating on the 14th September for a mass to celebrate The Feast of the Exhalation of the Holy Cross.

Covid

If you think your child has symptoms of Covid please let us know and keep them away until they have done a PCR test. If the test is positive please follow the NHS isolation guidance.

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](#). We would encourage all individuals to take a PCR test if advised to do so.

Reminder for Parents:

Please can you ensure that your Childs School Uniform is named as Mr Wild has already found many unnamed jumpers and cardigans that we cannot reunite with their owners. All named items will be reunited.



School Notices

Term Dates

Autumn Half Term Holiday

Saturday 16th - Sunday 31st October

Christmas Holiday

Wednesday 22nd December – Tuesday 3rd January

February Half Term Holiday

Saturday 19th – 27th February

Easter Holiday

Saturday 9th - Sunday 24th April

Spring Half Term Holiday

Saturday 28th May – Sunday 5th June

Summer Holiday

Friday 22nd July – Monday 5th September



MENU – 6th September 2021
(Week two)

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Specials	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Dough Balls	Sausage and Mash with Gravy	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Lasagne with Garlic & Herb Bread Wedge	Fish Fingers & Chips
Specials	Veggie Bolognese	Noodles with Tofu and Veggies	Creamy Vegetable Pie with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Mild Chickpea and Potatoe Curry	Tomato Veggie Burger & Chips
Other Options	Jacket Potato ----- Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato ----- Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato ----- Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato ----- Tomato Pasta	Jacket Potato ----- Tomato Pasta
Vegetables	Carrot sticks Cucumber sticks	Broccoli Peas	Cabbage Carrots	Green Beans Sweetcorn	Peas Bakes Beans
Dessert	Flapjack with Fruit Slices	Peach Shortbread Pudding & Custard	Raspberry Yoghurt Cake	Fruity Chocolate Brownie	Vanilla Ice Cream

Breakfast Club is Back

We are excited to welcome back pupils for morning Breakfast Club, which is run **every day from 7.45am** held in the School Hall.

We have a selection of healthy breakfast choices for pupils, including cereals, toast and pancakes.
Orange Juice, Apple Juice milk or water.

The cost of Breakfast club is **£2.50 per pupil per day**.



We also offer a range of activities for pupils to enjoy and engage with, including imaginary play, playdoh, drawing and colouring, board games UNO quiet reading.

If you wish to book your child a place, please contact the school office on 292885 or email Kerrie Margetts on fam@holycrossrcpri.iow.sch.uk a least the day before you require a place.

We have a maximum capacity of 15 pupils per day at this time. Should we exceed this amount we may be able to increase the numbers if additional staffing can be secured.

Please buzz at the gate for **BREAKFAST CLUB** and a member of staff will be able to let you in. If it is your first session, please come with your child to the hall to complete a short registration form.

We are delighted to be able to offer this service to our school community again.



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL LIBRARY!

We are super excited to be investing in our school library. We wanted to have a weekly post which includes our new book of the week and promote the library rules so parents and carers are able to support the school with the new Library Rules.

Mrs Neill has been busy reviewing the book stock in the library and trying to track down books which appear not to have been returned since the return from Lockdown. If you receive a reminder letter, please have a look at home to see if you can find any unreturned books. Thank you.

LIBRARY RULES

- Enjoy our library and the time you have to spend in there!
- No book will be issued until a book is returned.
- Any damaged books will be charged at the publisher's price.
- Please be respectful and quiet when visiting the library.

***Please note:** Books have been categorised into age appropriate sections. Children will not be allowed to borrow books from the older age groups, but may borrow books from anything categorised in the younger sections.*



ATTENDANCE

this week.

Holy Cross Primary target for whole school attendance is 96.5%

This week Holy Cross whole school attendance is 93.59%



Well Done Holy Cross!

Stay safe & Best wishes

Tim Eccles

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Headteacher

