



Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

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Friday 17th September 2021

Dear Parents,

Another fantastic week of learning has taken place at Holy Cross with very engaged pupils in all classes. Our new Reception class continue to go from strength to strength, and are really impressing us with their confidence, aspiration, resilience, enquiry and spirituality. Father Jonathan celebrated our feast day (Exhalation of the Holy Cross) on Wednesday with us, Year 1 have been mastering baking this week, and today Year 6 have been trying to grips with sailing at UKSA.

With the IOW festival taking place and the anxiety in the press around a possible spike in Covid cases I wanted to outline the school guidance again to you.

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CALLING PARENTS OF CATHOLIC CHILDREN - FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME

I am conscious that our children and young people have a right to their Catholic formation and access to the Sacraments — and that the parish priest has a particular obligation in this regard — I'm only too aware that the last joint parishes' First Communion course culminated in Masses in Eastertide 2018. At the moment I'm taking soundings, from parents with children of the right age (Year 3 and above), from existing catechists, and possibly potential new catechists, about availability and willingness to begin a programme of preparation for First Communion, hopefully in the near future, subject to any further Covid restrictions, etc. For the moment, I'm more than happy to gather details of potential candidates, and contact details. Fr Jonathan

(Please contact via email – Fr.Jonathan@holycrossrcpri.iow.sch.uk)

Prayer

We know that God loves us all, just because we are who we are, and so we have the confidence to pray together:

We pray for world leaders: that they may see the importance of all their people, especially children, and make decisions based on what is best for everyone.

We pray for all children throughout the world: that they may be valued and loved, and have the chance to build a brighter future.

We pray for our parish, families and friends: that we may welcome all people, no matter who they are, and do all that we can to help others to move forwards with hope.

**God of hope,
we know that all people are important,
because they are loved by you.**

Show us how to help others to see this too,
so that the world can be a fairer place for all your children.

Amen.



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GOLD BOOK

Reception...

Year 1...

Year 2...

Year 3...

Year 4...

Year 5...

Year 6...

Ruby Irwin - For effort across subjects. Ruby is demonstrating great resilience to all her work - keep it up!

Harry Greenen-Bell - For a positive start to Holy Cross. Harry has shown confidence and resilience, and contributes well to all lessons.



School Notices

Term Dates

Friday 17th September – Y6 Sailing Morning

Saturday 2nd October – Ryde School Open Morning 10AM – 12:30PM

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 – 20th September 2021 (Week One)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Specials	Macaroni Cheese	Chicken Filo Pie with Mash Potato	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Bolognese	Fish Fingers and chips
Specials	Vegetable Burrito Wrap	BBQ Beans with Cornbread	Sweet Potato and Chickpea Roast with Roast Potatoes	Butternut Squash and Tomato Bake with Rice	Meat-Free nuggets 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	Green Beans Sweetcorn	Peas Broccoli	Carrots Cabbage	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Baked Beans Peas
Dessert	Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream	Brownie	Shortbread Biscuit with Fruit Slices	Berry and Peach Oaty Crumble with Custard	Orange Sultana and Carrot Cake Slice



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 carer's are able to support the school with the new Library Rules.

LIBRARY DONATIONS!

Last 1/2term we launched our Fundraising plea for the library. We are very thankful for the donations we have received so far.

£332.70

Target £1000

Library Days

Reception: Friday
Year 1: Monday
Year 2: Thursday
Year 3: Wednesday
Year 4: Friday
Year 5: Monday
Year 6: Tuesday

If the book is not in school on library day they may have to wait until the following week to change it.

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

Congratulations to **RECEPTION CLASS** for
100%

Attendance this week.

Holy Cross Primary target for whole school attendance is 96.5%
This week Holy Cross whole school attendance is 97.21%



Well Done Holy Cross!

Stay safe & Best wishes

Timothy Eccles
Headteacher

FYI:

Play Junior Rugby with Vectis Rugby Club
New players welcome
Boys and Girls

Under 6's/Under 7's/Under 8's are all non-contact tag rugby. Sessions are all delivered by experienced coaches with first aid qualifications and DBS checks.

Teamwork
Respect
Enjoyment
Discipline
Sportsmanship

Teams and age groups

- Under 6s (Year 1) - Venue IWRFC (Wootton) Sundays 10:00-11:00
- Under 7s (Year 2) - Venue IWRFC (Wootton) Sundays 10:00-11:00
- Under 8s (Year 3) - Venue IWRFC (Wootton) Sundays 10:00-11:00
- Under 9s (Year 4) - Venue SSRFC (Sandown) Fridays 16:15-17:30
- Under 10s (Year 5)- Venue IWRFC (Wootton) Sundays -10.00-11.30
- Under 11s (Year 6)- Venue IWRFC (Wootton) Sundays 10.00-11.30
- Under 12s (Year 7)- Venue IWRFC (Wootton) Sundays 10.00-11.30

Contact

For more details go to vectisrugby.co.uk
Register your child's interest:

For Under 6/7/8s
Steve via WhatsApp (07368527330)

For Under 9s contact
Paul (07782 238752) or Sam (07932 045367)

For under 10s
Contact Karl 07963483197

Visit www.vectisrugby.co.uk - Volunteers always welcome!




CURTAIN CALL
KIDS

**FOR CHILDREN
 AGED 4-6 YEARS OLD**

**SUNDAYS AT RYDE SCHOOL
 10:30AM - 12PM**


**THEATRE CLASSES FOR
 YOUNG CHILDREN WHO
 LOVE TO PERFORM**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR
 TO BOOK YOUR PLACE, EMAIL:
 INFO@CURTAINCALLCREATIVE.CO.UK
 OR CALL 07854144616**

WWW.CURTAINCALLCREATIVE.CO.UK

St. George's School
Year 6 Open Evening



**Tuesday 28th September
 2021**
 3.30pm - 7.00pm
 Please book a session

Discover more at www.stgeorges-school.co.uk










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Itinerary for the Day

Session 1 (3.30pm - 5pm)

3.30pm	Refreshments in the hall
3.45pm	Head Teacher welcome
4.15pm	Tour of the school

Session 2 (4.30pm - 6pm)

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4.45pm	Head Teacher welcome
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Session 3 (5.30pm - 7pm)

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WHOLE SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

SATURDAY 2 OCTOBER 10.00AM UNTIL 12.30PM

Join us for tours of the School, a Q&A session with the Head Master and senior team and an opportunity to talk to pupils, staff and parents. Enjoy displays, live music and drama rehearsals and join in with science experiments.

An island school with a global outlook



RYDE SCHOOL
WITH UPPER CHINE

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