

# HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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**C.A.R.E.S** we aim to help every pupil become:

**Confident, Aspirational, Resilient, Enquiring, Spiritual**

## Holy Cross Catholic Primary School Mission Statement

*To enable every child to discover their talents, realise their potential and achieve their dreams, by living, learning and laughing in the love of Christ, always asking,*

*'What would Jesus do?'*

## NEWSLETTER—Friday 3rd December 2021

Dear Families of Holy Cross

It has been another very busy week in school and sadly we have seen a spike in cases of COVID within our school community. This has affected staff, pupils and families. I know you will join me in wishing those affected a speedy recovery from this virus. Thank you for your patience and understanding when we have had to adjust our Risk Assessment to keep every one as safe as possible. It certainly is changing times at the moment!

On this note, it is with regret that we will not be in a position to have our recorded Christmas Celebrations for families to view. I know that these times are special memories and already the Team at Holy Cross are looking at providing this opportunity after the New Year with the hope that you may actually be able to be in school and join in with the celebrations! so watch this space!

It was just wonderful today to award the children with our new weekly certificates recognising their achievements and efforts. In this time together we talked about what it means to be proud of ourselves not just when we do achieve success but for the hard work and perseverance we put in when we try. I'm so proud of them all!

On Tuesday 21st December we will be finishing school at the earlier time of **1pm** straight after our yummy Christmas dinner! This is to allow us to prepare for the children on return in January. It also means that any families who may be off to see family and friends can head off earlier for their Christmas. Of course, we know that for some families who have work commitments you may not be able to collect at 1pm so we are offering a childcare service that afternoon with the fabulous Mrs Neill. If you need a place for your child then please let the office know by **Friday 17th December**. Places will be limited due to bubble restrictions.

Have a wonderful safe weekend!

Mrs Dyer

## OUR EXCELLENCE

### AWARDS.!

Well done to all our award winners this week and to Freya who sold the most raffle tickets. We are so proud of you all!! #TeamHolyCross #Proud





## JUST KEEP SWIMMING!

Congratulations Hattie! Hattie was awarded swimming level 2 today and will move up to level 3. Here she is with her certificates in a sleigh at Medina Leisure Centre!

A massive thank you to AJ Wells for our amazing new Football Kit for the Girls. Don't they look smart!



## Uniform Expectations

### Autumn/ Spring Term

- School Logo white polo shirt
- Holy Cross purple cardigan or jumper
- Charcoal Grey Trousers or grey skirt
- Holy Cross kilt
- Black sensible school shoes ( NO BOOTS OR TRAINERS)

### Summer Term

- School Logo white polo shirt
- Holy Cross purple cardigan or jumper
- Charcoal Grey Trousers or grey skirt / Purple summer dress
- Black sensible school shoes ( NO BOOTS OR TRAINERS)



## Stonehenge trip—Year 3

“On the 8th of December Year 3 saw the beautiful old stones of Stonehenge. There were two different types, sarsen and bluestone. Sarsen is sandy and shimmery. Blue-stone is from Wales. Sarsen stone made the Trithlithorns which are the arch shapes. We also saw burrows which have dead bodies in them. The stones have a Winter soul-sis which marks the shortest day of the year and a longest day of the year which is called a Summer soulsis. They made clothes (tunics) out of stinging nettles and helt. Bronze age people had weapons not to kill people but to kill animals. It was a great day in Wiltshire.”

Our trip report has been written by Emma, Declan and Mia.



## School Dinner Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Specials	Macaroni Cheese	Chicken Pie with Mashed Potato	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Bolognese	Fish Fingers & 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	Cabbage Carrots	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Peas Bakes Beans
Dessert	Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream	Brownie	Shortbread Biscuit with Fruit Slices	Berry and Peach Oaty Crumble with Custard	Orange, Sultana and Carrot Cake

**Alternative Option for KS2 pupils is a filled Baguette with a filling of either Ham, Cheese or Tuna**  
**School dinners cost £2.15 per day for KS2 pupils and FREE for Reception and KS1**

### A Candle is Burning

*sung to the tune of "Away in a Manger"*



*A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,  
 A candle of HOPE in November's dark night  
 While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,  
 Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh*

*A candle is burning, a candle of PEACE,  
 A candle to signal that conflict must cease  
 For Jesus is coming to show us the way  
 A message of peace humbly laid in the hay*

*A candle is burning, a candle of JOY,  
 A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy  
 Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow  
 As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow*

### **School Development News:**

You will have received an email with the official Section 48 report attached for your information. Our improvement journey has already begun as you can see from our updated newsletter and celebration of the children. Mrs Collings has also been instrumental in looking at the RE curriculum for Spring Term for the children and how we can inspire our children with even further opportunities.

**KINDNESS**

*is a gift  
 everyone can  
 afford to give.*

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STORIES by ZORIE

Christmas Eve, 24th – 5pm Mass St David’s and 10pm “Midnight” Mass St Thomas’s (no additional carols beforehand);

Christmas Day, 25th – 9am Mass St Thomas’s, and 11am Mass St David’s;

Sunday 26th – 9am Mass St Thomas’s, and 11am Mass St David’s.

Masses will include carols, and possibly even a bit of incense this year at St Thomas’s, as in pre-Covid times

To book a place, please email Fr Johnathan... [jredversharris@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:jredversharris@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)



ON YER BIKE PRESENTS...

# Affordable Christmas Bike Sale

SUN 19 DECEMBER 2021, 11AM - 2PM

THE CHAPEL, YMCA WINCHESTER HOUSE  
SANDOWN ROAD, SHANKLIN

- Affordable Bike Sale
- Repairs & Demonstrations
- Tea, Coffee & Cake

Prices start from **£5** per bike!

reverse ADVENT 2021 15 NOV - 15 DEC Help put the magic back in Christmas! Click now to donate



Coronavirus sucks, and so does being away from your friends...

Are your friends all safe at home?

If a friend is unsafe or scared

Encourage them to contact us

Text **07480635060**  
or call **0344 800 8029**

Norfolk Safeguarding Children Partnership

## School

## Attendance

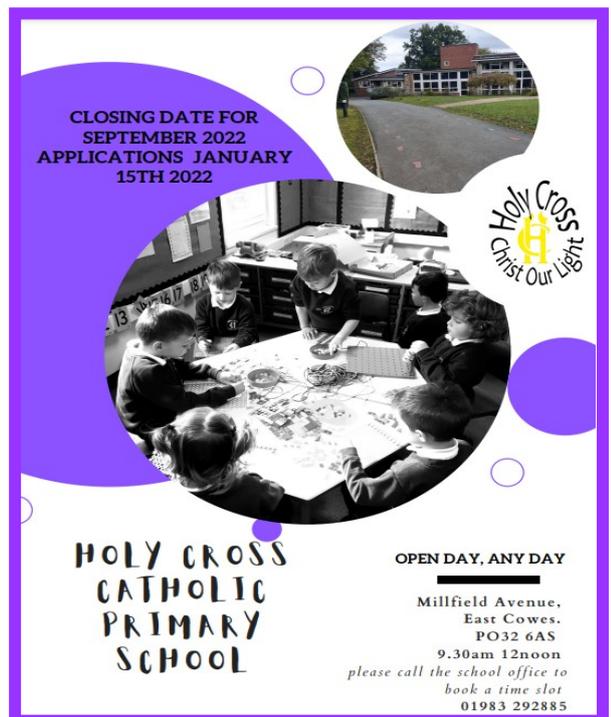
## Superstars!



Holy Cross Catholic Primary School target for whole school attendance is 97%

Holy Cross whole school attendance this week is **96.01%**

Well done Year 3 for **96.85%** attendance!



CLOSING DATE FOR SEPTEMBER 2022 APPLICATIONS JANUARY 15TH 2022

Holy Cross Christ Our Light

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

OPEN DAY, ANY DAY

Millfield Avenue,  
East Cowes,  
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9.30am 12noon  
please call the school office to  
book a time slot  
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