



Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Congratulations on completing the first full week back at school following the summer break. I have continued to be very impressed with how pupils have come back to school. Our new Reception class have been exceptional and they seem to be picking up the classroom routines very quickly, well done!

A huge well done also to the Holy Cross staff who have been getting to grips with the school's new routines and changes. In my learning walks this week I have observed pupils being very engaged in their lessons and learning.

We have had two school trips already this term: Year 2 visited Bembridge Windmill to support their English/Geography/History/ Art and DT topics this half term. Pupils showed great CARES values in overcoming the surprisingly steep ladders and staircases in the windmill. Year 1 visited Calbourne Mill to support their English/History/Science and DT topics this half term. Year 1 met the Miller and learnt how flour is made. The pupils were very persuasive and have come away with some free bags of flour that they are going to turn into bread next week (photos below).

Year 3 have started a block of swimming lessons as part of the PE curriculum this week and we had our first Year 5 & Year 6 football matches against other schools.

Next week we are having a bespoke orienteering system installed across the school grounds. The system is designed to support a range of curriculum subjects and support physical activities. We are all looking forward to using it in our lessons.

On Tuesday Father Jonathan is celebrating our first school mass of the year in celebration of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross commemorates the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine in 326 AD. The cross was discovered near the site of Christ's crucifixion. It was divided into three parts, with one part remaining in Jerusalem, one part sent to Rome, and a third part sent to Constantinople.



The prayer below was written by St. Thomas Aquinas.

Through Jesus' sacrificial death on Mount Calvary, the cross became the source of eternal salvation and the ultimate sign of God's love for humanity.

Christians ever since have looked to the cross, to Jesus' Passion and death on that first Good Friday, for consolation and hope in times of darkness. It is a constant reminder of God's love for each one of us and a pledge of future glory.

St. Thomas Aquinas, the brilliant but humble theologian of the 14th century, always looked to the cross throughout his life and composed a short and simple prayer to remind him of it.

The Cross is my sure salvation.
The Cross I ever adore.
The Cross of my Lord is with me.
The Cross is my refuge.

Amen

CALLING PARENTS OF CATHOLIC CHILDREN - FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME

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)

TRIPS ROUND UP!

We have been very fortunate to have two school trips this week at Holy Cross. It has been lovely to be able to take the children out and enjoy the Isle of Wight in our learning.

YEAR 1

We went on our first school trip to Calbourne Watermill on Wednesday this week.
It was really fun! We loved going on the minibus for the first time!
We saw peacocks and ducks and geese.



We learnt about flour and how they turn the wheat into flour. We saw the wheel go around and around with water. We went all the way up to the top of the watermill, which was really high!



The man and lady at Calbourne Mill said that we all behaved very well and gave us some bags of flour to take



back to school. Mrs Kay has told us we are going to make bread with it next week. We are really excited! Thank you for having us Calbourne Mill!

By: Travis, Thomas Mikayla and Phoebe.

Year 2

This Tuesday, Year 2 went on a trip to Bembridge Windmill. This was linked to our geography topic all about the Isle of Wight and the UK, and we are also going to be making windmills in DT.

It was so lovely for this class to finally get out on a school trip after so much school time in lockdown, and when trips weren't possible.

The children were in high spirits but very well behaved. The windmill was amazing to look at from the inside, although the steps were very steep and it took real resilience for some of the children to go up and down them when they were so nervous about it!

The Year 2 have also produced some really fantastic, detailed drawings of the windmill – the adults were very impressed.



SPORTS ROUND UP!

Our under 11s boys football team travelled to Wootton primary yesterday for our first football match of the season.

The first half saw the boys' resilience in defence with the half time score at 0-0.

Second half the boys continued to played extremely well, however Wootton scored towards the end of the second half with a final result on 1-0 to Wootton.

Man of the match was Jack Cooke for excellent defending and goalkeeping.
All the boys were a credit to the school with their behaviour and sportsmanship throughout the game,

Well done boys!

Team:

Jack Cooke, Freddie Taylor, Harvey Phillips, Bailey Maguire, Lincoln Wheeler, Chris Hendry, Riley Peacey, Dan Ruth, Archie Flower, Jack Honey.



Reception...

Well done reception class for a fantastic first week in school and settling in really well. Well done everyone

Year 1...

Phoebe King for a very positive start to Y1 and super writing this week.
Teddy Bould for his cheerful attitude and eagerness to learn new things.

Year 2...

Autumn Pettitt – For settling into her new class so fantastically. Autumn is already proving to be a super role model with her work and behaviour.
Ava-May Greenen-Bell – For being really friendly and settling well in her new class. She has made a super start.
Rory Peacey – For an excellent first full week back. Rory has made great choices all week. Well Done Rory!

Year 3...

Evelyn Beeson for excellent English work.
Evelyn was able to summarise information and take notes.

Gracie Smith for excellent effort in all lessons.
Gracie has worked really hard to understand new learning.

Year 4...

Lily-Fawn Handley-Dixon for her fantastic construction skills in DT. I can't believe how many nets you completed!

Freddie Greenen-Bell – For excellent perseverance and progress in DT. I was really impressed with how you kept going, even though you found it frustrating.

Year 5...

Oliver Millroy and Darcey Wilson for always listening when asked and being ready to learn.

Year 6...

Lorna Adams - for a great start to Year 6. Lorna has worked hard on her handwriting this week which is really showing in her work.

Alexa Cronnelly - for a super start to Year 6. Alexa has shown great confidence and enthusiasm to all lessons and makes regular contributions to class discussions.



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 – 13th September 2021
(Week three)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Specials	Macaroni Cheese	Garlicy Chicken and Spanish style potatoes	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef meatballs in tomato sauce with pasta.	Fish Fingers & Chips
Specials	Veggie Sausage and Mash with Gravy	Chees Peasy Risotto Bake	Butternut squash and potato pastry slice	Veggie Lasagne served with bread wedge	Soft tacos 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 and Carrots	Sweetcorn and Broccoli	Cabbage Carrots	Green Beans Sweetcorn	Peas Bakes Beans
Dessert	Oatie Biscuit with fruit slices	Apple and carrot Yogurt muffin	Strawberry Ice cream	Chocolate Cake	Creamy peach rice pudding



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL LIBRARY

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.*

Mrs Neill has been very busy over the summer holidays, sorting out the school library ready for the Autumn term.

She has ordered some new books for the Year 5 and Year 6 book shelf.

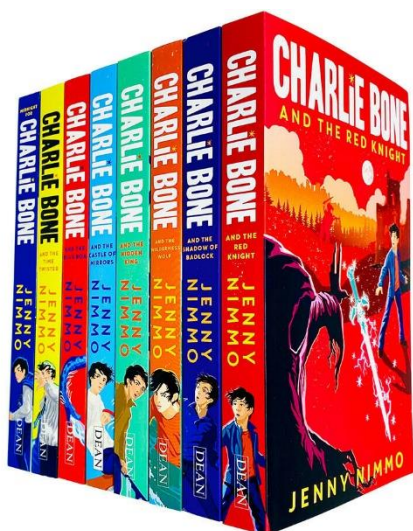
If you have a favourite book or series of books you think would be good for our school library please speak to Mrs Neill on your library day and we will do our best to include them on our Library shelves.

This Autumn's new books

Year 6 book shelf



Year 5 Bookshelf



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BOOKS



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is now back up and running again for Holy Cross. We seem to be very popular, so please make sure you have booked your place if you need to come to Breakfast Club!

We open at 7:45am until 8.30am, when the children are then taken to the drop off assembly point.

We offer a varied and healthy breakfast choice for all pupils who attend and a range of activities for children to do once they have eaten breakfast.

If you wish for your child to attend breakfast club, please book in via the following email. fam@holycrossrcpri.iow.sch.uk. Please note, the office will need to be notified as soon as possible.

The cost of Breakfast club is £2.50 per child per day.

Many thanks

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We are very excited to have after school clubs returning to Holy Cross.

A clubs letter will have come home with your child this afternoon. If your child would like to apply for a place in one of our clubs, please complete the form and bring back to school on Monday 13th September 2021.

Clubs will be offered on a first come first served basis and families will receive a text message confirming which clubs your child is in by Thursday 16th September 2021.

A list of club options and what days they will be on are below.

Day	Club	Year Groups	Cost
Mon 3.10-4pm	Ballet with Mrs Willey	Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4	£40 for 10 weeks
Tuesday 2.40- 3.40pm	Football with Chelsea Foundation Soccer School	Year 5 and 6	£22.50 for 5 weeks (1 st half term)
Tuesday 3.10-4.10pm	Football with Chelsea Foundation Soccer School	Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4	£22.50 for 5 weeks (1 st half term)
Tuesday 3.10-4.30pm	KS1 Film Club with Mrs Banks	Year 1 and 2	Free
Tuesday 3.10 – 4.10pm	Lego Club with Mrs Muncer	KS2	Free
Tuesday 3.10 – 4.10pm	Board Games with Mr Woodley-Thompson	Year 3 and 4	Free
Wednesday 3.10- 4.10pm	Dodgeball with Mrs Heng	Year 3 and Year 4	Free

Thursday 3.10- 4.10pm	Multi-skills and games with Mrs Heng	Year 1 and Year 2	Free
Thursday 3.10 – 4.10 pm	Lego Club with Mrs Collings	Year 1 and Year 2	Free
Thursday 3.10 – 4.10pm	Ukulele Club with Mrs Kay	Years 3 and 4	Free
Thursday 2.40 – 4.30pm	Film club with Miss Mather	Year 5 and 6	Free
Thursday 3.10 – 4.15pm	Computing Club with Mr Erricker	Year 3 and 4	Free

Please note you will have received a separate letter regarding the film clubs.
These are not on the clubs form.

Clubs will commence Monday 20th September.

Pre - Loved Uniform

If you have any uniform at home you are looking to get rid of, please feel free to donate any to the school as we would be very grateful.



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 97.94%



PUNCTUALITY – Please ensure your child is on time for their school day. If your child is more than 10 minutes late for school they will be marked in the school register as late and you will need to sign your child in to school and provide a reason for being late.

The Education Welfare team visited Holy Cross this week to discuss the attendance of our pupils. Overall they are very pleased to see our whole school attendance rise, however have asked us to remind all parents of the importance of being in school and on time.

Well Done Holy Cross!

Stay safe & Best wishes



Timothy Eccles
Headteacher

Covid-19 –Tack and Trace

If you have a positive test result and your child has been accessing the provision in school, please can you contact the school as soon as possible on: 01983 292885

Please can you inform us providing the following information:

- Full name of your child
- Child's class
- Day and time symptoms started
- Day and time of test
- Day and time of positive result

Please could you also let us know if your child (attending school) has to isolate pending a suspected case of someone else in your household.

EAST COWES LIBRARY

OPENING TIMES

MONDAY 10.00am to 1.00pm

TUESDAY 5.00pm to 6.00pm

THURSDAY 9.30am to 12.30pm



TOWN HALL Main Entrance

- Children's books for browsing and borrowing
- Adult books to request from stock or order
- Monthly reading group – contact us for details
- Bus pass applications forms
- Dog bags are still available
- Please feel free to pop in!

Email: eastcoweslibrary@gmail.com

Post: East Cowes Town Hall, York Avenue, East Cowes, PO32 6RU

Phone: 01983 718662

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who came to join in our Summer Reading Challenge 'Wild World Heroes'. Although this has now finished, it is not too late to collect your rewards.

We are pleased that we are able to keep all of our children's books available to browse and borrow in our temporary home in the Town Hall. We can replace lost library cards and join new members. We can also order books for adults and children, then call you when they are available to pick up. Please note our times have changed. Overdue books still have **no fine** at our branch.

Best wishes from your community library team.

PS. A book club for adults will be starting on the first Tuesday of each month, from 5th October 5pm – 6.30pm in the Town Hall. If you are interested please contact Di at the library via email, phone message or pop in and see us.