



Dear Parents

Welcome back to a new school year and a particular welcome to our new children and new members of staff. Our Reception children will begin with us next week and we very much look forward to welcoming them and their families to Holy Cross.

We hope that you have all enjoyed the summer break; you may have seen that we have been busy at school and have been making further improvements to our premises. In particular you will have noticed that we have fenced off a section of our car park to enable you to have two routes onto the playground. This is in response to a request made during our Parent Forum meetings and now means that you can more safely collect your children.

Thank you also to our staff who have been working hard over the break, preparing work for the year ahead and ensuring that classrooms are bright and inviting. We are grateful to everyone for their dedication to our school.

### **Meet The Teacher**

We held these meetings to give you an opportunity to meet your teacher, have a look at the classroom and ask any questions that you may have for the year ahead. We hope that those of you who were able to attend found them informative. You will also have received your termly topic letter which outlines the work to be covered this term. Please contact the school if you have any further questions regarding any aspect of your child's schooling.

### **Uniform**

It is lovely to see our children looking so smart in their school uniform. Can we just remind you that we ask for children to wear either summer or winter uniform but not a mixture of both. Also, please remember no extremes of hair style or colour and no earrings. We also ask that children wear the school coat when the weather starts to get cooler. Thankyou.

### **Sport and Clubs**

After school clubs commence next week.

On Thursday Mr Clark held year 5 and 6 boy's football team trials. There was a big turnout and the standard was very high. All boys should be proud of the effort they put in. The successful boys have been notified and will commence training on Tuesday 18th September.

### **Change for Life Festival**

We like to move it, move it!!

A group of children from year five took part in a Change for Life festival at Church Langley school today. There were a variety of fun activities designed to get them active and more involved in sport. Well done to the following children who had an enjoyable time and represented our school beautifully: Jack, Kayla, Lochrin, Steven, Sydnie, Szymon, Vaughn, Amy, Christabel, Pirajina and Chantelle.



## RELIGIOUS LIFE AT HOLY CROSS

### Feast of Holy Cross

We celebrated Mass today to mark the beginning of a new school year and also to celebrate the Feast Day of Holy Cross. Here is our Mass introduction:

*Today, we join together to celebrate the feast of Holy Cross and the beginning of our new school year. We pray for each other and for our whole school. We pray particularly for our new children and staff, that they will feel welcomed into our school community.*

*We ask our Father to help us with our learning, our friendships, our sport, our hobbies and with everything that is a part of Holy Cross Catholic Primary Academy.*

*We ask that this be a special year for us as we work together in God's love to achieve the best that we can and meeting new challenges secure in His love. Amen.*

### Prayers please

We ask that you please remember in your prayers Mr McCombes (Mrs McCombes husband), Mr Peter Chau Nguyen and Mrs Teresa Luu Nguyen (Cousin and aunt of Mrs Lieu) who sadly passed away over the holidays.

*Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord*

*And let perpetual light shine upon them*

*May they rest in peace*

*Amen*

### Parking and Road Safety

We have had complaints from Passmores about our parents using their carpark and from local residents reporting dangerous and inconsiderate parking. Please remember that Nichols Field car park is ours to park in and is only a 5 minute walk from the school along the cycle track, if you are unsure where this is please ask at the office.

We have also had worrying reports of families crossing the road when it is unsafe to do so including some near misses. Please use the zebra crossing to cross the road and make sure that your children are aware of and practising road safety.

Happy Birthday to.... Isla Kent, Aaron Boodoo, Summer Moss,  
Anne-Marie Konado, Aleigha Twomey, Brooke Jones, Louie Bacon,  
Casey Okpanachi, Laura Norris, Harrish Muraleedharan,  
Evie Spalding—Hannay, Manuela Ogbonze, Joshua Home.



A fantastic first week back for the new classes in Forest school. We cleared and tidied up the environmental garden, whilst exploring the many different habitats we have. Some children have started to build new dens already.

They are all very excited about learning new skills and investigating outside this year.



## Diary Dates

### Monday 17th September

Fairy & Elf Garden 3.15-4.30  
KS1 Football 3.15—4.15  
Dance 3.15-4.15  
Year 2 Homework 3.15-4.15

### Tuesday 18th September

Dodgeball 3.15- 4.15  
KS2 Homework 3.15- 4.15  
Choir 3.15-4.20  
Football Team 3.15—4.30

### Wednesday 19th September

Netball 3.15—4.15  
Chess Club 12.30-1.30  
Karate 3.15-4.15

### Thursday 20th September

Newspaper 3.15—4.15  
Cooking 3.15—4.15  
Lego 3.15-4.15  
Choir 3.15-4.20  
KS2 Football 3.15-4.15

### Friday 21st September

Year 6 visit to St Marks  
Year 6 parents meeting for St Marks 2.30pm -3.30pm  
Year 1 & 2 Football Festival, Mark Hall 9.30—12 pm  
Karate 3.15—4.15  
Multisports 3.15-4.15

### House Points

**Congratulations to the  
winning house St George's**

*S. McGuigan*

Miss S McGuigan  
Headteacher

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