



Holy Cross Catholic Primary

*One School Family, Achieving Together,
Anchored in the Love of Christ*



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Dear Families,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you have had a wonderful Christmas time.

I just wanted to share some reminders and key information with you.

Development Day

Don't forget that Monday 6th January is a development day. The staff and governors are completing safeguarding training. **School resumes for pupils on Tuesday 7th January.**

School Start Time

The school is open for children to come into the classroom from 8.30am, during this time children access key early morning work or address misconceptions from previous learning. This extra learning time is very valuable so it would be good for as many children to be in class at this time as possible.

The register is taken at 8.40am, therefore, **all pupils must be through the gate by 8.35am**, in order to get to their classrooms, with their belongings put away, by the time the register is taken. Anyone arriving after 8.40am will be marked as late.

PE days

Below are the PE days for each class.

St Jude Class	Tuesdays
St Mary Class	Thursdays & Fridays
St John Class	Tuesdays & Wednesdays
St Teresa Class	Tuesdays & Wednesdays
St Veronica Class	Wednesdays & Thursdays
St Michael Class	Tuesdays & Thursdays

If your child is in St Jude Class, St Teresa Class and St Michael Class, they will need their PE kits for the first day back, Tuesday 7th January.

If your child is in St John Class, their Tuesday PE for next week only will move to Friday. This is to accommodate Mass we have on Tuesday morning.

Don't forget that children with hair longer than shoulder length must have it tied up for PE, and earrings must be removed.

Forest School

This half term, it is the turn of Years 1 and 3 to take part in Forest School. Please make sure you have the necessary clothing. You should have already received the letter and kit list.

Year 1 will be doing Forest School on Mondays. **Their first session will be Monday 13th January.**

Year 3 will be doing Forest School on Tuesdays. **Their first session will be Tuesday 7th January.**

School Uniform

Please ensure your child has the correct school uniform, grey leggings and jeans, black trousers, black skirts and black tights are not part of the Holy Cross uniform. If you need to check the requirements, more information can be found on our website. Last half term there were quite a few pupils not in correct uniform and we will be having a crackdown on that this half term. It is also clear in our uniform policy that nail varnish/ acrylic/ gel nails are not permitted. Please ensure this is all removed before returning on Tuesday 7th January.

School Dinners

Please find this week's dinners below:

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Cheese and...	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Vegetable Pie Served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Crispy Chicken Burger Served with Chips
HOT	Vegetable Fajita Served with Wholegrain Rice	Chinese Vegetable Noodles	Winter Vegetable Hotpot	Macaroni Cheese	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips
JACKET POTATO	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potatoes with a choice of hot and cold fillings
Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta					
All main meals are served with two vegetables					
DESSERT	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse	Apple and Cinnamon Sponge with Custard	Fruits of the Forest Jelly	Chocolate Cookie	Orange Glazed Sticky Sponge Pudding
PACKED LUNCH AVAILABLE Ham, Cheese or Tuna baguette available daily with veg sticks and fresh fruit or dessert of the day		AVAILABLE EVERY DAY Water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt & fresh fruit		Vegetarian Oily Fish Wholegrain Fruity! Nutritionist's Choice	

Year 6 Booster Groups

These will resume but we will send out invitations to attend these once they're ready to start, and once we have identified which children would still benefit from attending.

Clubs

Club letters will go out next week, with clubs resuming the week beginning 13th January.

Epiphany Mass

On Tuesday 7th January we have our Epiphany Mass. St Jude Class families are invited to join us. It begins at 9.15am

Attendance

Congratulations to the Szostek family, who were the winners of the attendance prize – a £40 voucher for Tapnell Farm. We will be announcing our attendance prize for Spring Term once we return, but don't forget that for every full week your child is in school, on time, their name will be entered into the prize draw.

We are all looking forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 7th January.

Kind regards,



Mrs Lucie Banks
Headteacher