



HOLY SOULS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to the second half of our spring term. The days this week have offered light and warmth and with them hope.

School will reopen for all children on Monday 8th March and we cannot wait! You will receive a letter on Monday outlining all of our plans. Our autumn term was exceptional with all members of our community pulling together. I thank you for this and know we will continue to support one another. Please do read the information carefully as timings of the day have altered slightly. This will provide maximum learning time for the children.

Training in School

This week in school 12 staff successfully passed their Paediatric First Aid certification. I thank them for undertaking this and assisting in supporting the safety of our children. My thanks to Mrs Wujcikowska for her organisation and excellent leadership as our Medical Officer.

We also had a visit from Nick Wale leader of Birmingham Forest Schools. You may have seen that we have built a small Forest School on the waste land at the top of the playground. My thanks to Mr Mills and Mr Girling for creating this during the summer break. This is a new and exciting initiative to support our pupils with their literacy, numeracy, social and emotional skills. Nick commented on the enthusiasm of the staff and it is causing great excitement here at school. As you are aware the Government have given school additional catch up funding and we plan to invest a portion of what we have received in training and equipment for this provision. Watch this space for more information coming soon!

Edenred School Meal Vouchers

If your child is in receipt of free school meals, please check your emails for your code to redeem your vouchers.



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Parents/Carers Mask Wearing

Thank you to all those parents and carers who continue to wear a mask when coming on to the school grounds. This is to protect yourselves and to protect others. Thank you.

Staffing

The start of Lateral Flow Testing for staff in primary schools means there is also the chance, at short notice, of disruption to planned lessons or the need for bubble closures.

Please do have a Plan B in place for care of your child if classes have to close at short notice!

Further information is included on the Reopening newsletter that you will receive on Monday. We appreciate your understanding of this matter. Thank you.

Sacramental Programmes

Year 4 and Year 3 will be receiving information next week from Father Jonathan regarding the celebration of First Confession and First Holy Communion.

Remote Learning

This has been highly successful and we are grateful to children, parents and staff for their enthusiasm, participation and dedication. Next week Class Dojo will be used by staff to present videos to the children in preparation for reopening. These will replace the weekly call and staff can still be contacted via Year Group emails. Thank you for logging on to Class Dojo for daily registration and for continuing to send your wonderful work.

Contacting School

Please do not hesitate to telephone or email school if you need any support or assistance. We are here to help.



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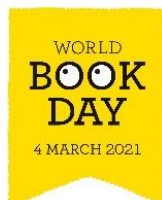
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World Book Day is on **Thursday 4th March.**

We hope you have a lovely day reading as much as possible at home and in school and enjoy listening your teachers reading stories to you at home and in school too.

We have registered for the £1.00 digital book tokens for our school and will forward you the details as soon as we receive them. We will also be giving out paper vouchers. These are valid until March 28th.

Children- if would like to dress up at home that would be lovely! Please send in a photograph of you reading in your costume. We would love to see where your favourite place to read is. Perhaps you could find an unusual place to read!

In school we will have our dressing up day as usual. I'm sure you can't guess who Mrs Kielstra will be! (Yes we can and it may be a furry creature from Peru?)

LUKE TEMPLE'S
MASTERCLASS
FOR HOLY SOULS
PRIMARY SCHOOL



This week in school and at home we have been working with author Luke Temple. He has shared his 'Exciting Writing' masterclass with KS2 and the 'Monstrous' masterclass with KS1. The children have really enjoyed this different opportunity to develop their reading and writing skills. You have the opportunity to buy his books- a separate letter including all the relevant details will be sent next week.



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Walking Together during Lent



This wonderful Started on Ash Wednesday, 17th February. Lent is traditionally a 40 day fast – a reference to the time Jesus spent being tempted in the desert. It is a time when we can prepare our hearts for the solemn remembrance of Jesus' death. It concludes and is followed by the Easter Sunday celebration of the resurrection of Christ. The six week period is dedicated to prayer, fasting and almsgiving in preparation for the great celebration of Christ's Paschal Mystery in the Easter Triduum. **Our focus this half term will see us walking with Jesus and each other on this journey and we are delighted to be back together to do this.**

Cafod Children's Liturgy

Cafod continue to share a live Children's Liturgy each Sunday at 10am. The Liturgy can be watched live or as a recording later on. The sessions are a great way to engage with the Sunday Gospel and feature songs, prayer, readings and quizzes! You can find out more and sign up to take part at <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>

Today is CAFODs Family Fast Day. This Lent, CAFOD Family Fast Day will take place on Friday 26th February. The theme, as usual, is 'Brighten Up the World'. CAFOD have a range of online events to encourage families to come together virtually to raise awareness and money for some of the poorest in our world. <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Family-Fast-Day>

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to counting down the days until we can now meet again! Stay safe and take care. God bless

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