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Dear families and friends,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to everyone whether at home or wherever.....

This has been a strange start to the new year and I would urge you to contact Rebecca Harris our MP to lobby the government for immediate vaccinations for all school staff; then we can have all the children back where they need to be. If you have a line to Mr Boris Johnson please nag him too.

You can contact Rebecca by email at rebecca.harris.mp@parliament.uk
or call her office on 01268 792992.



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On the Feast of the Epiphany, 6th January, it is very special to ask the blessing of God on your house throughout the following year. As a part of this blessing, it is traditional to write in chalk at the main entrance to the home. This is what the writing would look like for 2021: **+20 C M B 21+** The letters C, M, B can signify the names of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. The + signs represent the cross of Christ and the first two numbers are the first part of the year, while the last two numbers are the last part of the year.

In school at the moment....

The children in school have been working really hard and it has been a pleasure for Me and Mrs Hurley to be back doing what we love.



We spend our lives in bubbles but what is a bubble really? We are trying to keep everyone safe every day and have four bubbles in school.

- 1: EYFS and Y1 in the EYFS classroom
- 2: Y2 and Y3 in the hall.
- 3: Y4 and Y6 in Y4 classroom
- 4: Y5 in ICT room

This is for the children of key workers and those who may be vulnerable for whatever reason only. Please think seriously whether you need our support, the fewer children here the safer everyone will be. Also, if you have booked, please let us know if your child will not then be attending- we are keen to get provision right for everyone. Fifteen is our maximum number in any year group.

Online programmes.

Children should be accessing all the online work in these packages. We are monitoring their usage.



STAR OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Please look at the pictures and videos on Class Dojo and Tapestry to see all the amazing work your children and their classmates are completing.

Next week all our class teachers will return on a part/time rotation so I'm sure we will gradually return to normal.



ADMISSIONS - IMPORTANT UPDATE

If your child is due to start school in September 2021 you will no longer receive a letter from the council inviting you to apply and giving you the relevant opening and closing dates for applications. - please follow this link for further information: <https://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions-to-essex-schools-for-the-next-school-year>

Please tell any family or friends with children due to start Reception in September 2021 to see the prospectus on our website and apply to Holy Family.

Holy Communion



If any Y3 parent has not yet returned their child's **First Communion application** they can now return it to school, or the Presbytery, and we will deliver the packs to Fr Eduard. Any older children in school (Year 4 - Year 6) who would like to make their First Holy Communion should speak to either Catherine, myself or Mrs Hurley and we will explain what is involved and how to apply. If a parent has mislaid the First Communion pack, we have got additional packs in school.

And finally

Thank you all for your continued support,

God bless, have a lovely weekend,

Daniel Craft

Diary Dates

1st, 2nd 3rd March Reception & Year 1 height & weight screening