



## HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Newsletter 479 Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Families and friends,



Outdoor Lent assembly.



*"Children are a gift  
from the Lord; they are  
a reward from him."*

—Psalm 127:3

We are putting together a collection of Bible quotations to use as a constant source of inspiration and comfort to us all. If you would like to send in your three favourite quotes we will add them to the ones already selected.

## Returning to School

School will be open for ALL children on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Every child should come back in proper school uniform including their tie. However, children will be allowed to wear trainers until further notice.

In order to maintain social distancing and to avoid overcrowding on the pavements, we ask that children are dropped off and collected by one parent or carer. We politely ask that you do not stand chatting on the pavements immediately outside the school railings. Members of staff will be on hand to supervise at each of the playground gates, the staff car park and the side entrance. Special consideration will be given to children with complex SEND where necessary.

	Gate	Drop off	Pick up
<b>EYFS</b>	Enter via the <b>Main Front Entrance</b> where the children will be met by the EYFS Team	8:40 – 8:50am	2:50 – 3pm
<b>Year 1</b>	single gate (Bowers Road)	8:40 – 8:50 am	2:50 – 3pm
<b>Year 2</b>	single gate (Bowers Road)	8:50 – 9am	3 – 3:10pm
<b>Year 3</b>	double gate (Bowers Road)	8:50 – 9am	3 – 3:10pm
<b>Year 4</b>	double gate (Bowers Road)	8:40 – 8:50am	2:50 – 3pm
<b>Year 5</b>	car park entrance (Kents Hill Road)	8:40 – 8:50am	2:50 – 3pm
<b>Year 6</b>	car park entrance (Kents Hill Road)	8:50 – 9am	3 – 3:10pm



R.E, music, P.E. World Book Day, counting in 2s, the dove of Peace, table tennis, climbing, Brownies, double cakes, alien spacecraft



## Admissions

Holy Family is a fabulous, generous, warm and supportive community school, as I have realised since I arrived. Please promote us far and wide (if you want to, that is) as the only full year groups are Y5 and Y6 and next September's numbers are looking low at the moment. Please talk to me if you can think of any ways to move the school forward and upwards. Benfleet and now Thundersley Village fb posts are great. Thank you to everyone!

We held a small zoom meeting for a select few parents this week to try to encourage them to send their children here in September. It was a really positive event, thank you to everyone involved.

## Next Thursday 4th March is World Book Day!

Had we been in school, we would have asked all children to dress up as their favourite book character as we have done in previous years, but as this year is a little different we will be taking our celebrations online!

Children in school are warmly invited to dress up as their favourite characters but we are not expecting any of our families to go out and purchase a costume especially for World Book Day.



Please stay tuned to Class Dojo for more World Book Day activities next week.



## Wellies.

If you have any unwanted wellies we would like to collect the smaller sizes for our EYFS children and the larger ones for some planting please.

## Happy Birthday

to Niamh and Cullen this week. We hope you both had a lovely day.



## Volunteers.

If anyone is able to give up a small amount of regular time to help our children after Lockdown please speak to me or Mrs Hurley. All volunteers will be required to take Lateral flow tests which the school will provide.

## **Governors**

You will remember that I asked for volunteers a while ago and we had two confirmed nominations. We decided to take the opportunity to fill our governing body by asking one of them to become a Foundation Governor. Our other candidate therefore was the only one to stand as Parent Governor so no election was needed. Congratulations and thank you to them both.

Foundation Governor- Mrs Burns

Parent Governor – Mrs Greener

## **And finally**

Thank you all for your continued support, I can't wait to see all our children back!

God bless, have a lovely weekend,

*David Craft*