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Dear Families and friends,

Firstly, thank you to everyone who has made my first week so enjoyable. Seeing the children come back calm and happy has made our school a lovely place to be. It's great to see the way that our children are collected at the end of the day- so much happiness and love shared between them and you all. Not too many collect children while on the phone which is rare but excellent. (Greet your child with a smile not a mobile!) Please ensure that if you are travelling home in a car that your children wear the proper seatbelt as I saw a few who didn't.

Remembrance day

On Wednesday 11th at 10:45am we will hold a short Remembrance assembly on the playground finishing with a silence observed by everyone.

EYFS Parents

On Tuesday the children from Nursery and Reception will be starting to make a rocket to launch their space topic. Please send your child in wearing old clothes to prevent school uniform getting ruined.

Winter Uniform from Monday 2nd November 2020.

Please could all children be in winter uniform as explained on the website.

School keeper and cleaner required (temporary till Christmas)

If anyone is interested in either of these roles, please contact our school Business Manager
Mrs Henderson : finance@holyfamily.essex.sch.uk



THANK YOU for the very positive response we had to our request to wear face coverings when coming to drop off and collect the children. It was very pleasing to see so many adults supporting our request. At a time where infection rates are rising again, following the safety rules helps to protect all of us and our families.

Clubs.

We have sent conflicting information out to families recently, for which I apologise, but we are receiving updates daily from the DFE and our Director of Education and are trying to put that guidance in place when we receive it. We are allowed to run breakfast and afterschool club because " it is reasonably necessary to support parents to work, search for work, or undertake training or education, or where the provision is being used for the purposes of respite care."

We still ask that if any parent, carer or pupil has a positive test for COVID-19 during this time, you inform the school. The reason for this is we may need to let other families know so they can self- isolate. Please be assured we would

never inform parents which family or person received a positive result. Please keep in touch by using Mrs Hurley's senco@holyfamily.essex.sch.uk e-mail as she will monitor this daily.

ICT Homework.

STARS OF THE WEEK AWARD

The following children were awarded STAR OF THE WEEK by their teachers for the following reasons:



- Louis(EYFS)** for doing some fantastic maths in our sensory room. Also for keeping class rules.
- James (Y1)** For being a kind and caring friend and being really positive about his glasses
- Everyone (Y2)** Well done you have all been amazing!
- Arthur (Y3)** For excellent Early Morning Work.
- Sebastian (Y4)** for fantastic contributions in class all week.
- Rafael (Y5)** for showing great enthusiasm and willingness to learn and adapting to different situations.
- Amber(Y6)** for being really helpful and thoughtful and a wonderful role model to her peers.

ATTENDANCE

Please note, holidays should not be booked during term time. Unauthorised absence can have a detrimental effect on your child's educational journey. Even in these difficult times, we still aim to keep our school attendance at **96% overall**.

Group	% Attendance
Year 1	95.2%
Year 2	100.0%
Year 3	95.2%
Year 4	96.0%
Year 5	99.7%
Year 6	96.0%
Overall %	97.0%

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>

Counselling

If your child is struggling through a painful experience, or is experiencing anxieties for whatever reason, and you would like any further information on how we could support them, through group play therapy, or individual sessions with a counsellor, please do not hesitate to e-mail me and I will arrange for you to speak to Catherine (our school counsellor) or with an outside agency.

Useful COVID-19 website links

Stay at home guidance for households with possible coronavirus (COVID-19) infection
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

New restrictions for areas in HIGH ALERT
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-covid-alert-high>

Stay at home: what to do if you or someone you share your home with has coronavirus symptoms
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/906663/20203007_Easy_read_household_isolation_v3.1.pdf

Guidance for households with grandparents, parents and children living together where someone is at increased risk or has possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/guidance-for-households-with-grandparents-parents-and-children-living-together-where-someone-is-at-increased-risk-or-has-symptoms-of-coronavirus-cov>

Please follow the link to an open letter to parents and carers from Essex police
<https://www.essex.gov.uk/news/essex-county-council-open-letter-to-parents-and-carers>

And Finally ...

This is the end of my first week and I would like to thank Mrs Hurley and all the staff for all their incredible efforts during this difficult time pre and during COVID lockdown.

God bless, have a lovely weekend,
Mr Craft

