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Dear Families and friends,

This Sunday's feast day of Christ The King is celebrated on our fourth episode in this second series of The Mark 10 Mission. It's live and on the link now for you to watch with your children!

<https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/theepisodes/seriestwo>



Please see the link below for online mass as churches are not open for mass at the moment:

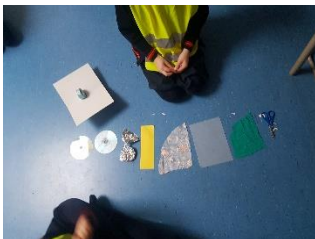
<https://www.facebook.com/benfleet.hadleigh.catholics/>

Christmas

We are going to make Christmas a special one here at Holy Family and will be as creative as we can within the Covid 19 restrictions. Please be assured that we are not making any decisions without due care and attention to all the regulations. Children have permission to bring in **Christmas Cards** to give to their friends. Any cards will need to be put in the class 'post box' for at least 72 hours before they are handed out.

The last 'posting day' will be **Monday 14th December**. I am optimistic that this will be a magical one for our children. If you have any worries or concerns, please come and speak to me.

Year 3 Science photos: Investigating reflective surfaces



Vacancies

There is currently a **Parent Governor** vacancy as well as a **Foundation Governor** vacancy on our Local Governing Body committee. If any parent is interested in becoming a school governor, please speak to either Mrs Hurley or myself for more information

PGSA Fund raising for our school

Following recommendation from a few parents, the PGSA are now signed up to #easyfundraising. Over 4,300 shops and sites will donate to the PGSA at no extra cost to you - so you can raise donations when doing your online shopping. Please sign up for free and help us raise more at

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/holyfamilyschoolpgsa>

For safety reasons please cut your child's grapes in half.



Winter Uniform.

Please could all children be in winter uniform as explained on the website. (Including ties and shoes)



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.

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 admin@holyfamily.essex.sch.uk e-mail, or senco@holyfamily.essex.sch.uk

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>



Paramedic Pete- John Robinson

This lovely story was written by one of our parents. Thank you so much for the copies!

STARS OF THE WEEK AWARD

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



Aruniga (EYFS) Always trying her best and always being happy.

Sophia (Y1) for impeccable behaviour and marvellous work.

Thomas (Y2) for excellent Maths work!

Shanine (Y3) For outstanding early morning work every day.

Tilly (Y4) for participating so well in Maths

Aaron (Y5) For being so kind and thoughtful

Joseph (Y5) for being such a modest , CHAMPION swimmer

Niamh (Y5) for being a winner in the "Out of this World" poetry competition.

Abi (Y6) for always keeping focussed and trying to produce her best work.

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.

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**.

Daily Mile

Year	Miles
6	3
5	5
4	4
3	3
2	4
1	5

Group	% Attendance
Nursery	76.9
Reception	95.0
Year 1	92.6%
Year 2	97.1%
Year 3	93.5%
Year 4	99.2%
Year 5	96.6%
Year 6	90.0%
Overall %	94.4%

And Finally ...

Thankyou to all our parents for the lovely welcome I have received since I have been here. Standing on the gates each day means I have already met many of you so never worry about asking me anything to support your children.

God bless, have a lovely weekend,

Mr Craft

Diary Dates

Sunday 29 th November	First Sunday in Advent
Wednesday 2 nd December	Toy Museum & Toy Making Day for Y1 and Y2
Friday 4 th December	Darren's Dance Days Christmas Workshop
Tuesday 15 th December	<i>Bizarre Bazaar</i>
Friday 18 th December	Last day in school before the Christmas holidays
Tuesday 5 th January	Children back to school