



# St John's Catholic Primary School

School Information October/November 2020

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## Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents,

We have to come to the end of one of the strangest half terms any child or staff member will have experienced. There have been all sorts of subtle little measures put in place this term, including timetable adjustments, different planning techniques and different strategies for teaching. Apart from table rows and much handwashing, we have tried to keep school life as normal as possible for the children, to rebuild their confidence in learning and to enjoy being here. You hear all sorts in the press and social media about a 'lost generation' of children. I simply don't see that here and having taught in all year groups these last few weeks, your children are a pleasure to teach and the progress I can see in their learning is absolutely brilliant.

We have been very lucky and blessed not to have suffered with a Covid outbreak in school so far. There is no guarantee with anything, but please do continue to follow our safety measures after half term. Some rules have started to slip a little, so to remind us all:

- Staggered times are still in place: 8.30am - 2.45pm (Yr 1, 3 and 5) or 8.45am - 3pm (Rec, Yr 2, 4 and 6)
- Follow the yellow lines and exit route through the playgrounds – one line per family, not families bunching together
- Leave the site as soon as you can, not hanging around to catch up with other families from other year groups
- The pathway by Year 4/5 cloakroom is a bit tight. Please stand on a yellow line whilst waiting to go into class and leave room for

children from other year groups to get past, to walk to their door

- Limit what is brought into school - lunch, a drink and a reading book is pretty much it

Like the Harvest festival, there are many celebrations we are having to adjust for the new norm at the moment, such a shame we are missing our autumn disco. Any ideas about fundraising or celebrating things in a Covid secure way are gratefully received. We are already getting our creative heads together to figure out Christmas plays and lunch!

I hope you have a safe and happy half term. Don't forget the staff training day on the Monday, so see you on Tuesday 3rd November.

Best wishes

Miss Teixeira



We will be supporting the poppy appeal after half term, every child will get an opportunity to donate and receive a poppy.

## School Attendance

Congratulations to Year 6, Year 3, Year 1, Year R, Year 5 and Year 2 for achieving above the national average this term!

Y6	Y3	Y1	YR	Y5	Y2	Y4
99.3%	97%	96.9%	96.7%	96.6%	96.3%	95.5%