



KEYHAM BARTON CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear School Family,

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back this week. Staff had a very constructive training day on Monday where we have been reviewing our approach to behaviour and re-writing our behaviour policy. More details on what this means will follow.

As you know, we are now in Lockdown, but a different kind of Lockdown to the spring and summer, where schools are remaining open. We have worked hard to ensure our guidelines and measures are effective, and so far we have had no positive cases in any of our 6 Plymouth Catholic Schools, which means what we have put into place is effective.

It is important to note that the expectation is that all children are in. We had a visit from our Education Welfare Officer (EWO) on Wednesday where she looked at all pupil absence data. Obviously if your child is unwell, or symptomatic, you do need to keep them home. However, where you can and where they are not symptomatic, we ask that you bring them in and we will call you if we have any concerns or worries. We are working hard to catch the children up on learning missed over the summer. For us to help them, they do need to be here.

Where attendance is below 90% we will be giving you a call just to let you know, as the next step is a letter from our EWO then a visit. Sometimes we don't notice how absences are creeping up and how many missed days that becomes. We are just keen to work with you to support your child being in school. If children are absent, we are providing work on Google classrooms and the expectation is that children can access their classwork there and still keep up. Please have a look, check your login works and let us know if you have problems accessing it.

HERE EVERYDAY. **READY ON TIME**

Now more than ever, regular and punctual attendance is crucial to your child's achievement in school, especially as we continue our catch-up programme to support them with the term they have missed.



The class with the highest attendance this week were:

Class Courage and Class Forgiveness!

Well done! Keep it up!

HOUSEPOINTS



This week's winners are: Carmel

Well done!

The team with the most stars will win a mufti day at the end of the term!

MTA Lunchtime Awards



Courage: Vladimir- for always being so happy & eating all his packed lunch

Kindness: David - Great Manners.

Compassion: Samuel- great manners & always helpful.

Forgiveness: Evelyn always happy & using lovely manners.

Peace: Patrick C so helpful to others & so caring.

Integrity: Nathaniel - lovely manners.

Justice: Ethan is very polite.

COVID Update

As we begin a new period of Lockdown, we have tightened our guidelines in line with the new Government guidance. Many of our measures will carry on as normal with our staggered start and end times however we are putting into place some additional protective measures.

We ask that from Monday, when dropping off or picking up, that parents wear a mask. This is for your protection as much as anything as it should help further reduce the risk of transmission in places where we congregate.

After-school club and breakfast club will continue as normal but for this term we will not be running after school sports clubs. It is also with great sadness that I need to inform you that we won't be able to have a Christmas play this year as gatherings where we all congregate are not advised at the current time. I will be sending out the updated risk assessment on Monday.

Parking

Please can we remind you not to drop children in the street or park in the hatched area. These measures are to keep our children safe and it is vital that we continue to drive safely around school. The speed limit is 20 miles an hour. The PCSO's are being advised where people are parking unsafely and there is a speed car with a camera that visits. There is an instant £60 fine if people are parking in the hatched area also. Please work with us to keep your children safe.

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Keyham Achievers!



Courage: Robyn

Robyn has been using her initial sounds when writing. She wanted to write people (p), night (n), fireworks (f,w) and bonfire (b). Wow!

Kindness: Evan

For fantastic enthusiasm and concentration during creative writing this week.

Great adjectives too!

Compassion: Elsa

For being a consistently polite and hard-working member of the class with impeccable manners. She comes into class wearing a smile and starts work every day with no fuss. Fantastic attitude, Elsa!

Forgiveness: Oliver

Oliver has written an outstanding story as part of our writing event. Keep up the great work Oliver!

Peace: Patrick C

Patrick has been well-focused in all our lessons this week and has shared his great ideas and understanding with his peers.

Integrity: Ella

For returning back to school with renewed focus and perseverance in all her learning.

Justice: Danielle

Danielle has just been 100% focused and determined to achieve in all of her lessons this week. She has made connections, applied prior learning and challenged herself at every opportunity!

A fantastic effort by all our Keyham Achievers and well done! We are very proud of all of you!

DIARY DATES



9th November - Year 1 Visual Screening Programme
16th November - Flu Vaccinations
18th December -End of Term

WORSHIP AND LITURGY



Be Ready!



In this Gospel, Jesus tells us a story about a wedding. In Jesus' time, bridesmaids escorted the groom to his bride. This would happen in the evening, so the bridesmaids carried oil lamps to light the way.

The groom in this story was late and it was nearly midnight when he arrived. Five of the ten bridesmaids were well prepared and had spare oil so they could keep their lamps burning, but five were unprepared and ran out of oil. Because they had to go and buy more oil, they missed the groom's arrival and also the wedding celebrations.

Jesus teaches us to always be ready and to live our lives in a way that means we are always ready for Jesus.

Action: Make sure you are prepared and ready to be on time for school each day! Ask at home what you can do to help be ready.

CLUBS AT SCHOOL

Autumn Term Sports Clubs:

Sadly due to the lockdown and the latest Government guidance, there will be no sports clubs this term after school. We do hope to reintroduce these in January.

Here are this week's Top Online Learners.



Y6	Hedven
Y5	Harrita
Y4	Oscar
Y3	Luke



**They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, or the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
We will remember them.**

Thank you again for all your support with our COVID measures. We will continue to work with you to keep our community safe. Have a wonderful weekend.

Rachael Riley
Headteacher

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