



KEYHAM BARTON CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome Back!

It's been so lovely to welcome all our children and families back. School is vibrant and filled with children's laughter and learning again. It's been such a long time and we've missed them. It's great to begin rebuilding a bit of normality and we are working hard to put children's wellbeing first.

We have so appreciated your support in following the guidelines and measures we have put into place to keep everyone safe. We have been really impressed with how smoothly the transition back into school has gone as we gently reintegrate our children back in with their friends and their learning. I know there is anxiety around the COVID situation but please keep talking to us.

As you know, there have been some changes. After consultation, last term, the school day now finishes at 3:15pm and our start and end times are staggered with families arriving alphabetically by surname:

- A - F - 8:40 - 2.55
- G - M - 8:50 - 3.05
- N - Z - 9:00 - 3.15

Lunchtimes are slightly shorter but we have taken into account all of your concerns and put measures into place to make sure all children get plenty of time to play and to eat their lunches.

Miss Riley, who was our Deputy, has been appointed as Headteacher for this year. We also welcome Mr Gerig who will be our cover teacher until October half term, and our lovely Mrs Jarvis, who is supporting year 4 for this term.

Thank you for all you have done to support us.

DIARY DATES



Meet the Teacher:

Class letters will go out on **Monday 7th September** explaining class expectations and the topics we will learn about this term. Look out for these in your email.

We won't be able to hold a Parent's evening in the school as we normally would, this term, but all teachers will be sharing a video on Facebook on **Friday 25th September** to talk you through the class expectations.

We are always at the end of the phone and in the playground mornings and evenings, so if you have any questions, worries or concerns please email, phone or speak to one of us. We are all here for you and your children and want the best for them. Always feel you can speak to someone

PE DAYS

On their PE day, children can wear their PE kits all day. This is a Keyham PE top, school jumper, shorts or joggers and trainers or plimsolls. This is so they don't have to change in school and to limit cross-contamination between home and school.

EYFS: Friday

Y1: Monday and Thursday

Y2: Tuesday and Friday

Y3: Wednesday and Friday

Y4: Wednesday and Thursday

Y5: Friday

Y6: Monday and Thursday

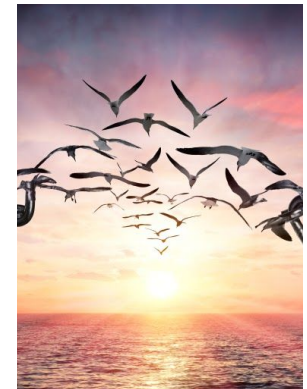
WORSHIP AND LITURGY



Each Monday, we begin the week with a liturgy based on the Sunday Gospel. From this, we get an action to practise throughout the week.

This week's theme is:

FORGIVE



In this week's Gospel, Jesus gives his friends some good advice. He tells them they should talk to anyone they've fallen out with. Hopefully that will sort out any disagreement, but if it doesn't then take one or two people to help mediate.

We are all connected to each other and sometimes need to ask for help from other people to sort out our problems. We need not to be afraid to ask for help when we need it. This is especially true now during the COVID situation.

Jesus reminds all his friends he is there for them. In the same way, we are here for you.

Action: This week - try to make peace with someone.



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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 begin our catch-up programme to support them with the term they have missed.



We will celebrate the classes with the highest attendance and punctuality each week and they will earn 5 minutes extra play on a Friday, to help you get them into school in the morning!

The expectation for every child's attendance is at least 97% and above.

If your child is going to be away from school, we need to know each day before 9:30 am. Thank you for your support in this matter.

If you think your child is worried about school, and this is affecting their attendance, please do not hesitate to come in and speak to their class teacher or Miss Riley.



Learning number facts, like times tables, by heart is key for maths. Please encourage your child to learn them by rote - you will be doing them an enormous service.

We will begin our 'Top of the Charts' next week!



We will be setting this for the term on **Friday 2nd October** using the Homework Grid. We want to gently reintegrate children back into school and focus on their wellbeing as part of our reconnection curriculum in the first few weeks.

BREAKFAST CLUB AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Breakfast Club is at Gaynor Hall and begins at 7:30am. There are spots to socially distance outside the hall if needed when you arrive. Children are provided with breakfast and then walked up to school for 8:45am.

After School Club takes place in the school hall and runs from 3:15-5:30pm.

Both are booked and paid for via School Money.

Please contact Mrs Shorthouse in the office if you have any trouble booking.

CLUBS AT SCHOOL

We will be offering this at a reduced level in light of the current situation and a list of available clubs will be shared next week.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Please check your emails for regular updates from us. If you are not receiving emails, please contact the office and make sure we have your most up-to-date information, as all forms and communications will be being sent electronically.

Below is a link to a Parent's guide about what we are doing in educational settings and it's worth a look.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

If you have any questions please ask a member of staff. We are always happy to help.

We are excited to welcome our new EYFS children on **Monday 7th September** to become part of our school family!

Please remember, for any worries, questions or concerns you may have, the Keyham team are here to help. Always come and speak to us if there is anything bothering you as together we can work towards resolving it.

Have a wonderful weekend and stay safe. We look forward to welcoming our school family back for their first full week on Monday.

R. Riley (Headteacher)