



KEYHAM BARTON CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear School Family,

We have had another lovely week where the children have settled back in brilliantly. We have welcomed our new Foundation children and classes have begun their PE lessons. Many of them have enjoyed the experience of wearing their PE kits all day! Thank you for supporting us with all the COVID measures we have put into place. Please continue to socially distance at pick-up and drop-off times in the playground.

Our staggered times are, alphabetically by family surname:

A - F - 8:40 - 2.55

G- M - 8:50 - 3.05

N - Z - 9:00 - 3.15

Please continue to follow the one-way system in through Renown Street and out through the lane, but be aware that buggies will be using the main gate, so please allow them space as they come out. We're keen to work together to keep everyone safe.

We are still working on our reconnection curriculum for another week, but wellbeing will continue to be our primary focus. We are in the process of gently establishing where the gaps are and what the children need, to be able to progress to the best of their ability. We will then plan our learning based on what the children show us that they need and tailor our teaching to help them fill any gaps. I feel it is important to stress, that, in context, the children have only missed 14 weeks of school and all the press dialogue about a lost generation is definitely not something we believe! As always, we will take our children from where they are now and help them to fulfil their potential. Our job as educators remains the same as ever, and that is to work in partnership with you to enable all children to be the best they can be. This has always been a strength of Keyham.

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. Liturgies take place in class and I will share these on our Facebook page, along with our Celebration assemblies weekly, so you can participate remotely. This week's theme is:

Keep On Forgiving



In this week's Gospel, Peter asks how many times you should forgive someone. Jesus tells him that if they are truly sorry and try to make amends, we should always try to forgive, but this can be hard.

In today's context we do also need to consider our own safety. If someone is truly sorry then they will try to change and repair any hurt caused. With our children, we talk about friendships and how we can resolve and repair the fallings out they can have and how we can help each other heal. Sometimes the person we may need to forgive is ourselves.

Action: Be kind to yourself.

House Captains

This week we have appointed our House Captains. Congratulations to all those who had the courage to apply even if they were unsuccessful. It's an amazing achievement even to put yourselves out there and you should all be very proud of yourselves for being prepared to step out of your comfort zone.

Our successful candidates were:

Buckfast: Liam and Ella

Carmel : Shane and Evie

Fatima: Jack and Lexy

Lourdes: Henry and Summer



HOUSEPOINTS



This week's winners are:

LOURDES

At the end of each long term, the house with the most stars will be allowed a mufti day to recognise their hard work and learning efforts!

A FAITH COMMUNITY, GATHERED TOGETHER TO LEARN, WITH LOVE AND RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER



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DIARY DATES



Meet the Teacher:

We won't be able to hold a Parents' 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 afternoons, so if you have any questions, worries or concerns please email, phone or speak to one of us.

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.

Courage class EYFS: Friday

Kindness class Y1: Monday/Thursday

Compassion class Y2:

Tuesday/Friday

Forgiveness class Y3:

Wednesday/Friday

Peace class Y4: Wednesday/Thursday

Integrity class Y5: Friday

Justice class Y6: Monday/Thursday

MEDICAL INFORMATION

It is really important that we have up to date contact and medical information for you and your child. You will have received a text today asking you to complete our annual information forms so we can ensure we are able to effectively communicate with you. We would be grateful if you could

fill these in and respond asap so we have the most recent details for you if we need to contact you.

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.



The classes with the highest attendance and punctuality this week were: YEARS 2 and 3 and EYFS! Fantastic! Keep it up!

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.

Parking Consideration

Please can we ask you to **not pull up outside the school to drop your children off**. It causes congestion and puts our children at risk. We are proud of our school and our relationship with our community and we want to keep on building that. Our first priority though is to ensure you and your children are safe. I will invite our PCSO to support with this as it's more important than ever, with our staggered starts, that we are being mindful and supportive of each other and our neighbours.

CLUBS AT SCHOOL

We will be offering this at a reduced level in light of the

current situation. I had hoped to share the clubs this week but we are just making sure our risk assessments are in place first.

Keyham Achievers



Well done to the following children for their fantastic effort and learning this week:

Liby, Class Courage - Liby wrote her name all by herself in her first week at school! Amazing work Liby!

Maisa, Class Kindness - For making a great start to her school journey at Keyham. Not only has she settled well into Kindness Class, she has shown her amazing ability in reading.

Oliver D and Logan, Class Compassion - Oliver and Logan only joined our Keyham family last week and have settled in beautifully. Well done boys!

Luke and Siena, Class Forgiveness - For making fantastic contributions in class and for being super smiley! Keep it up!

Oscar, Class Peace - For having a brilliant start to the year and doing so well in his learning! Fabulous!

Katie, Class Integrity - For making excellent progress in her Big Maths with quick accurate response to all number bonds! A super start!

Ethan, Class Justice - For coming back into school with such a great attitude! He is challenging himself and working hard on his presentation! Keep it up!

We are incredibly proud of you all! Keep up the good work!

Have a wonderful weekend and stay safe.

R. Riley (Headteacher)