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Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent RSHE Survey

We have closed the parent RSHE survey and are in the process of analysing it. Thank you very much to all the parents who completed it. We will write next week with the outcomes of the survey.

Praying as a family

This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, which is a very important feast in the Church calendar. It occurs 50 days after the death and resurrection of Jesus, and ten days after His Ascension into heaven. The name of the day itself is derived from the Greek word "pentecoste," meaning 50th.

Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus, who were gathered together in the Upper Room.

We pray that the Holy Spirit fills all of us so that we can be 'empowered to witness' (Acts 2)

In school we have been thinking about how we can witness to the love of God and to the resurrection by the daily acts of love and prayer we carry out. On Pentecost Sunday, or over the weekend, perhaps you could spend time as a family in prayer, using the resources from the Wednesday Word, which is attached.

I hear from Canon John that the Archbishop has reduced the distancing restrictions to 1m, so this means that more people will be able to attend mass on Sundays as the church capacity will increase. To book mass at St John the Baptist email purley@rcaos.org.uk. Other parishes will have different arrangements.

Covid Update

While some restrictions have eased, we must be mindful of the need to maintain best practices and to follow the guidance and risk assessments we have. In order to achieve this, we have been reviewing our current practice.

- Please continue to wear face coverings on site at all times.
- Please avoid entering the school; if you can communicate with us by email or telephone it is preferable to maintain distancing.
- Now that we have some clubs running, please do not wait in the playground for your children – this undoes all our good work around maintaining bubbles and avoiding interchange of equipment.

At the start of the day, please keep your children close to you and arrive just before your drop off time – this is the point of the staggered start arrangements. Please do not allow your children to play around the playground or in the car park as the bubbles will inevitably mix; the children are supposed to be with you until they are greeted by their teacher.

There are some schools in Croydon who have had bubbles closing recently due to an increase in positive covid cases. We must continue to be vigilant for symptoms. Therefore, a reminder to everyone about the key covid symptoms:

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)

a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you have any of these symptoms, get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) to check if you have coronavirus and stay at home until you get your result.

Please ensure that you keep your child (and siblings) at home if symptoms are detected, isolate the family and get a covid PCR test and tell us that you are doing so and the outcome of the test.

Please be assured that we are continuing to follow government advice about regular handwashing and separation of bubbles.

NHS Plasma Donation

"Like blood donation, plasma donation will be altruistic, for the benefit of the NHS. We're asking people we contact to please donate plasma for medicines – you will save and transform lives."

Croydon is one of a number of centres in the UK who are seeking plasma donors. This is a really good thing to do if you feel you can. Please see the link below and the attached flyer.

[Plasma for medicines - NHS Blood Donation](#)

Stars of the week

Congratulation to all our stars of the week:

Class	Stars of the week
RED	Rosie & Sam
ORANGE	Zoe & Rajvivaan
YELLOW	Finbarr & Tabbi
GREEN	Jacob & Hector
BLUE	Valentina & Christ Victory
INDIGO	Oli & Oliver
AMETHYST	Sofia & Izyaan
VIOLET	Anna & Freddie

Happy Birthday to Christ Victory, Y4, Inca, Y6 and Michael, Reception, who all celebrate birthdays this week.

This week's attendance awards are as follows:

Y1 - 98.41 % Highest **Attendance**

Rec/Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4/Y5 - 100% Punctuality - an all-time record of 6 classes! Well done! :)

Have a pleasant weekend

Mr Mooney & Miss Holloway