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Dear Parents and Carers,

As I said in my letter on Monday night, I am going to focus in my weekly letter on school news and updates.

MacMillan Fundraising



Today our wonderful students raised a total of £251.90! This was achieved through a Year 7 sponsored walk along with a cake and 'friendship bracelet' sale. This is a fantastic achievement. Many thanks for all the cakes and buns that were kindly donated.

Special thanks to: all our students who helped out; to Leah B who made the friendship bracelets and to Ms. Gibert's Year 7 form who walked in silence!



Next week...

School Photographs – Thursday 3rd October

On Thursday we have our school photographs. As well as individual photographs every Year group will also have a group photograph taken. If your child does not want to be in the group photograph or has any issues having an individual photo taken, please email enquiry@holyfamily.bkcat.uk. Anyone with PE on this day please wear their school uniform and not their PE kit.

CAFOD – Family Fast Day and our Harvest campaign.

On Friday 4th October, we are encouraging our students and community to have a simple lunch and donate money left over to CAFOD.

Also, on Friday 4th October, pupils have the opportunity to wear a BRIGHT or PATTERNED TIE (different to our school tie) or bright socks for the day to show that you are supporting the Harvest campaign. Students can take any food bank donations into the chapel.

Support for our students and parents

Y10 Parent/Student Fair – Wednesday 2nd October from 4pm to 6pm.

On Wednesday 2nd October, between 4pm and 6pm, teams from local schools and the local authority representatives will be in school to help and support our Year 10 students and their parents. You do not need to book for this event, you can 'drop in' at any point between these times. They will have details of their curriculum, school information and the support in place for this process.

Well-being in Mind, NHS Team - support

We have planned in a programme of support for students, parents and staff. Initially we are identifying students who need individual or group support. There will be further support for each year group and the team will attend parents evenings throughout the year. On 14th November they will lead a Parents event with help and advice on managing anxiety and supporting resilience. We will send out details nearer the time. They are also working on some guidance booklets and other signposted support.

Communication

Comments on the proposed closure should continue to go to the Academy Trust via the links in their letters.

In school we need to concentrate on supporting your children, you and our staff. If you have any specific school queries around the closure or need some help please email us at Enquiry@holyfamily.bkcat.uk

On Monday morning our SEND team will send out reminders of additional, specific communication routes for SEND queries and support.

Finally this week...

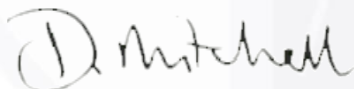
Myself and all our staff pass on our thanks for the support you have given us this week. The lovely messages mean so much. We have also received thoughtful and inspiring emails and letters from past students and parents showing how much Holy Family High School means to them and to our whole community.

Our students continue 'to grow in wisdom and grace' and they have demonstrated so many of our virtues this week. They are a credit to all of you.

The way we support them, as a community, over the coming weeks and months is crucial. As adults we need to be mindful of the effect of everything we say and do. Please reach out if you are struggling, we are here for you.

'Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.' Ephesians 4:2

God bless you all,



Mrs D. Mitchell
Headteacher