

Mission Statement Motto: *Building relationships with God and each other, working hard in faith and hope to give our best in all things*

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Dear Parents/Carers

Changes to our Half Termly KIRFs

Welcome to the new term. I hope you and your family have had a restful and enjoyable Summer – although it might feel like it was years ago.

As we know, one of our aims in Maths at Holy Cross is for our children to be fluent in the four operations – addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Additionally, it is hoped that when each child leaves Holy Cross, they have developed visual models of number and have a deep understanding of number and number relationships.

To help develop these, we have used Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) which we usually send out half termly. However, this year we have decided to make a few tweaks to ensure that the children have a greater benefit from these.

Firstly, we have changed the title from Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) to **Beautiful Fluency Facts (BFFs)** to highlight the need for and importance of these. Secondly, these will be taught and assessed in class by your child's teacher. This way, we will be in better position to help, support and challenge your child. As with everything, we are asking for your support. Please help to consolidate the BFFs with your child. The BFFs will come with suggested activities that you could do with your child.

We will continue to send the BFFs **half termly** with your child. This half term's BFFs will be sent home with your child by Friday 29th September. If your child hasn't received theirs by then, please talk with your child's teacher. Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully

Mrs K Dhannie
Maths Lead

