



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all enjoyed the Summer Holidays and are looking forward to the year ahead. We have a very exciting Autumn term coming up!

This term in our Topic lessons, Year 1 will be exploring the theme of *Changes Within Living Memory*, with a particular focus on toys from the past and present. Children will learn how toys have changed over time and what this tells us about life in different periods. We'll be comparing modern toys with those from previous generations, encouraging children to ask questions and share stories from their own families. In Geography, we'll be learning about our local area, including a walk to a nearby toyshop to support our learning. The children will also be practising simple map-making skills, helping them to understand direction, landmarks, and the features of their community. More information on our curriculum please see the attached curriculum map.

### **Classroom Staff**

This year we will be supported by Mr Smart and Miss Lakoma, who will be working with a child 1:1.

### **Forest School**

As above, the children will be doing forest school **every Monday** for the remainder of the term. Please ensure your child has a coat, waterproofs (if possible) and wellies. We try to get outside in all weathers (unless it's unsafe) so please ensure your child has appropriate clothing. Forest school is a fantastic opportunity for the children and one we are extremely fortunate to be able to offer. To ensure the children get the most out of the experience they must be in the correct clothing.

### **Communication**

If you would like to speak to myself during the term then please do so via Tapestry or you can book an appointment to speak to me in person. I am also on the door every morning and afternoon if you need to speak urgently.

### **Uniform**

Please ensure your child is wearing full school uniform on a Monday, Thursday and Friday and that each item is clearly labelled.

### **PE**

PE sessions will take place on **Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons**. In line with school policy, the children are expected to come to school on these days wearing their PE kits. Their kit should consist of: a white polo, black joggers and black daps. I would particularly ask where possible that girls come to school on PE days wearing PE trousers and socks (not tights) – it would be incredibly helpful.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Thank you for supporting us in ensuring that your child is in school and on time. Where possible it is important that children attend school regularly and punctually for the start of the school day.

A reminder that our day starts at 8:55 and collection time is 3:10pm.

### **Important Dates**

St Werburghs City Farm – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September (if you would like to volunteer to help on this trip please let me know!)

Year 1 Class Assembly – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Thank you for your continued support, again if you need to contact me or ask me anything then please do so.

Thank you,

Miss King