



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

This has been a very busy week in school, especially for our Year 4 class.

This morning, Year 4 presented their learning on their Reading Project book focus about their Dreams for the World in a class assembly watched by the whole school and their parents.

We were so proud of all of them all, especially how well they spoke and sang. It was lovely to have a large audience to watch them and especially uplifting to be able to welcome parents back into the Assembly Hall.

On Thursday, we celebrated St Patrick's Day in school. Our Reception class parents joined us for an extended stay and play session and especially impressed us with their Irish dancing skills.

On Wednesday afternoon, year 5 watched a science show performed by sixth form students from the Badminton school. It was incredibly inspiring to watch and was very much enjoyed by all.

On Tuesday, year 4 went on their first proper school trip of the year to Wild Place as part of our Living Things Science topic. They were lucky enough to do a workshop about wolves, see some cheeky monkeys, catch some sleepy bears and much, much more! It was great to be out in the open again, having a real adventure whilst learning lots about different animals and their habitats along the way!

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we invited parents in for parents evening. Thank you to all the parents who took part. If you did not manage to see your child's teacher, there will be a paper report sent home to you.

Science week:

This week the whole school has been participating in British science week. The theme for this year has been "growth". Each class have been doing activities around this from looking at animal adaptations and changes to looking at animal classification and growth.

As part of science week we are holding a poster competition for the children. The rules of the competition are below



- **Entrants can be teams or individuals**
 - teams will be judged in the age category of its oldest member
 - any prize awarded will be split across the team.
- Each school/group can enter a **maximum of five entries**. We encourage you to run the competition with larger groups but to select the top five to enter from your school. If you send more than five entries, we will only be able to include the first five in the competition. You can award further prizes within your school-level competition if you wish.
- Entries must be **one page of A4 or A3** paper only and you will need to take a photo or scan of it to send electronically.
- Work must be original and created by the student(s) – please do not use any templates.
- Posters must be uploaded with entrant details:
 - entrant first name (all names if a team) and entrant age (all ages if a team)
 - category (of the oldest team member)
 - Please note, the data submitted will be used for the administration of the competition. First names, ages and schools of students may also be shared on our website and social media pages – if you do not want this data to be shared online you should make this explicitly clear in your submission, and we will only share school name.

Please have these handed into your child's class teacher, who will then pass it onto Mr Toogood (Science lead). We will have a winner in school from KS1/ EYFS and KS2

Snacks:

Please remember children are not given a government provided snack for playtime in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6). Please provide your child with a healthy snack if you wish.

Road safety and parking:

Thank you to all those who continue to park safely around school. Remember, corners, zig zags and double yellow lines need to be kept free for safety.

Assemblies/Visitors:

Class assemblies and other events for this term have been added to the calendar. If you are able to help in your child's class with reading or other activities, please let your child's teacher know via tapestry or class dojo. Please continue to join us for stay and play/read sessions every Thursday from 8:40 – 9:10am. Please also join us for Celebration Assembly every Monday and all parents are welcome to all class Assemblies every Friday.

Coronavirus:

We currently have 6 confirmed positive cases of coronavirus across the school. Please continue to be vigilant and keep your child home if they have symptoms. We also seem to have a sickness bug spreading in school this week. Again, please keep your child home until 48 hours after illness to stop the spread.

Confirmation preparation:

If you have an older child who is in Year 8 or above, they will be soon able to apply to make their confirmation. Classes will begin after Easter on Saturday 23rd April at Emmaus House from 10am till 12:30pm for four fortnightly gatherings leading up to Confirmation itself.

Each person applies to their Parish Priest and then will be asked to fill in the requisite form expressing their own free choice to be confirmed. Our parish representative, Anne Nash will be receiving these forms and will bring them to the school for anyone who wishes to apply. The date for return will be before Easter.



Nut free school:

Please remember that we have a number of children with nut allergies: some airborne. This means that we need to **insist that all products sent into schools are nut free**. There are some food items you would not think contained nuts so please can all parents check labelling when making packed lunches.

Please check if all treats are nut free if you are sending them in for your child's birthday. Even cakes that say may contain nuts can be dangerous for some of our children. We are unable to give them out if this is the case.

Finally:

Thank you for all your support. Enjoy the better weather this weekend.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fNoZXt8Ocqc&list=RDfNoZXt8Ocqc&start_radio=1

Take care,



Mrs Kingston.

Important Dates:

Date	Event
Wednesday 23rd March	Phonics parents' meeting
Friday 25th March	Year 3 Class Assembly 9.15am
Monday 28 th March	Year 2 Farm Trip
Wednesday 30 th March	Holi Workshop
Friday 1st April	Year 2 Class Assembly 9.15am
Friday 8th April	End of term Mass 9.15am

