



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Last Monday, we had a visit from our school improvement partner who inspected Writing across the school. It was a very positive experience with many strengths:

"There was clear progression...The children could articulate what they were learning and were very engaged in the tasks set...Classrooms were quiet and purposeful...Subject knowledge was strong." Any advised areas of development will now form our continued focus for the rest of this academic year.

Last Tuesday, we celebrated International Women's Day in school and the children thought of and said thank you for all the wonderful women in their lives. We also had our first whole school Celebration Assembly this academic year following the lifting of covid restrictions in school. It was such a joyous time, especially hearing the whole school singing together after all this time. Parents are welcome to join us every Monday and Friday for Assemblies from this week.

Last Wednesday to Friday, our Year 6 pupils went to Mendip for their adventure camp. They all had a wonderful time and achieved so much, taking part in a wide range of a new physical challenges such as climbing, caving, tobogganing, axe throwing and archery. The staff who accompanied them were so proud of them all and reported what fun everyone had.

Staffing update:

Mrs James will be supporting St Nicholas of Tolentine 2 days a week this term as part of our ongoing partnership work. She will be helping with leadership in the school every Monday and Tuesday as their Head is currently unwell.

Ms Alison Mitchell, who the children, know very well, will be covering Y2 on Monday and Tuesday mornings for this term.

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.

Parents' Evenings:

Parents Evening take place this week on Tuesday and Wednesday. Booking is now closed. Additional parents' evening for pupils with SEND will be offered later this term with Mrs Edwards the SENDCO.

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.

Take care,



Mrs Kingston.

Important Dates:

Date	Event
Tuesday 15 th March	Year 4 Wild place Parents Evening 4.30pm – 6.30pm
Wednesday 16 th March	KS1 Dance Fest



	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 5.00pm
Thursday 17 th March	St Patrick's Day: Wear green
Friday 18 th March	Year 4 Class Assembly 9.15am
Wednesday 23 rd March	Phonics parents' meeting
Friday 25 th March	Year 3 Class Assembly 9.15am
Monday 28 th March	Year 2 Farm Trip
Friday 1 st April	Year 2 Class Assembly 9.15am
Friday 8 th April	End of term Mass 9.15am

