



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Last week's events:

This Week:

This week has been safety week in school where we have worked with the children on road safety, fire safety, online safety and personal safety. We have also covered personal space and boundaries as part of our PSHE work. It was lovely to see so many parents join us this morning for a whole school Assembly where all the classes shared their learning during this week.

Please remember to speak to your children about all the different ways they can keep themselves safe and to speak out if they do not feel safe. We have been practising saying "Stop, I don't like that."

Thank you to all those parents who have managed to join us for stay and play or stay and count sessions this week, as well as the parent learning sharing session today. We are really grateful for your support.

EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed a special visit from the "Owl Man" who brought in owls for the children to see and learn about. It was a very special afternoon and the children (and adults!) thoroughly enjoyed it.

Year 6 had a wonderful time at We the Curious this week, learning all about forensic science. They were a credit to the school in their behaviour and academic ability.

Next week:

School re-opens after the half term on Tuesday 2nd November for pupils. Staff will return to school on Monday 1st November for first aid training.

Invitations for parent evening went out last week. Please sign up for a slot to discuss your child's progress so far this school year. They will take place on the Tuesday and Wednesday after the half term holiday.

There will be a cake sale led by the PTFA on Friday 5th November after school. Please bring in any donations of baked goods on the morning. Hot chocolate will also be available to buy.



After half term all children will use the main school gates to enter and exit school. The KS1 gate by the church will no longer be in use, so please add an extra 2 minutes to your morning journey so you can walk around the corner to the front door!

Sad news:

We would like to extend our condolences to the Creary family, one of our Holy Cross families, on the sad loss of Dontae, a wonderful son and brother, who died last week.

The family have set up a "Go fund me" page and anyone wishing to donate is very welcome to do so. I will send the link out during the half term via School Comms.

Please pray for his family and friends at this very sad time.

PTFA:

The school PTFA held their AGM last week. If you would like to be part of the committee or have any ideas for future events, please leave your e mail address with Miss Sims in the Office.

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.

School Dinners:

We have been informed that the price of a school lunch is going to be increased to £2.30 from 1st November.

School Governor Roles:

We have vacancies for a foundation and parent governor on our governing body. If you would like to apply for this wonderful role, please contact Mr Franks as the clerk. If you would like any further information, please see Louise the Chair.

Safeguarding:

Please remember that Squid game on Netflix has a 15 age rating and so the children should not be watching it. We have had to deal with a number of issues from the children playing the associated game in the playground last week.

Following a concern raised around Roblox and Squid game we ask that you check your child's accounts if they play on Roblox. When we looked at what can be accessed we found some quite shocking content in squid game replicas which are available on Roblox.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/wakeupwednesday/squid-game-trending-across-platforms-what-parents-need-to-know>

Further online safety information can be found by following the link below. <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/roblox/>



Clubs:

Club lists for next term has been sent out. Please book all clubs before we return for Term 2.

Photos:

Photo samples went home today with your child. Please check the return date to order by.

Rags 2 Riches:

Thank you to all those parents who donated their old clothes to be recycled and to raise money for our school. We raised £70 for school as well as helping the environment.

Finally:

I hope you all have a restful, enjoyable half term holiday with your family and friends. There is no homework set for half term but please continue to read with your child/ren as well as counting and practising times tables. I hope you have lots of happy days next week.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=olQrCfkvbGw&list=RDolQrCfkvbGw&start_radio=1

Mrs Kingston.

Important Dates:

Friday 22 nd October	-	End of term
Term 2:		
Monday 1 st November	-	Inset Day
Tuesday 2 nd November	-	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 3 rd November	-	Parents' Evening
Friday 5 th November	-	PTFA cake sale
Friday 19 th November	-	PTFA family bingo night

