



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Last week's events:

Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to we the curious. We took part in a light and shadows workshop where we learned lots of interesting things about how light is used and how shadows are made. We then had an opportunity to explore the museum and we were amazed by all the exhibitions and activities we got to do. Year 3 particularly enjoyed playing with the building blocks and the coloured sand. They were amazingly behaved and the science workshop leader said she had never had such a polite class - well done Year 3!

On Thursday we had Letitia from the Red Panda Agency come into school to present Samba workshops to each class as part of our learning in Black History Month. All of the children had so much fun learning samba dance routines in groups and performing to the rest of the class.

This Week:

This week is safety week in school where we are working with the children on road safety, fire safety, online safety and personal safety. We will also cover personal space and boundaries as part of our PSHE work. 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."

Parental involvement:

Please try to join us for stay and play or stay and count sessions this Thursday before school. Also, we are holding a parent learning sharing session on Friday afternoon from 2:30 to 3:1pm for Years 1 to 6. Please come along so your child can show you their work from this term.

It has been lovely to see so many of you joining us for Assemblies during the past two weeks. Please try to join us for a special Safety Week Assembly this Friday when all classes will present a very short segment on their learning focus from this week.

Invitations for parent evening went out yesterday. 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.



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.

Next Term:

After half term all children will use the main school gates to enter and exit school. The KS1 gate by the church will not be in use.

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.

Harvest Collection:

Here is a message from Rev Jacqui: I wanted to write to pass on our sincere thanks to all of the Holy Cross family who donated to the Foodbank Harvest Appeal. The donations were logged this morning and I can now tell you that the donation weighed in at 173.7KG. This generous response to our appeal is incredible and will go on to help people in crisis across the BS3 area. Mrs Hobbs (our caretaker Mr Hobbs' wife) also passes on her thanks and gratitude on behalf of the homeless shelter who also gratefully received a large amount of donations from you all.

Attendance:

We are coming to the end of the first term back and it has been lovely to have everyone in school. In line with our Attendance Policy we review every child's attendance at the end of each term. If your child's attendance has dropped below 96.1% you will receive a letter informing you on Friday. In some cases where attendance is lower you may be invited to a meeting to see how we can support you in increasing your child's attendance. Children have already missed a lot of school due to the Covid Pandemic so it is vital that children attend regularly. We have also noticed that a few children are late regularly, again you may receive a letter to inform you of this and look for ways we can help ensure your child arrives on time. If you require any support with attendance please call the office and book an appointment with Mrs James.

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 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 was sent out yesterday. Please book all clubs before we return for Term 2.

Rags 2 Riches:

We have a Rags 2 Riches collection booked in for **this Friday** (Friday 22nd October). If you have any unwanted clothes please bag them up and bring them in on the morning.

Finally:

Take care and keep your loved ones close.

Please pray for the young man from Bedminster who was tragically killed last Thursday, and keep his family and friends in your prayers and thoughts.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNF-JT-mtog>

Mrs Kingston.

Important Dates:

Wednesday 20 th October	-	Year 6 Trip
Thursday 21 st October	-	School Photographs: individual
Friday 22 nd October	-	End of term
	-	Rags 2 Riches
	-	Show racism the red card – wear red
	-	Safety Assembly – whole school

Next Term:

Monday 1 st November	-	Inset Day
Tuesday 2 nd November	-	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 3 rd November	-	Parents' Evening

