



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you so much for all the Harvest donations we received this week; our local food bank and homeless shelter will benefit from your kindness. Year 5 led us in a wonderful Harvest Assembly this morning and it was so lovely to have parents back in school. The children shared the message of caring for creation really well and impressed us all with their singing and speaking.

Yesterday and today Y6 pupils took part in 'Bikeability' sessions where they learnt about road safety and how to stay safe on the roads. The organisers commented on how sensible and well behaved the children were.

Reception class had a special visitor this week who worked with the children on planting bulbs for Spring. Thank you to Judith's mummy and baby brother who came in to help. We welcome all parents and carers who are able to give up some time to volunteer in school.

Ms Fairbairn spent Monday on a lantern workshop in preparation for the Bedminster Lantern Parade later this year. Year 4 will lead our school in this special event this year. More information will follow later.

This week's events:

Stay and play will start for our Reception class parents this Thursday. Doors will open from 8:40am and the sessions will last until 9:10am when the children will go into singing Assembly.

Stay and read sessions are open to all parents from Y1 to Y6 this Thursday. Again, doors will open at 8:40am. If your child is in Key Stage one please use the classrooms doors. If your child is in Key Stage 2 please go in through the front door. Elder siblings can go with their younger siblings until 8:55am.

Drop off and pick up:

Thank you for your help and support as we have returned to normal at drop off and pick up. A polite reminder that school starts at 8:55am but that the doors are open from 8:45am for all classes. School finishes at 3:10pm for all classes in EYFS and Key Stage 1 and 3:15pm for all classes in Key stage 2. The gates will be opened just before 3:10pm

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to be collected from the classroom doors.



Years 3 to 6 will revert to their collection points in the Key stage 1 playground:

Year 3 by the blue fence in the Key stage 1 playground outside the Year 1 classroom,

Year 4 by the boat in the Key stage 1 playground

Year 5 by the bench in the key stage 1 playground by the climbing wall,

Year 6 by snakes and ladders in the key stage 1 playground.

Please collect any younger siblings first then go to the older sibling collection point.

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.

First Holy Communion:

Classes begin this Sunday after the 10 o'clock Mass. They will then take place on the second Sunday of each month. If your child is in Years 3 to 6 and you wish them to make their first holy communion, please come along to Mass on Sunday 10th October at 10am and there will be a parents' meeting whilst the children have their first lesson. This first session will last no more than 30 mins but all others will be an hour long session.

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.

Reading:

Reading is such a valuable skill for all areas of the curriculum. Within school we are always looking for ways to develop and improve the teaching of reading. Parents often ask how they can support their children at home, we are hoping to begin holding some after school parent workshops in the near future. In the meantime, below are some Free Online Support Webinars, please book via these links. If you decide to join the sessions we would love to know what you thought.

Raising a Reader

<https://www.dandelionlearning.co.uk/raising-a-reader-top-tips-for-parents-to-foster-a-love-of-reading-free-training/>

Getting to grips with Grammar

<https://www.dandelionlearning.co.uk/helping-parents-with-home-learning-getting-to-grips-with-grammar/>



Reading Wish Lists:

Wow! What can we say. Thank you so much to everyone who has purchased a book from the class wish list. The children and staff are so excited to receive their parcel, it has been wonderful to see the children so enthused about their class new books. There are still books on the list if anyone wishes to help with our reading for pleasure project. Again thank you for your amazing support.

Whole school theme:

This year our whole school theme is looking after the world.

We are planning work with the children on how to protect the planet for future generations. If you are able to help in any way e.g. Assemblies, activities, workshops, ideas for more recycling please let your child's class teacher know on either Tapestry or Class Dojo. Thank you to all those who have already offered their time.

PE days:

Please make sure the children do not wear jewellery for PE activities. This is for their own safety as they could get it caught on the apparatus. We are doing gymnastics this term so long hair needs to be tied up as well as all jewellery removed on PE days.

Contact with teachers:

Please contact your child's class teacher on either Tapestry or Class Dojo if you wish to ask or discuss anything. All teachers are available after school on the door or gate if you wish to speak to them very quickly but it is best to book an appointment if you wish to talk for more than a few seconds!

Clubs:

If you need breakfast club or after school club provision there are still a few spaces. Please contact Miss Sims for more information.

INSET Days:

This year's INSET days have been set. They are: Monday 1st November, Tuesday 4th January, Monday 28th February, Monday 25th April and Monday 6th June.

Rags 2 Riches:

We have a Rags 2 Riches collection booked in for the last day of Term 1 (Friday 22nd October). If you have any unwanted clothes please bag them up and bring them in on the morning of the 22nd October.

Youth Zone:

Bristol City Council would like to hear from parents, carers and families to help us develop proposals for a Youth Zone in South Bristol. The site could provide a dedicated and exciting new space where the city's children and young people play, grow, and learn.

Youth Zones are affordable, high quality sites that give children and young people somewhere to go, inspiring things to do and supportive people to talk to. They



can get involved in a wide range of activities, develop new skills and socialise in a safe and accessible environment. The engagement survey is open until Sunday 17 October 2021. To find out more and comment on the South Bristol Youth Zone visit: <https://bristol.citizenspace.com/people/youth-zone/>

[Additional – link to press release: Youth Zone engagement begins - bristol.gov.uk](#)

Finally:

Take care and thank you for all your support this week,

[Harvest For The World by the Isley Brothers - YouTube](#)

Mrs Kingston.

Important Dates:

Wednesday 13 th October	-	Year 3 Trip
Friday 15 th October	-	Year 6 Class Assembly 9.15am
Wednesday 20 th October	-	Year 6 Trip
Thursday 21 st October	-	School Portraits
Friday 22 nd October	-	End of term
	-	Rags 2 Riches
	-	▪ Show racism the red card day: all children wear red
	-	Year 4 class assembly 9.15am

Next Term:

Monday 1 st November	-	Inset Day
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