



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

What a wonderful evening we all had last week at the BBQ last week. It was great to see the event so well attended and everyone I spoke to really enjoyed the evening. Thank you to the PTFA for organising this event. We are all very much looking forward to the next event. If you are able to be part of the PTFA, please see Miss Sims who will give your name to the chairs.

Year 5 enjoyed a visit from Mr Toogood's brother yesterday who works for GWR and spoke to the children about his work on the railways.

This morning we held our first whole school Assembly since March 2020. It was such an emotional but enjoyable start to the day and the singing brought a tear to many of the adults' eyes. We are hoping to start welcoming parents back in from next week. More information will follow.

This week's events:

Next Friday is our Harvest Celebration which will be led by Year 5.

Please bring in any donations of tinned or packet foods or toiletries throughout next week which we will give to the local homeless shelter and food bank.

Drop off and pick up:

From next week the school day will revert to the original starting times. This means school starts at 8:55am but that the doors are open from 8:45am for all classes. We will continue to use the church entrance for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes. Years 3 to 6 will use the front entrance from Monday. No classes will use the car park entrance for dropping off from this point. The school day will also revert to the original times, which means a finish at 3:10pm for all classes in Key Stage 1 and 3:15pm for all classes in Key stage 2.

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.

Please bear with us whilst we get used to the old ways again!

First Holy Communion:

Classes begin on Sunday 10th October 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.

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:

We are insisting on correct PE kit this year as the children. Navy shorts, leggings, joggers or skorts with a plain white t shirt. A navy (school) sweatshirt or hoodie may be worn when it is cold. Many children are still not wearing correct PE kit on their days. If you are struggling to get hold of the correct kit, please see the Office. Any pupils not wearing correct PE kit will be given spare correct kit to wear from Monday. Some children have been upset when they were unable to do PE as they were wearing clothes which made it unsafe, such as skirts or pinafores.

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,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3BeKhlUzPUc>

Mrs Kingston.



Important Dates:

Thursday 7 th October	-	Year 6 Bikeability
Friday 8 th October	-	Year 6 Bikeability AM
	-	Year 5 Class Assembly 9.15am Harvest
Sunday 10 th October	-	
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
	-	Year 4 class assembly 9.15am

Next Term:

Monday 1 st November	-	Inset Day
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