



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week:

This morning, Year 2 presented their assembly on Lent. They all acted, sang and spoke wonderfully.

On Thursday all the children were invited to come to school wear their sporting clothing as part of our Sports Relief day. Our Sports Captains arranged a brilliant activity which each class took part in throughout the day. Thank you to all the parents who dated to this charity.

On Tuesday and Wednesday each class has parents evening. If you did not manage to get an appointment, please see the class teacher to see when they are free. All parents will receive a paper mid-term report.

Next Week:

All children can wear green on Tuesday for St Patrick's Day.

Unfortunately the PTFA have decided to postpone the quiz night. We will let you know the rearranged date when we have it.

Corona Virus Update:

We continue to follow Government guidance on how to keep our children safe during the Corona Virus outbreak. We are asking the children to wash their hands five times a day in school and teaching them the rules of using a tissue correctly. We are also taking extra precautions by sanitising table tops, door hands, keyboard and interactive whiteboards during the day. Currently there are no plans to close the school. This decision would be made by the relevant authorities, such as the Government, Local Authority and Public Health England. Daily updates from the Department of Education are sent to school every day and their advice is followed. The new update for today is with immediate effect the advice is that anyone with a new persistent cough or high temperature should self-isolate for seven days. We also ask that if you or anyone you have been in contact with has returned from any of the countries listed on the Public Health Website, please let us know. However, until further notice, school is open and children who are well should attend as usual.

Inspired Through Sport Athlete:

All children who raised money for this event will received their prizes. The company have to check all the payments and sponsor forms before sending them out in the post.

Nut Free School:

Just a reminder that we are a nut free school. This includes items in packed lunch boxes and treats for birthdays. We have several children who have a nut allergy and we kindly request that parents support us in this.

After School Clubs:

This term the price of our after-school club room has been increase to £3.50 per session.

Food Collection:

We will still continue to collect donations of dried or canned food and other essentials such as toiletries. If you would like to donate please hand to the school office.



Domestic Violence Support:

We have been asked to advise parents of a new service available to all. If you would like to speak to somebody regarding domestic violence support, please contact our school's Nextlink Support Worker, Sarah Johnson, directly on 07834126878 (for female service) or Mankind on 01823334244 (for male service).

Homework:

The homework this week is Writing.

Uniform:

Please remember our uniform policy includes plain black school shoes. If the children need to wear trainers for any emergency reason please let Mrs Kingston know.

Attendance and Punctuality:

Our attendance target for this academic year is 96.1%.

Class	Yearly Attendance	This week's attendance	Late sessions this week
Reception	91.3	93.3	11
Year 1	94.3	96.1	7
Year 2	95.6	85.4	2
Year 3	94.5	96.0	6
Year 4	95.3	88.5	9
Year 5	97.1	98.4	0
Year 6	96.9	96.8	0
Total	95.0	93.6	35

Well done to Year 5 who had the highest attendance this week.

We will be focussing on those children who are persistently late. Please make every effort to get to school on time in the mornings. We find that children do not like to come into school late and are unsettled for the rest of the day if they miss the settling session.

Thank you to those who attend regularly. Please remember to phone the school office if your child is going to be absent. If we do not hear from you, we will ring you and then may also make a home visit if we are unable to contact you. Thank you to those who arrive on time. Remember, children can go straight to class from 8:45am or attend breakfast club from 8am if necessary. If we receive pupil premium funding for your child then breakfast club is free. We have been asked by our EWO to issue penalty notice fines when a child is absent for more than 4 days within a 10 week period. **However, please be aware of waiting 48 hours before your child returns to school if your child has had a tummy bug.**

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. J Kingston
Head teacher

Term 4:

Tuesday 17 th March	Year 5 Zoo Trip
Wednesday 18 th March	Year 3 Caerleon Trip
Friday 20 th March	Year 1 assembly 9.05am Year 1 trip after assembly
Friday 27 th March	Reception assembly 9.05am
Saturday 28 th March	Stages (For dance club)
Tuesday 31 st March	Year 2 Trip to farm
Wednesday 1 st April	Lenten Penitential Mass 9.10am
Friday 3 rd April	End of Term 4 Celebration Assembly 9.05am