



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for all your support during what has been a very busy term. We are extremely proud of all our children's achievements and are looking forward to seeing them further thrive in the New Year. I hope you all have a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas time with your families and friends and we will see you all on the 7th January at 8:45am.

This week:

This morning we had our end of term Celebration Assembly. Congratulations to all those children who received awards as recognition of their hard work or wonderful behavior since September. We would also like to say thank you to our "Always children" who consistently behave well and receive their reward in class today.

On Wednesday and Thursday EYFS and KS1 performed their nativity play for their families and friends and we were so proud of how confidently they sang, spoke and read. Thank you to all those who helped with costumes and practicing readings.

This afternoon, KS2 performed their carol service to their family and friends. It was both a joyous and reflective way to prepare for Christmas. Thank you to all those who contributed. It was such a lovely way to end our term.

On Tuesday we had our Christmas dinner. It was a lovely experience for the children to eat together whilst singing to Christmas carols and songs. Thank you to Nic and her team for providing us with such a delicious lunch.

Lantern Parade:

This year the Bedminster Winter Lantern Parade will take place on Saturday 11th January at 4pm. If you would like to join the parade, please meet at Brewery Court on North Street. Everyone is welcome.

Primary Admissions:

If you have a child who should start school in September, the deadline to apply with Bristol City Council is Wednesday 15th January. Please collect a Supplementary form from the office to apply for Holy Cross.

After School Club:

Please sign up your children for after school clubs for Term 3.

Swimming:

Unfortunately South Bristol Swimming Pool have informed us that they will not be reopening in January as planned. This means that year 5 will not be starting their swimming lessons the first week back after half term. We will inform you when we know of a date.

Online safety:

Please make sure you are supervising your child's activities when they are online. Do you know who they are chatting to and do you know which apps they are using? Are they choosing age appropriate activities and websites? We have spent a large amount of teaching time this week dealing with online issues from home, and ask that you support us in helping the children make sensible and safe decisions when online.

Christmas Eve Mass:

If you are planning on attending the Christmas Eve Mass at Holy Cross RC Church, and your child would like



to read, sing or act during the service, please let Miss Sims know and she will add your name to the list. Children are invited to dress up as a character from the Nativity.

Homework:

There is no homework this week.

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	91.2	88.2	20
Year 1	93.1	93.1	9
Year 2	94.8	94.3	6
Year 3	94.0	85.0	9
Year 4	94.9	92.3	2
Year 5	96.9	93.9	10
Year 6	96.9	95.5	2
Total	94.6	91.9	

Well done to year 6 who had the highest attendance this week.

After Christmas we will be focussing on those children who are persistently late. The number of children who were late school this week is the highest I have ever known. 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

Christmas Holiday:

Tuesday 24 th December	Christmas Eve Mass 6.00pm
Wednesday 25 th December	Christmas Day Mass 10.00am

Term 3:

Monday 6 th January	INSET Day
Tuesday 7 th January	First day of Term 3
Wednesday 8 th January	Eco Warriors Trip Year 6 SATs meeting 3.30pm
Thursday 9 th January	Year 5/6 Football tournament starts (3 weeks)
Saturday 11 th January	Lantern Parade 4pm
Wednesday 15 th January	Primary Admission Deadline
Friday 24 th January	Year 6 assembly 9.05am
Thursday 30 th January	Year 3/4 football tournament starts (3 week)
Friday 31 st January	Year 5 assembly 9.05am
Wednesday 5 th February	Year 5 trip
Thursday 6 th February	Year 1 and 2 Dance Fest AM
Friday 7 th February	Year 4 assembly 9.05am Family Bingo Night
Monday 10 th February	Year 2 Trip
Tuesday 11 th February	Rags4riches collection

	Year 3 trip
Friday 14 th February	Year 3 assembly 9.05am Cake sale after school End of Term 3