



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher: Mrs. J Kingston

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **This week:**

This morning year 1 presented their assembly on St Andrew. We loved their speaking and singing and it was a great way to start our off curriculum day on the patron saint of Scotland. During the rest of the year we will also be marking the other 3 saints of the UK,

On Thursday morning Fr Rupert came into school to lead a class mass for years 3 and 4. It was such a calm start to our day which the children really appreciated.

On Thursday after school, our football team had their first match of the year. They played really well as a team for the first time and we were so proud of how they represented us. Sadly, they lost 8 – 2.

On Wednesday year 5 went on a trip to We The Curious. They took part in a Space workshop and went into the Planetarium. They amazed the staff with their knowledge on the Solar System.

### **University Research Project:**

We are participating in a research project with Bristol University. If you received a permission form and are happy to let your child to take part, please give to Miss Sims.

### **Explorer Dome:**

Years 3, 4 and 6 will be taking part in an Explorer Dome workshop on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December as part of their classroom topics. We are asking parents in these classes for a £3 donation towards this.

### **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 Lunch:**

We have sent out a letter about Christmas dinner which is Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Please send the completed slip to the school office as soon as possible – the deadline is Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Alternatively you can send Miss Sims a text on the school app to say which option your child would like. If your child is in KS2 and you are not entitled to free school meals, please pay £2.15 for the meal.

### **Talent Show:**

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December we are holding our annual talent show. Children in KS2 are invited to perform their talent at this event. Mrs. Kingston will hold auditions to check the acts suitability from next Monday! All children across the school will be invited to wear a Christmas jumper on this day so there is no need for special costumes.

### **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.



### Christmas Disco:

Tombola - The PTFA is looking for donations for the tombola stall. Any size gift for adult / child is welcome - gently used teddies, games, toys, books, new packaged food, chocolates, wine, etc. Please bring to class teachers before 4th December. Thank you!

Raffle donations - If any families have local businesses and would like to donate a prize or voucher to the disco raffle, we would greatly appreciate it. Please see Miss Sims in the office.

Christmas Hamper- Jennifer has made another amazing Christmas Hamper this year. She will be selling raffle tickets from Monday at drop offs. It will be £1 per strip.

### Homework:

The homework this week is Reading.

### 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	91.6	94.6	13
Year 1	93.2	97.9	6
Year 2	95.3	93.1	4
Year 3	94.4	88.5	5
Year 4	95.0	94.6	3
Year 5	97.3	98.1	9
Year 6	96.9	95.5	3
Total	94.9	94.7	43

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

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 2:

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Trip to The Post Office PM
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Disco 6-8pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 and 6 Football Team – Match after school
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Talent Show 9.05am Christmas Cake Sale after school
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term Celebration Assembly 9.05am
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity 2pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Nativity 9.15am
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term Carol Service 1.30pm