



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher: Mrs. J Kingston

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **This week:**

This morning year 3 presented their assembly on Rocks and Volcanos based on the book "What Lays beneath Our Feet". They sang and spoke beautifully.

This week year 5 and 6 took part in workshops organised by S.A.R.I (Stand Against Racism and Inequality). During the sessions the children explored the meaning of diversity and how wonderful diversity is. We learnt about the effect that Racism can have and that Racism can be in forms other than just about someone's skin colour. Year 5 and 6 were incredible and were commended on their excellent behaviour and maturity by the leader of sessions.

### **Mrs Edwards:**

Please pray for Mrs. Edwards who is currently in hospital recovering from surgery on a broken leg earlier this week. We are missing her calm presence and sense of humour and I am sure you all join us in wishing her a speedy recovery. If you would like to give money to a collection for her, please give to Miss Sims in the office.

### **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.

### **Wear Blue:**

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November, all children are invited to wear blue for St Andrews Day. They do not have to wear any school uniform.

### **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:**

On Monday we will be sending 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 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 Writing.

### **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	93.6	13
Year 1	92.8	94.1	10
Year 2	95.5	98.6	5
Year 3	94.9	91.5	7
Year 4	95.0	95.4	7
Year 5	97.3	99.4	6
Year 6	97.1	95.5	1
Total	94.9	95.5	49

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 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Trip to We The Curious
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 and 4 Class mass Year 5 and 6 Football Team – Match after school
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 Class assembly 9.05am Wear Blue Day Advent Service led by Chaplains 1.30pm
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