



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week:

This morning year 2 presented their assembly on Children In Need. They really impressed us with their singing and reading skills. Thank you to everyone who donated to the charity and dressed up today.

On Wednesday our Chaplaincy team visited Clifton Cathedral to be commissioned by the Bishop. The Bishop gave a special message to all of the children about the important work that they do in our school and they got to speak to other Chaplains from other local schools.

On Wednesday years 2 and 3 went on a trip to The Bristol Old Vic to watch a performance from an author called Viviane Schwarz. They really enjoyed the performance and got to meet her when she came to visit the school on Thursday afternoon.

On Thursday year 1 went on a trip to Slimbridge as part of their topic this term. During the visit they were able to learn all about how they are similar and different to birds, the children looked at how birds eat, how they walk, how they fly and how they keep warm. They all loved feeding the different types of birds - some were even feeding from our hands! The children were amazing and were credited on their behaviour. Despite the cold and rain they all had a fantastic trip. Pictures will be available to see on the year 1 class page of the website.

This week years 4 and 6 went to the cinema to watch Johnny English and Alladin. They had this opportunity as we are part of the "In to Film Festival". They all behaved amazingly and loved the films.

On Tuesday and Wednesday after school all parents were invited to make an appointment for parents evening. If you did not manage to see your child's teacher, please speak to them to arrange an appointment.

Next Week:

Next Wednesday is the deadline to order school photos. Please order online or give the order form and money to the school office.

Safeguarding:

Please make sure you inform the office if someone else will be collecting your child. We are unable to allow children to go home with other adults if we have not been informed.

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.

Political campaigning:

You may be aware of a letter from the Bristol South MP Karin Smith that was handed to parents outside the school gates on Monday 11th November 2019. We would like to state that this was not done with the permission of the school and that we do not promote any political party more than the others.

We would also like to reassure you that at Holy Cross we ensure that our children get the very best start in education, and do not agree with the views around funding stated in the letter.



Both Chris Fayers and myself are very happy to speak to any parents about this matter if you wish to discuss further. We have responded directly to Karin and are awaiting a response.

Homework:

The homework this week is Maths.

After School Clubs:

Please make sure your child is booked on to clubs each term. Clubs need to be paid in advance.

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	91.0	95.2	9
Year 1	92.6	91.0	8
Year 2	95.2	95.3	1
Year 3	95.2	95.6	8
Year 4	95.0	95.8	5
Year 5	97.1	99.0	3
Year 6	97.2	95.8	1
Total	94.9	95.4	35

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 20 th November	Parent Speech and language drop-ins 9.15am School Photo Deadline
Thursday 21 st November	KS1 Class Mass 9:15am
Friday 22 nd November	Year 3 Class Assembly 9.05am
Wednesday 27 th November	Year 5 Trip to We The Curious
Thursday 28 th November	Year 3 and 4 Class mass
Friday 29 th November	Year 1 Class assembly 9.05am Wear Blue Day Advent Service led by Chaplains 1.30pm
Friday 6 th December	Christmas Disco 6-8pm
Friday 13 th December	KS2 Talent Show 9.05am Christmas Cake Sale after school
Monday 16 th December	End of term Celebration Assembly 9.05am
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 18 th December	KS1 Nativity 2pm
Thursday 19 th December	KS1 Nativity 9.15am
Friday 20 th December	Last Day of Term Carol Service 1.30pm