



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **This week:**

This morning, the children shared their learning connected to our whole school theme on Safety. Each class shared what they have been focusing on and what we can do to keep ourselves and others safe. We thought especially about how to stay next week if we are out and about now the evenings will be getting darker. Please spend time talking to your children about how they can keep themselves safe if you take part in Halloween or Bonfire Night activities.

We also held a coffee morning for our new Reception parents to get to know each other better. We are hoping to do this every term.

On Tuesday, Jefferson photographers were in school taking individual and family portrait photos. Proofs will be sent out next term for you to order if you wish.

On Wednesday, Year 5 went on a train trip, from Bedminster train station to Temple Meads linked to their Topic about the industrial revolution and how the railways changed life in Bristol. The commuters on their way to Taunton commented on how well behaved the children were!

On Wednesday after school, we invited all Reception parents to a phonics meeting. If you were unable to attend and would like more information, please see Miss Stroud.

On Thursday, Fr Rupert came into school to celebrate Mass with Years 5 and 6, based on the theme that dignity is more important than popularity. The children impressed him with prayerfulness and enthusiasm when singing.

Also, on Thursday, our Reception class held an extended stay and play session on safety, and it was amazing to see so many parents and other family members enjoying the activities with their children. We are very lucky to have so many committed parents who support our school so well.

### **Brave the Shave:**

This morning Layla (in Year 6)'s mum braved the shave to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. If you would like to donate to this very worthy cause, please see Miss Sims in the office.

### **Flu Immunisation:**

The flu immunisation will happen on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Childcare Vouchers:**

Just a reminder that after school clubs and breakfast club can be paid by childcare vouchers. Unfortunately once they are paid in to our account we are unable to transfer back but they are able to stay as a credit until you need them again.

### **School Meals:**

We have been informed this week from Chartwells that from next term the price of a school meal will increase to £2.15. From next term there will not be the option of salad bar. Jacket potatoes will be offered every day.



### **KS2 Swimming:**

Unfortunately, we have been informed by Bristol South Swimming Pool that they will be closing at the end of this term for refurbishment until a date in December which has not been confirmed. This means the dates for KS2 swimming has been changed. Year 6 will do the rest of this term and Year 5 will start in term 3 when we return back to school after Christmas. Year 4 and 3 will be later in the year.

### **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.

### **Homework:**

There is no set homework over the school holidays. However, please do continue to read with your children and talk to them about their interests.

### **After School Clubs:**

The new booking form and after school club timetable went out last week. Please remember that you need to rebook club every term. Please book with Miss Sims.

### **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 | 90.3              | 87.2                   | 9                       |
| Year 1    | 92.6              | 93.3                   | 5                       |
| Year 2    | 95.1              | 89.7                   | 6                       |
| Year 3    | 94.9              | 96.3                   | 8                       |
| Year 4    | 95.1              | 88.8                   | 1                       |
| Year 5    | 96.9              | 98.7                   | 8                       |
| Year 6    | 97.4              | 99.0                   | 5                       |
| Total     | <b>94.8</b>       | 93.4                   | 42                      |

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:**

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| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November     | Back to school  |
| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November    | Flu vaccinations<br>New menu begins   |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November   | Outdoor classroom day for Y6  |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November     | Remembrance Assembly  |
| Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November    | Anti-bullying week begins<br>Year 6 trip to cinema  |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November   | Parents' Evening 5pm<br>Year 4 trip to cinema   |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November | Parents' Evening 3:30pm<br>Year 2 and Year 3 trip to theatre<br>Chaplaincy team commissioning |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November  | Year 1 trip   |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November    | Children in need fundraising day  |

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|   | <b>Year 2 Class Assembly</b>        |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November                     | SARI Assembly and workshops         |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November                   | Parent Speech and language drop-ins |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November                    | KS1 Class Mass 9:15am               |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November                      | <b>Year 3 Class Assembly</b>        |
| <b>Christmas Events and Dates to follow next term</b> |                                     |