



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week:

This morning the children shared their learning connected to Black History Month. Each class shared who they have been focusing on and what difference their actions made to our world. We were once again reminded how important it is to be fair and how a small group can make a big difference.

On Wednesday, years 2 and 4 went on a guided tour of Bristol on an open top double decker bus. They saw all the famous landmarks, such as The Suspension Bridge, Bristol Zoo and the Harbourside.

On Wednesday after school we invited all year 6 parents to a camp meeting. If you were unable to attend and would like more information, please see Mrs James or Mrs Edwards.

On Thursday, Y3 went to We the Curious to learn all about light and shadows. They took part in a workshop using a range of scientific equipment to carry out experiments. The children enjoyed the session and were wowed by the laser light beams. Afterwards, the children explored the exhibits and had lots of fun making bubbles and playing in the build it section. They behaved excellently and were a shining example for Holy Cross.

Brave the Shave:

On Friday Layla's mum is braving the shave to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support after assembly. If you would like to donate to this very worthy cause, please see Miss Sims in the office.

School Photos:

School portrait photos will be on Tuesday. If you would like a photo with a younger sibling, please come into school for 8.40am.

Flu Immunisation:

The flu immunisation will happen on Tuesday 5th November.

Reception Parents Tapestry and Phonics Meeting

All Reception parents are invited in for a tapestry and phonics meeting on Wednesday at 3.30pm.

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.

Computer Games:

We have had a number of issues this week in the playground and classrooms as a result of incidents that have happened out of school whilst the children have been gaming. Please ensure you know who your child is playing with when online and that they are using appropriate language. Please also make sure that they are not using the defriend button in an unkind way. A lot of the game sour children are playing have age limits that are older than primary school age and therefore childrens use needs monitoring.

Homework:

This week's homework is writing.

PTFA Events Coming Up:

PTFA Meeting to plan Christmas Disco: Thursday 17th October, North Street Standard 7.30pm.

Cake Sale: Friday 18th October, after school in the KS1 playground.

After School Clubs:

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

Parking:

Please remember to park safely and legally around the school building to keep all the children who attend our school safe. Our new pencils mark out where cars are not allowed to stop at all! Please find alternative parking.

Do you know someone from a non-UK EU country?

Bristol has 21,000 non-UK EU citizens living, working and studying in the city. The Government has advised that all non-UK EU citizens must apply for the EU Settlement Scheme to ensure their rights are protected post-Brexit. Bristol City Council wants everyone that lives here to have their rights protected, and is offering help with applications. If you have colleagues, friends, family or neighbours from the EU, please make sure they find out more.

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	90.8	87.6	13
Year 1	92.5	87.0	4
Year 2	95.8	89.3	11
Year 3	94.7	98.2	10
Year 4	96.0	100	8
Year 5	96.6	94.8	10
Year 6	97.2	98.1	5
Total	94.9	93.5	

Well done to Year 4 who had 100% attendance this week. They will have a non-uniform day next Friday.

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 1:

Tuesday 22 nd October	Individual school photos AM.
Wednesday 23 rd October	Year 5 Trip Reception Tapestry and Phonics Meeting 3.30pm
Friday 25 th October	Last day of the term.