



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher: Mrs. J Kingston

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new academic year! I hope you all had a wonderful refreshing summer holiday with your families. Term has got off to a really good start. It is lovely to see the children return with a positive attitude and ready for an enjoyable year of learning and achievement. We have continued to improve the School premises over the summer. A special thanks go to Mr Franks, Mr Hobbs and the cleaning team who work so hard during each holiday. The children are looking very smart in their uniforms- thank you. However, please remember that shoes must be all black.

### **Meet the Teacher:**

Please come along on Wednesday after school to meet the teacher and see your child's new classroom. Each teacher will present a brief overview of the year.

### **Feast Day:**

Next Friday (13<sup>th</sup> September) is the Feast of the Holy Cross. We are celebrating this special day with a whole school mass in the morning which you are very welcome to attend and a PTFA BBQ in the evening at 6-8pm. Please come along and spend time relaxing and celebrating with us.

### **Safeguarding:**

Please make sure you inform the office if someone else will be collecting your child.

### **Inset Days:**

The inset days for the rest of the academic year are: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Homework:**

This week the homework is applications for school roles for key stage 2 and the usual spellings, times tables and reading for year 1 and above. Formal homework will begin next week with reading comprehension for years 2 and above. Homework is given out on a Friday and needs to be returned by Wednesday.

### **After School Clubs:**

A wide range of after school clubs continue to be available every day. If you wish to book places please do at the beginning of each term. If you need last minute childcare, please phone Miss Sims no later than 2.30pm. Children who do not have the correct sports kit will not be allowed to do a sports club. Please try to be on time for your child after school as they become anxious if they are waiting after school. If you are more than 15 minutes late, we will put your child into an after school club and it will be chargeable.

### **PTFA Events:**

**Feast day and welcome BBQ – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 6-8pm**



### New Pupils:

Our new Reception class started this week and have amazed us with their independence and wonderful behavior. We have also welcomed new children into years 3, 4, 5 and 6. I know you will all join me in making all our new families very welcome.

### 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			
Year 1		95.8	3
Year 2		97.5	2
Year 3		93.5	1
Year 4		93.5	3
Year 5		87.9	2
Year 6		97.3	1
Total		94.3	12

### **Well done to year 2 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. From September 2017 we have been asked by the local authority 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:

Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Meet the teacher meetings 3.30pm.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 start swimming (every Thursday).
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Holy Cross Feast Day. Mass 9.05am. Welcome BBQ, 6-8pm. Every welcome.
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Bikeability starts for selected children in year 5 (for 5 weeks).
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 assembly 9.05am.
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Chaplaincy Team trip to St Bernadette Secondary School.
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5 assembly 9.05am Welcome/PTFA coffee morning after assembly. Year 5 children invited to Bristol Zoo after school with parents and siblings as part of their project last year.
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Rags4riches collection AM.
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 4 assembly 9.05am.
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3 assembly 9.05am.
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Individual school photos AM.
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of the term.