



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This Week:

This week has been filled with exciting learning across the whole school. Our focus has been South America Latino Countries. The children enjoyed whole school enrichment at the start of the week, working across different classes with their siblings. There was an array of Mexican Sombreros, Endangered turtles from Costa Rica and Rainmakers from Brazil to name but a few of the activities. It was wonderful to see so many parents sharing our end of week celebration assembly, where the children shared with us all their learning. Thank you for all the delicious food that was sent in for the children to sample. Please join us on Sunday 16th June, 12pm -4pm for the Latino food festival taking place at school, there will be an opportunity to see some of the work created by the children.

On Thursday we had yoga workshops throughout the day which proved to be a fantastic experience for our children. All children thoroughly enjoyed it and lots of children have been asking when we can do it again, so this is something we are going to be looking into. Thank you to those who contributed to this great day! Lucy, the yoga instructor, was incredibly impressed with the children's efforts and behaviors during the sessions, proving that our children are fantastic ambassadors for our school.

On Wednesday year 6 made the special journey to Clifton Cathedral for our end of year Mass. This was an opportunity for them to celebrate the end of their Primary journey, before embarking on their Secondary School journey. During the Homily the children were told they are all shining lights, at Holy Cross we really do believe that our Year 6 are just that. They sang beautifully and represented our school superbly.

Staffing:

I am pleased to inform you that Miss Foster has been awarded a permanent position at Holy Cross and will remain in Holy Cross next year. We appointed a new teacher called Miss Rachel King to join our team and she will begin in September. Miss Ormsby is returning from maternity leave on July 7th and Mrs Hunt will go on maternity leave at the end of this term.

Mrs Killa has decided to leave Holy Cross Catholic School for personal reasons. The school would like to thank Mrs Killa for her service to the school and wish her well in the future.

Food Connections Event:

Our school is going to be the venue for celebrating La Buena Onda as part of the Bristol Food Connections 2019 event on Sunday 16th June. If you would like to help or be involved, please contact Michelle (a Y6 parent) on info@latinostreetbites.co.uk. **This event will be in place of our Summer Fair this year.** The event will go ahead no matter the weather. If it is raining we will be hosting it inside the building.

Food Collection:

We are going to be collecting food to send to our local food bank as they are running low on products. Any types of food except fresh food. Please bring in donations by Friday 21st June.



Life Skills Centre:

Our year 6 pupils visit the Life Skills Safety Education Centre every year. The centre are in urgent need of more volunteers. If you know anyone who could spare just a few hours a month and who'd be willing to train up for these fun, unique and rewarding roles, please contact our Volunteer Co-ordinator, Sam Jury on: sam@lifeskills-bristol.org.uk

RSE Week

As part of Relationships week (starting Monday 24th June), I will be beginning our Year 5 program of sex and relationships education this term by showing the children a DVD entitled 'Growing Up' The children will be separated into groups of boys and girls to watch the DVD and for a follow-up session where the children will be encouraged to ask any questions they may have. We would like to invite the year 5 parents in to school on Tuesday 3.30pm and Thursday after drop off if they would like to watch the DVD.

Science Competition:

The deadline for entries is today.

Head lice:

We have noticed an increase in the number of parents reporting head lice in their children's hair in recent weeks. Please make sure you regularly check and treat your child's hair if necessary. If you need assistance, please see Mrs Kingston.

Parking:

Please remember to park safely and legally around the school building to keep all the children who attend our school safe. Also, please remember that the parking wardens are there to help us and not be abused. We have had a request from the neighbouring bed and breakfast that you do not use their carpark when dropping or collecting your child from school.

Safeguarding:

Please make sure any pupils who walk home alone are behaving in an appropriate manner and representing our school well in the local area.

We have had a number of incidents of teasing in the playground due to issues that have arisen while children are playing Fortnite at home. Please remember to monitor your child's use of internet and any computer games and that the age limits are there for a reason.

Behaviour and Mental Health for Children:

Funded by Health Education England, HappyMaps is designed to help parents find useful resources on behaviour and mental health for their children - from babies to young adults. There is good general information (national) covering school refusal, anxiety in primary children and more. It includes information on local counselling, charities, local CAMHS and parenting groups for the SouthWest. They also hope this will be really useful for parents whose children don't meet the specialist referral thresholds or are perhaps on the waiting list. The website name is www.happymaps.co.uk.

Homework:

The homework this week is maths.

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	93.7	94.0	5
Year 1	95.8	94.8	7
Year 2	95.5	96.8	8
Year 3	95.4	98.8	2
Year 4	96.6	89.0	7
Year 5	96.7	97.1	3

Year 6	97.0	94.7	11
Total	95.8	94.9	43

Well done to year 6 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.

Thank you for your continued support and interest.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. J Kingston



Head teacher

Term 6

Tuesday 18 th June	-	Dance fest on evening (for dance club)
Thursday 20 th June	-	Y5 to St Bernadette- science workshop
Friday 21 st June	-	Year 3 assembly 9.05am
Sunday 23 rd June	-	First Holy Communion Mass
Wednesday 26 th June	-	Year 6 to camp
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Thursday 27 th June	-	KS1 Class Mass 9.05am
Friday 28 th June	-	Year 2 assembly 9.05am
	-	KS1 drama workshops am
	-	New reception children sessions pm
Thursday 4 th July	-	Years 5 and 6 Class mass 9.05am
Friday 5 th July	-	Year 1 assembly 9.05am
Monday 8 th July	-	KS2 Sports day 9.15am
Tuesday 9 th July	-	Year 2 to the farm
Wednesday	-	Year 2 to the cinema
	-	Class mass years 3 and 4 9.05am
Thursday 11 th July	-	Ukulele assembly 9.05am
	-	KS1 sports day 9.30am
	-	Reception to the farm PM
Friday 12 th July	-	Reception assembly 9.05am
	-	Moving up session pm
Tuesday 16 th July	-	Year 3 to the zoo
Thursday 18 th July	-	Leavers mass 9.05am
	-	Year 6 play 1.30om
Friday 19 th July	-	End of term Celebration assembly 9.05am
	-	End of term