



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 5th April 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have a restful and peaceful holiday. You are warmly invited to attend any of the Easter services that are held in the school hall during Holy Week.

This Week:

This morning, Reception class presented their assembly on their topic of fairytales and castles. It was such an amazing way to start our last day of school this term. It was so well organised and they sang and spoke with such confidence.

Today we held our annual eggmobile race where the Easter bunny made a special appearance. Thank you to the PTFA who donated prizes for the winner of each race and design for all classes.

Today all children wore their favorite colour to create a spectrum to support World Autism Awareness Week. We raised £72.7. We also counted our collections for Mission and Cafod that we had raised throughout Lent. We collected £99.23 for Mission and £97.82 for Cafod. Thank you for all your donations to help those in need.

This week we held a Station of the Cross assembly and a Lenten Penitential service. The children were given the chance to reflect on making changes during Lent. We hope that you see an improved attitude in their behavior during the Easter holidays. Some children who had made their First Holy Communion, received the sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr Rupert.

Last week we had the Lampedusa Cross in school. It has been travelling around the school within Clifton Diocese. We spent Monday talking about the Island of Lampedusa and refugees around the world. We came together in the afternoon to present our work to the rest of the classes.

Next Term:

Children return to school on Tuesday 23rd April.

Safeguarding:

As part of our duty to keep your children safe, if a child comes into school with a mark on them that has not been explained by a parent or carer then we will contact you to discuss.

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.

Uniform:

Please remember that all children need to wear plain black school shoes. This does not include black trainers. If you need any assistance with purchasing school shoes, please speak to Mrs Kingston. Please



remember the correct colour for sweatshirts are navy blue. Children will be allowed to wear summer uniform from after the Easter break. Summer uniform include shorts, **navy blue** checked dresses but for safety reasons, the children are not allowed to wear open toed sandals or flip-flops.

Homework:

There is no homework for the holiday except year 2 and 6.

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	94.2%	93.3%	8
Year 1	95.5%	94.3%	9
Year 2	95.1%	96.2%	7
Year 3	95.1%	96.7%	5
Year 4	97.2%	93.0%	4
Year 5	96.6%	96.2%	2
Year 6	97.2%	96.3%	3
Total	95.9%	95.1%	38

Well done to year 3 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 48hours 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 5

Tuesday 23rd April

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Start of Term 5