



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher: Mrs. J Kingston

Friday 29<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **This Week:**

This morning year 1 presented their assembly on being a good friend. We were all so amazed how confidently they shared their learning and how beautifully they sang.

On Monday and Tuesday of this week, Lucy from The Butterfly Conservation came to work with Reception, year 1 and year 2 to teach the children about how important butterflies are and to plant flowers to encourage them into our playground.

### **Eggmobile Races:**

All children can create an Eggmobile at home to bring in and race against the other students in their class. The Eggmobile needs to safely carry the egg without breaking it and in the fastest time! The child that wins the race in each class will receive an Easter egg. There will also be another prize in each class of the most creative design. Every child that enters will receive a mini chocolate egg. Please make sure that all Eggmobiles are brought in to school by Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and have a name and year group clearly labelled. The race will take place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

### **Next Friday:**

Children are invited to come to school wearing clothes in their favorite colour to support the World Autism Awareness Week. Please bring in a donation for this charity. There will be other activities for the children to participate in class time.

### **Prayer Bags:**

All children will have the chance to bring the class prayer bag home this Lent. Please send a photo of your child using the contents at home to the school email account: [holycross@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:holycross@bristol-schools.uk)

### **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.

### **Head Lice and Hygiene**

I have been approached this week by a number of parents reporting that their children are constantly getting head lice. In one case a pupil has had head lice seven times since September, despite being regularly treated. The majority of cases are in Reception and year 2. Please check your child's hair very carefully and treat if necessary. Please note that a repeat treatment needs to be done seven days after the first treatment to ensure that all lice have been removed. If you are finding it difficult to treat your child, please see Mrs Kingston and we can help.

### **Walking Home Alone:**

Some of our year 5 and 6 children walk home alone. Please can parents make sure that their children walk straight home and report to them if they see or hear anything that they feel uncomfortable with. If they are meeting a parent at a meeting point and they cannot find their parent, they need to come back to school



where we can help with the situation. If a child has a mobile phone and needs it to walk home, please can parents charge the phone fully the evening before. All children need to remember that whilst walking home, they still represent the school. If you would like to discuss this any further please make an appointment to see Mrs James.

### **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](http://www.happymaps.co.uk).

### **Uniform:**

Please remember that all children need to wear plain black school shoes. This does not include black trainers with a white sole. 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:**

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	94.3%	96.0%	1
Year 1	95.6%	94.7%	4
Year 2	95.0%	98.1%	3
Year 3	95.0%	99.6%	4
Year 4	97.4%	94.0%	2
Year 5	96.6%	97.2%	3
Year 6	97.3%	96.0%	2
Total	96.0%	96.4%	19

Well done to year 2 and 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 4**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

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Lenten Penitential Service 9.05am

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Eggmobile Races

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

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Reception assembly 9.05am

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Wear your favorite colour to school

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Parent Learning and sharing session 2.45pm