



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This Week:

On Wednesday we held a mass for the whole school, parents and parishioners for Ash Wednesday. Fr Rupert said how well the Chaplains read and the parishioners praised the children on their wonderful singing. We are raising money for Cafod during lent, please send in Lenten offerings every Friday.

What a wonderful world book day we had this week! Thank you to all the children who dressed up, everyone looked amazing. All children who dressed as a book character received a special certificate from their class teacher this week, during Monday's celebration assembly there will be a prize for the 'best dressed' in each class. All classes participated in some great workshops during the day, they loved exploring their role play skills. We had planned on having a book swap this afternoon, unfortunately we did not get many books to swap. The school council have decided to roll this over to next Friday, so if you have any books that you no longer read and would like to donate please send them into school on Friday.

On Thursday afternoon, 10 selected pupils from years 1 and 2 went to Bristol Gymnastics Centre to take part in a gymnastics competition. Our children wowed the judges with their excellent routines and achieved a silver and two bronze medals. Well done!

Next Week:

Next Friday is Red Nose Day. Children are welcome to wear a red nose and bring in a donation for the charity.

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.

Times Table Rockstars:

Our school has just launched Times Table Rockstars across years 2-6 and it has already proven to be very popular! Times Table Rockstars is a website containing games used to improve speed and fluency when recalling times table facts. We would encourage children to continue using the website to practice at home using their school username and login.

Children Collected Early:

It has been brought to our attention that there has been a significant increase in the number of children being collected early from school. For some this is on a regular basis. Parents who wish to collect their children early MUST provide the reception with a valid reason for this and be able to provide evidence of any appointment (dentist, GP etc.). This will then be placed on your child's file. All parents are asked, where possible, to make appointments outside of school hours.



Homework:

The homework this week is maths.

PTFA News:

Family Bingo Night: Tonight, 6-8PM - Following on from the fun last year, the PTFA is having a Family Bingo Night again. Free admission & bingo cards, we will have a cash bar & tuck shop. Everyone 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	94.4%	96.0%	4
Year 1	96.1%	98.3%	2
Year 2	94.6%	97.6%	3
Year 3	94.7%	96.3%	3
Year 4	97.8%	96.7%	5
Year 5	96.7%	96.9%	4
Year 6	97.5%	97.3%	3
Total	96.1%	97.0%	24

Well done to year 1 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

Thursday 14 th March	-	Speech and language drop ins 9.15-10.15am
Friday 15 th March	-	Year 3 assembly
	-	Red Nose Day
Monday 18 th March	-	Chaplaincy Team trip
Thursday 21 st March	-	Year 3 and 4 Class Mass
Friday 22 nd March	-	Year 3 trip
	-	Year 2 assembly 9.05am
Friday 29 th March	-	Year 1 assembly 9.05am
Wednesday 3 rd April	-	Lenten Penitential Service 9.05am
Friday 5 th April	-	Reception assembly 9.05am
	-	Year 6 WW2 Day
	-	Parent Learning and sharing session 2.45pm