



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dean Lane, Bedminster, Bristol BS3 1DB

Tel: 3772199/3772375 E-mail: holycrossp@bristol.gov.uk www.holycross.bristol.sch.uk/

Headteacher: Mrs. J Kingston

Friday 1st March 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

This Week:

On Wednesday Clara from Cafod came in to talk to the children about Lent. She told us about their current campaign, "Give Something Up". We have asked the children to bring in their spare change on a Friday to support the charity during Lent.

World Book Day:

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March. All children are invited to come dressed as their favorite book character. All parents are invited to stay and read to share a book with the children. On Friday afternoon, all children are invited to take part in a book swap. Please bring in spare books from home that you are willing to swap. The School Council will organise this event.

Parking:

Unfortunately, we have received a number of complaints about inconsiderate and illegal parental parking from local residents. Please park safely using the designated parking spaces when dropping off and collecting your child from school. It has been reported to us that cars have been damaged by parents and have not been reported to the owners. It is important that we value our positive relationship with our neighbours and ask that you be considerate when parking around school.

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 reading.

Parents' Evenings:

Mid-year parents' evenings will take place on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th March. Booking will open on the app on Monday. Please sign up for a slot to see your child's work and talk to their teacher about the



progress being made. Supplementary parents' evenings will also take place for any children with additional learning needs later in the term. Further information will be sent out after half term by Mrs Edwards (SENDCO).

PTFA News:

Family Bingo Night: 8th March, 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	94.3%	89.7%	6
Year 1	96.0%	95.7%	7
Year 2	94.5%	98.6%	7
Year 3	94.6%	93.7%	8
Year 4	97.8%	97.7%	7
Year 5	96.6%	95.5%	7
Year 6	97.5%	99.0%	7
Total	96.0%	95.6%	49

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 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

Monday 25 th February	-	Start of Term 4
Tuesday 5 th March	-	Parents Evening 5-7.30
Wednesday 6 th March	-	Ash Wednesday Mass 9.05am
	-	Parents Evening 3.30-5.30
Thursday 7 th March	-	World Book Day
Friday 8 th March	-	PTFA Bingo Night 6-8
Thursday 14 th March	-	Speech and language drop ins 9.15-10.15am
Friday 15 th March	-	Red Nose Day
	-	Year 3 assembly
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