



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Our whole school theme this year is Resilience. Please talk to your child about how we all make mistakes and it is important to use them as learning experience. We are teaching the children that when things go wrong, it is important to keep trying to succeed.

This Week:

Today was a very special day for us in our school and parish as it is the Feast of the Holy Cross. We celebrated with Mass, led by Fr Rupert this morning, and were joined by many parishioners and parents. The children all had cake and ice-cream afterwards as a special treat too. Celebrations will continue this evening, at our Feast Day and welcome BBQ. It will be held on the KS2 playground from 6 – 8pm.

On Tuesday of this week many parents came to school to meet their child's new teacher and see their new classroom. If you were unable to make it and would like to, please make an appointment through Miss Sims.

Our new Reception children were in altogether for the first time this morning and are in full time from next Monday. We are so proud of how well they have settled and how they have loved being in school.

Inset Days:

The inset days for the rest of the academic year are: Monday 5th November, Friday 21st December, Monday 22nd July and Tuesday 23rd July.

Homework:

The homework this week is reading comprehension.

First Holy Communion Lessons:

If your child is in Y3 or above and would like them to make their first communion next June, please give your name to Miss Sims in the school office.

After School Clubs:

All after school clubs start on Monday and have a new finishing time of 4.30pm. Due to rising cost of sports provision, there will be a £1 increase for sports clubs which will begin in term 2. Children will now have the chance to attend our extended after school club on the premises until either 4.30pm or 6.00pm. These sessions can only be booked through Miss Sims in the office at a cost of **£3 per session**. If your child attends the extended after school club, then they will also have the opportunity to attend any of the other after school clubs that are on offer. Children who attend third party clubs (eg art, lego and Spanish), will only need to pay £3 for the second session if they wish to stay until 6pm.

We are currently looking into options to provide childcare for the October half term holiday and will update you as soon as possible.

PTFA Events:

Feast day and welcome BBQ – Friday 14th September 6-8pm

AGM – Tuesday 25th September 7pm at school



Parking:

Thank you to all those parents who have supported us to keep Dean Lane safe for our children by parking safely and legally. We are working with the police to avoid incidents where people park illegally in front of school. The residents parking scheme has now been approved and the zigzags and double yellow lines are now in force, and we will be photographing and reporting any cars parked illegally to the PCSO.

Attendance and Punctuality:

Our attendance target for this academic year is 96.1%. Our current figure is 96.1%.

Reception had the highest attendance this week with 100%. Well done!

This week 21 children were late.

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. Last week 7 children were late to school. 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. Thank you for your continued support and interest.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. J Kingston
Head teacher

Term Dates:

Tuesday 18 th September	-	Bikeability
Friday 21 st September	-	Drama workshops KS1 AM
Tuesday 25 th September	-	Bikeability
	-	PTFA AGM 7-8pm at school
Wednesday 26 th September	-	Chaplaincy trip to St Bernadette School
Friday 28 th September	-	Year 6 Assembly 9.05am
	-	MacMillan coffee morning 9.30am
Tuesday 2 nd October	-	Bikeability
Friday 5 th October	-	Year 5 Assembly 9.05am
Tuesday 9 th October	-	Bikeability
Friday 12 th October	-	Year 4 Assembly 9.05am
Friday 19 th October	-	Year 2 Assembly 9.05am
	-	Year 4 and 5 Trip to Hippodrome
Tuesday 23 rd October	-	Individual photographs
Friday 26 th October	-	End of Term