



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new academic year! I hope you all had a wonderful refreshing summer holiday with your families. Term has got off to a really good start. It is lovely to see the children return with a positive attitude and ready for an enjoyable year of learning and achievement. We have continued to improve the School premises over the summer. A special thanks go to Mr Franks, Mr Hobbs and the cleaning team who work so hard during each holiday. We have also had the after school club room redecorated and the children who have attended this week have thoroughly enjoyed staying after school with Mrs Tamlin and her team.

### **Feast Day:**

Next Friday (14<sup>th</sup> September) is the Feast of the Holy Cross. We are celebrating this special day with a whole school mass in the morning which you are very welcome to attend and a PTFA BBQ in the evening at 6-8pm. Please come along and spend time relaxing and celebrating with us.

### **Inset Days:**

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

### **Homework:**

This week the homework is applications for school roles for key stage 2 and the usual spellings, times tables and reading for year 1 and above. Formal homework will begin next week with reading comprehension for years 2 and above. Homework is given out on a Friday and needs to be returned by Wednesday.

### **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 14<sup>th</sup> September 6-8pm

AGM – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September 7pm at school

### **Parking:**

Thank you to all those parents who have supported us in keeping 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 95.0%.

This week 8 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

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'J. Kingston', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs. J Kingston  
Head teacher