



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in school:

We have had our annual book fair in school this week. Thank you to all those who supported it as we have been able to buy £270 worth of books for the school as a result.

On Monday Y3 went on a trip to Cheddar caves as part of their scientific work on rocks during the term. They had a wonderful day exploring the caves and visiting 'Jacob's Ladder' and the museum, and could identify the different types of rocks that they have been studying.

On Thursday we had our end of term celebratory Mass before Christmas. Fr Rupert joined us and year 3 presented the readings and bidding prayers. Please try to join the parish at Mass over the Christmas period. Mass will take place in the School Hall on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. There will be a special children's Mass at 6:30pm on Christmas Eve, also in the school Hall.

This morning, we held our annual talent show. I am constantly amazed with the range of talents in our school. All the children that participated displayed so much confidence and enthusiasm, it was a joy to watch.

Thank you to all those who wore Christmas jumpers today and donated money to the charity CAFOD. We were visited by a spokesperson for CAFOD on Wednesday who showed us where our money goes to help those less fortunate. We will continue to collect for CAFOD during next week and will let you know how much we raise next Friday.

Ofsted:

Our updated OFSTED report is now out on the Ofsted website. Please encourage everyone in our community, especially prospective new parents to have a look both at it and at our school. We are so pleased that the inspectors recognised all the hard work that has gone into making our school the good school it now is. As always the children's behavior was impeccable and made us very proud.

PTFA:

Christmas Disco - Please join the PTFA for a family disco tonight here at Holy Cross from 6-8PM. There will be a DJ, raffle, tombola, lucky dip, tuck shop, pizza & a cash bar available, as well as plenty of dancing! £1 per person, max £3 per family.

Diary Dates:

Please make sure that you are aware of performance times next week: EYFS/KS1 Nativity is on Tuesday 12th December at 1.30pm and Wednesday 13th December at 9.30am. KS2 Carol service is being held on Thursday 14th December at 6.00pm.

Homework:

Homework is given out to every child in year 2-6. Your child will receive it every Friday and is expected to



hand it in by Wednesday. This week will be reading.

Stay and Read/Count sessions:

Please join your child in their class room to share a book or a Mathematics challenge from 8:40am every Thursday. Next week will be stay and read.

Lantern Parade:

Our year 4 pupils will be taking part in the Bedminster Winter Lantern Parade on Saturday 9th December. The children need to be at St Francis church at 3.50pm and be wrapped up in warm clothing. Everyone is welcome to come and join them whilst they carry their Viking long boat lantern.

PE Kits/Coats:

As the weather is cold, all children must bring in a coat to school. Also, please make sure your child has tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt or a tracksuit as PE will be outside as well as inside.

Injuries at school:

If your child has an injury at school and we are unable to get hold of you and your emergency contact it may be necessary for school staff to take your child for treatment. Please, therefore, make sure that we have the correct contact details for you and all carers.

Parental conduct:

We work really hard at Holy Cross to teach our pupils to treat others as they would like to be treated and so it is with sadness that I am having to add this paragraph to today's newsletter. Please make sure that all language used on the playground is polite and appropriate for children to hear. Also, when speaking to staff, please do so politely and not with aggression – abusive and threatening language or behaviour will not be tolerated. I am happy to discuss either area further individually if necessary. Thank you.

On Monday when returning from their school trip Year 3 were unable to get off the coach outside school for nearly ten minutes as parents had parked illegally on the double yellow lines where the coach needed to pull in. Please remember this rule is in place to keep your children safe and park elsewhere at the beginning and end of the school day. Thank you.

Attendance and Punctuality:

Our attendance target for this academic year is 96.1%. Our current figure is 95.70%. 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 18 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 2 Key Dates:

Friday 8 th December	-	Christmas Disco 6-8pm
Tuesday 12 th December	-	KS1 Nativity 1.30pm
Wednesday 13 th December	-	KS1 Nativity 9.30am
Thursday 14 th December	-	Christmas Dinner – Non uniform day
	-	Parent sharing and learning
	-	KS2 Carol service 6pm
Friday 15 th December	-	End of term 2
	-	Citizen assembly 9am

Term 3 Key Dates:

Tuesday 2 nd January	-	Inset Day
Wednesday 3 rd January	-	Start of term 3
Wednesday 10 th January	-	Maths information evening for parents 3:30pm
Wednesday 17 th January	-	Reading information evening for parents 3:30pm
Wednesday 7 th February	-	E safety information evening for parents 3:30pm