



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **This week in school:**

This morning our Chaplains presented our Advent service where we lit the first candle on our wreath. They really helped us to think about the real meaning of Christmas and how we can put Christ first this Christmas. We will be collecting for CAFOD every Friday during Advent and both children and parents are asked to donate any spare change they have for this worthy cause.

On Tuesday morning Fr Rupert came to celebrate a class Mass for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes. The children thought about how we can follow our school's golden rule of treat others the way we would wish to be treated.

### **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 on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 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.

We are raffeling a hamper filled with Christmas delights such as mulled wine, mince pies, Christmas cake, chocolates and biscuits. £1 for a strip of 5 tickets. Jennifer will tickets sell at drop off/collections and on evening of disco. Drawing will be at the disco on 8<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Diary Dates:**

Please make sure that you are aware of performance times coming up soon: EYFS/KS1 Nativity is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am. KS2 Carol service is being held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 count.



### **Christmas Dinner:**

Please make sure you tell Miss Sims by Monday what your child will be having lunch for Christmas dinner day (Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December). The choices are turkey, vegetarian parcel or home packed lunch.

### **Lantern Parade:**

Our year 4 pupils will be taking part in the Bedminster Winter Lantern Parade on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December. The children need to be at St Francis church at 3.50pm. 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 our child has tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt or a tracksuit

### **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.

### **Attendance and Punctuality:**

Our attendance target for this academic year is 96.1%. Our current figure is 96.00%. 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 13 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:**

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| Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December    | - | Christmas panto   |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December   | - | Whole school mass 9am   |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December     | - | KS2 talent show 9am Christmas jumpers to be worn<br>Christmas Disco 6-8pm |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December   | - | KS1 Nativity 1.30pm   |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December | - | KS1 Nativity 9.30am   |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December  | - | Christmas Dinner – Non uniform day<br>Parent sharing and learning         |
|                                     | - | KS2 Carol service 6pm   |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December    | - | End of term 2<br>Citizen assembly 9am                                     |

### **Term 3 Key Dates:**

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| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January   | - | Inset Day       |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January | - | Start of term 3 |