



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in school:

This morning our House and Sport Captains presented an assembly on kindness. They reminded us that if we send out kindness, it will come back to us. All the children have been asked to do at least one kind thing for others this week.



On Tuesday Father Rupert came to school to celebrate a class mass for years 3 and 4. The children read and sang beautifully and impressed Father Rupert and those parents who came with their thoughtfulness.

On Tuesday and Wednesday evening many of you came to see your children's work and discuss the progress that they have made since the start of the year. If you are unable to make your appointment, a short written report will be sent out. Year 5 parents evening will be rearranged and a letter will be sent out this week with more information.

Today our Chaplains went to Downside Abbey to be commissioned by the Bishop. Miss Stroud was really proud of them and we are looking forward to their presentation of our Advent service next Friday morning.

Safeguarding:

We are happy for parents to use the staff toilets if they need it. However, please do not let other parents in the building to use the facilities as you leave!

PTFA:

Christmas Disco - Please join the PTFA for a family disco on Friday 8th 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 8th December.



Times Tables

It is crucial for some elements of Maths learning to be practised and reinforced at home. In particular, times tables are best learnt little and often. By the end of Year 2 children should know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. By the end of Year 3 they should know their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables. By the end of Year 4 children should know all of their times tables up to 12 x 12. Children are awarded certificates in our weekly celebration assembly when they have proven to their teachers that they have reached the above goals.

Fundraising:

Jayden in year 5 is part of a football team and they're raising money for team tracksuits to help them feel more part of a team and to keep warm as we approach the winter months. Instead of the usual sponsored activities, Jayden has decided he wants to feed the homeless, which I think is a lovely idea. He's chosen to make a stew and has picked all the ingredients himself. With the help of his mum and dad, he will be cooking, packing up the food and walking the streets handing it out to the homeless on 21st Nov. if you would like to sponsor Jayden, please collect a sponsor form from the school office.

New After School Club

On a Friday after school, Mrs Edwards and a year 2 parent will be holding a music social club where parents and their children can come and enjoy some musical fun together. Please book up at the school office.

Spare Uniform:

If you have any spare uniform that no longer fits your child, we would be very grateful for it in school. This includes all clothing, socks and tights.

Diary Dates:

Please carefully check the dates and times of the Christmas performances. As a result of parental feedback, we are trialling a morning and afternoon performance of the KS1 nativity.

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.

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 17 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:

Tuesday 28 th November	-	Reception and KS1 class mass 9am
Wednesday 29 th November	-	Parent E-safety meeting 6-7pm
Thursday 30 th November	-	Start of book fair
Friday 1 st December	-	Chaplains Advent Service 9am- CAFOD collections begin
Tuesday 5 th December	-	Christmas panto
Thursday 7 th December	-	Whole school mass 9am
Friday 8 th December	-	KS2 talent show 9am Christmas jumpers to be worn
		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