



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in school:

This morning year 1 presented their assembly on Children in Need. It was such a lovely way to start our day and we were amazed by their confidence in speaking, singing and storytelling. Thank you to all children who dressed up in spots and made a donation to this worthy cause. We raised £79.58.

In school this week we have participated in national anti-bullying week. The children have discussed how it feels to be bullied and looked at ways we can ensure our school is fully anti-bullying.

On Thursday, we welcomed Robert Mitchell, a long jump champion, to the school. Robert worked with each class during Thursday morning. We took part in some circuit activities including start jumps, press ups and spotty dogs. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and it was a big success for our school. After he gave us an assembly talking about his aspirations as a child and his determination to be a medal winning athlete. He truly was inspiring and we send him a big thanks for coming to our school.

On Tuesday and Wednesday we were inspected by Ofsted. Due to confidentiality reasons we are unable to share the result with you at the moment. The full report will be published within 3 weeks and we will let you know when it is available on the school website or in paper form in the office. However, I would like to say thank you to the children who behaved impeccably and showed the inspectors how wonderful the children in our school are.

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!

Christmas Raffle Hamper PTFA:

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.

Year 6 Canada Day:

Last Friday, Year 6 had a topic day all about Canada. Thank you to Amy and her mum for their time and effort in preparing presentations, food and artefacts to share. The class were clearly very interested in what you had to say. Thank you also to other children and parents who were involved in preparing costumes, baking and sourcing interesting things for us to look at. As part of the day, children had the opportunity to dress up, bake pumpkin bread or make a Canadian salad, ask questions and research facts about Canada and sample lots of different Canadian recipes. It was a lot of fun!

Maths Update:

Last week two Maths Lead teachers from other local schools visited. As part of their visit they dropped in on maths lessons, took a tour of the school, looked at pupil's books and talked to pupils. They were very



impressed with how confident and happy our children are and how articulate they were when they talked about their learning. Both teachers left Holy Cross with lots of ideas and examples of best practice to share with their own staff. Well done everyone!

School Photos:

School photos are going out today. The return date is 30th November.

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 writing.

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.

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 11 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 21 st November	-	Year 3 /4 class mass 9am
	-	Parents Evening 5-7.30pm
Wednesday 22 nd November	-	Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm
Friday 24 th November	-	House and sports captains assembly 9am
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
Tuesday 5 th December	-	Christmas panto
Thursday 7 th December	-	Whole school mass 9am
Friday 8 th December	-	KS2 talent show 9am
		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
	-	Parent sharing and learning
	-	KS2 Carol service 6pm
Friday 15 th December	-	End of term 2
	-	Citizen assembly 9am