



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Last week in school:

On Wednesday we celebrated Mass for All Saints Day and welcomed a large number of parishioners. Once again they commented on how wonderfully the children behaved and how beautiful their singing was.

Thank you to those parents who came to the attendance information evening last Wednesday. We discussed the difference between authorised and unauthorised absences and the issue of penalty notices if necessary. If you were unable to attend and would like any more information, please see Mrs Douglas in the school office.

Wednesday evening was this term's PTFA meeting and plans are in place for the Christmas disco. Please support the family bingo evening on Friday 17th November from 6-8pm. Entrance and play is free and there will be a bar and tuck shop available.

On Friday we were visited by our school improvement officer from the Local Authority and our chair of Governors to check on our progress this academic year. As always they were particularly impressed with the children's behaviour and hardworking attitudes.

School Photos:

If you would like younger siblings (pre-school) to be photographed as part of a family group, please come in at 8.30am. Please make sure your child is on full school uniform.

Sport Hero Visit:

Holy Cross has been chosen to have a common wealth games winner at the school. Holy cross will welcome Robert Mitchel, high jump medal winner early next term. The children across the school will take part in some sporting activities with Robert. This is a fantastic opportunity for our school. This is completely free to the school however, the company "sports for champions" are asking the children be sponsored to take part in this fantastic opportunity. The smallest amount will make a difference. The money goes towards the sporting events here at the school.

Head Lice:

If your child has head lice, please make sure you do the follow up treatment a week after the initial treatment as the head lice will reappear.

School app:

If you have not yet downloaded our school app and would like some help to do this, please come to the school office where Miss Sims will be happy to help you with this.



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 Maths.

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. This week will be stay and count.

Toys:

Unfortunately we have had to ban Pokémon cards in school this afternoon as they were causing upset between pupils. Please can we remind you that toys are not allowed in school, this rule has not changed.

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 96.10%. 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 12 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 7 th November	-	years 5/6 class mass 9am
Friday 10 th November	-	School Portrait photos
Friday 17 th November	-	Year 1 class assembly 9am
	-	PTFA Family bingo night 6-8pm
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
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