



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in school:

All classes have been thinking about keeping safe in school this week. We looked at being safe on the roads, on the internet, in the forest, when playing online games, in the kitchen and when taking medicine. Please remember to talk to your children over the holiday about how to stay safe if you are out celebrating Halloween or bonfire night.

On Monday our education welfare officer visited school to discuss our attendance figures throughout last year and in September. We are currently up 2% from last year. This is an amazing start to the year and we hope that this will continue.

On Wednesday a film crew from channel 4 visited our school to film our Reception children as part of their show "Food Unwrapped". They were conducting an experiment on different shaped vegetables and the effect it had on children. We will let you know when the show will be aired.

Today children were allowed to wear pink to support Wear it pink for breast cancer. Year 5 have been baking cakes and making other pink treats to sell in aid for the charity. We will let you know after half term how much we have raised.

Ofsted Update:

It is coming up to 2 years since our last inspection and we are eagerly awaiting their visit. To help us, please visit the parent view site and give your opinion of our school. The address is:
<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

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.

Bedminster Lantern Parade Competition:

Attached is the template for the Bedminster Poster competition. If you would like to enter the competition and have the chance to have your poster up all around Bedminster then enter below. You need to make your poster bold and brightly colored but have NO writing on it. What do you think of when you think of or see the lanterns? Be creative in your designs and have fun with them.

Contacting School:

We have had a few incidents where parents have contacted the school via the class dojo app. These messages pop up on to the teaching board in the classroom. So if you are contacting school about your



child, please contact the school office directly using the number or email address above or the school app. Thank you.

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.

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 there is no homework. Year 6 have an activity to do if they wish.

PE Kits:

All children (except our new Reception class) are expected to have full PE kit, including daps or trainers every day. If you are unable to provide a PE kit, please let us know and we can help. Year 6 will begin their swimming lessons this week and will need an appropriate swimming kit (no bikinis, tankinis or baggy shorts) in school every Thursday.

First Holy Communion:

If your child is in year 3 or above, a Baptised Catholic and you would like them to make their First Holy communion this academic year, please collect a letter from Miss Sims.

Assemblies:

Please remember that Celebration Assembly will continue to take place every Monday morning at 9:05am. Classes will present topic based Assemblies on Friday mornings at 9:05am (running order attached). You are very welcome to join us at these special events. Thank you.

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. The first week of term 2 will be stay and read.

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 96.40%. 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.

This week 9 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.

Attendance Meeting:

On Wednesday 1st November, we will be holding a parent's information evening on attendance. This is a chance to discuss the policy and make sure everyone understand the procedures. From September we have been asked by the local authority to issue penalty notice fines when a child is absent for more than 4 days within a 10 week period.

Thank you for your continued support and interest.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. J Kingston
Head teacher

Term 2 Key Dates:

Monday 30 th October	-	Start of Term 2
Wednesday 1 st November	-	All Saints Day Mass 9am
	-	Attendance meeting 5.30pm
	-	PTFA Meeting 7.30pm at Steam Crane
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
	-	Parent sharing and learning 2.45pm
	-	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
	-	KS2 Carol service 6pm
Friday 15 th December	-	End of term 2
	-	Citizen assembly 9am