



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in school:

Today Year 4 presented their assembly on international languages. They amazed us with how they presented the information and how they sang so beautifully. Thank you to all the parents who stayed for our Macmillan coffee morning. The left over cakes were still being sold as this newsletter goes out so we will inform you of the total raised next week.

On Tuesday each class had a workshop with Dan the Skipping Man. He showed them different techniques and taught them mental and physical health benefits of skipping. The children all enjoyed the workshop and enjoyed the entertaining show at the end of the day.

10 students from year 5 attended a modern languages workshop at St Bernadette's Secondary school on Tuesday. The workshop mainly concentrated on Mandarin and Chinese culture.

On Wednesday, our new Chaplaincy team visited St Brendan's to meet all the other Chaplains from the Aquinas group and plan the year's events.

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>

PTFA News:

- **Parent Work Day:** Sunday, 8th October, 11:30AM - 2PM
- **Cake Sale** - Friday, 13th October after school
- **Family Bingo Night** - Friday, 17th November, 6-8PM

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 the homework is writing.

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. This 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.

School Census:

On Thursday we will be having a special menu change as we have to participate in a census. The government give us more money depending on the take up of school lunches on this day. We have decided to change the menu to all day breakfast as it always has a good take up from our pupils.

Attendance and Punctuality:

Our attendance target for this academic year is 96.1%. Our current figure is 97.80%. 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 7 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.

On Wednesday 18th October, 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 1 Key Dates:

Friday 6 th October	-	Year 3 class assembly 9.00am – harvest
Sunday 8 th October	-	Parent work day 11.30am – 2pm
Friday 13 th October	-	Year 2 class assembly
	-	Cake sale after school
Friday 20 th October	-	End of term