



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As the academic year draws to a close for at Holy Cross, we are able to reflect on all the achievements that have been made during that time. We are immensely proud of our pupils, from the progress they have made academically to the wonderful way they behave around school. Everyone who visits our school comments on how well behaved and polite the children are here in Holy Cross and how joyful the ethos is. We are very lucky to have such a strong, diverse community and children who love learning and show kindness to those around them. We would like to thank parents and carers for their support throughout this year and acknowledge the important role you have in your child's education.

We think especially of the Year 6 children leaving us today to start the next step in the education and wish them well. They have had an excellent journey in our Holy Cross and have so much to be proud of. Whatever challenge has been given to them they have risen to it and are a credit to their families. We have no doubt they will go from strength to strength in the future.

We ask for God's blessings on them as they leave us and send them with this message:

"Be brave and positive; be courageous about having a go at something you haven't done before. Have big dreams and ambitions, know that Holy Cross has prepared you to be resilient and equipped you with the determination to succeed and overcome the inevitable knock-backs along the way. It's easy to feel defeated at times, but view these moments as a challenge. Positively attracts positivity- and positive people are great to be around. Take a piece of the school with you, take the information, knowledge and skills, but also our values, culture and history. Take your experiences here and use them to make a difference in the world. Stay in touch with the people with whom you were at school. Only they knew you as a child. Keeping in touch with your real self will help you to be honest and true – and so don't lose the friends you made at school. You are at the start of a journey that is at yet undefined. Grab that precious opportunity with both hands and be bold. Get the little things right; be on time, treat others kindly and work hard. Take time to enjoy this time in your lives and keep your options open. When you look back, you will remember it as one of the best times of your life, a time of new beginnings when the world feels full of possibility."

We also say goodbye today to Mika and Yasmin in Year 1, Lucia in Year 2, Katie in Year 3 and Evie-Jean in Year 5. We wish them well and hope to hear how they are getting on in their new schools. We also thank them for all their hard work and all they have contributed to Holy Cross during their time with us.

We look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 5th September to begin the new academic year.

This week in school:

All the children who had 100% attendance went to the cinema on Monday to see 'Cars'. They had a wonderful time and were a credit to the school.

On Wednesday afternoon we had Mr Nadin from St Bernadette Secondary school visit our year 4 class and carried out a workshop on the digestive system. He was very impressed with their behaviour and the imaginative questions they asked him.

Thank you to all of those parents who came on Wednesday to see their children's work. We hope you are as proud of them as we are.



Year 6 Leavers:

On Tuesday they performed 'Archie Dobson's War' to their parents which was a fantastic show and really showcased their talents. They organised themselves brilliantly and performed with confidence.

On Thursday they led our whole school mass on the theme of goodbye. They led the readings, bidding prayers and offertory with grace and made us really proud. Father Rupert was, as always, impressed with their behaviour. After mass the children and year 6 staff went to ZaZa Bazaar for a celebration lunch. They returned stuffed and happy.

This morning we had our end of year assembly where we said goodbye to the year 6's and awarded prizes to a range of children for their achievements. Thank you to all those who came and supported the children today.

Prizes:

Congratulations to all of our prize winners! At Holy Cross we are so proud of all of our children and really pleased that we can reward our children who consistently give of their best at the end of each term and year.

Cloth citizen winners: Monika, Mikey, Enbo, Isabelle, Maeve, Daniella and Kripali.

Pope Francis award winners: Roman, Mika, Vincie and Jaye-Jaye.

100% attendance winners: Shadrack, Jasper, J-J, Yanyu, Yanyun, Frankie, Yasmin, Ned, Cian, Finn, Kiera, Josh and Ruby.

100% attendance for Term 6: Michaela and Maks.

500 words story writing competition winners: Marysia, Angelina, Krystian, Joe, Evie-Jean and Maliha.

Thank you:

The staff would like to thank all the pupils and parents for their kind gifts. They were very much appreciated. We would also like to thank the PTFA for all their hard work this year in helping to make our school the best it can be.

Uniform:

Please remember that trainers, flip flops and open toe sandals are not acceptable school uniform. All children are expected to be in socks and sensible black school shoes. From September the correct colour for summer dresses will be navy blue, not pale blue or red. Thank you for your cooperation in this.

Inset Days:

The inset days for next academic year are: Monday 4th September, Tuesday 2nd January, Monday 9th July, Monday 23rd July and Tuesday 24th July.

Safeguarding:

If you are worried about a child's safety or would like advice on how to access parenting services for yourself or others, the first response service is available for advice. The number is 0117 9036444.

Mobile Phones:

This is a polite reminder that mobile phones are not to be used on school premises. We ask the children to turn off their phones when walking through the gate and not to turn them back on until they are off school premises. We ask that parents adhere to this policy as well, and do not use their mobile phones on school premises or in the presence of children, and especially not during trips and Assemblies.

Homework:

There will not be any formal homework set for the summer holidays. However, please continue to read and practise tables/number bonds with your child.

Attendance and Punctuality:

Our attendance target for this academic year is 96.1%. Our current figure is 95.20%. 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 21 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.

In September, soon after the new term begins, we will hold 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.

Please note, if your child is late to school after 9.30am, it is counted as an unauthorised absence. There has been some queries about this following the attendance reports sent home on Friday. If you wish to discuss further, please see Mrs Douglas.

Thank you for your continued support and interest.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. J Kingston
Head teacher

Term 1 dates:

Monday 4 th September	Inset day
Tuesday 5 th September	Back to school Years 1-6
Wednesday 6 th September	Reception start their phase return