



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Last week in school:

Reception had their class assembly on Friday based on the story of 'The Lighthouse Keeper'. They amazed us with their wonderful performances; singing, speaking and acting. Their costumes were amazing- thank you to all parents that helped make them.

Throughout last week, the children enjoyed 'International Week' activities. It was lovely to see them enjoying learning about different countries with their families during the mixed year sessions. We are very lucky here at Holy Cross to have so many different cultures in our community. Did you know we currently speak 14 different languages? Thank you to all the parents that brought in food to share after our assembly.

Also on Friday, year 3 went on a school trip to the zoo. Mrs Edwards was really proud of the many comments received by members of the public about their exemplary behaviour.

Reports:

You should have received your child's report on Friday, if not please see Miss Sims in the office. If your child is in Reception, year 2 or year 6, their end of key stage results were attached. We are really proud of all the children's hard work this year. The year 6 results which are published later in the year, were particularly pleasing, with 82% of the class achieving national standard or above in reading, SPAG and maths. All the children should be very proud of themselves as they made excellent progress from their starting point.

DFE Visit:

Last week, we were visited by an inspector from the DFE, who came to check our progress since our last Ofsted inspection. The inspector was very pleased with the standard of teaching and learning within the school. We are looking forward to having Ofsted return to validate all of our hard work and progress.

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.



Open Evening

Please remember that on Wednesday there is a drop in open evening for you to look at your children's book and discuss their reports if you wish.

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.

Food Bank:

Please remember if you receive pupil premium funding (free school meals), you are entitled to free food from the food bank during the school holidays. Please see Mrs Douglas for more information.

Attendance and Punctuality:

Our attendance target for this academic year is 96.1%. Our current figure is 95.30%. 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 6 dates:

Monday 17 th July	100% attendance trip
Tuesday 18 th July	Year 6 leavers performance 2pm
Wednesday 19 th July	Open Evening 3.30-5.30pm
Thursday 20 th July	9.05am Year 6 leavers mass
	Year 6 to Zaza for lunch
Friday 21 st July	End of term 6
	9.05am year 6 leavers assembly

Term 1 dates:

Monday 4 th September	Inset day
Tuesday 5 th September	Back to school