



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in school:

This morning year 1 had their class assembly on growth. They presented it so well with lovely singing, speaking and drama.

On Monday and Tuesday morning, we had our sports days – without any rain! We were so proud of the good sporting attitudes shown by the children and how well our Reception children joined in.

On Wednesday, EYFS, year 1 and year 2 had a class mass on love and friendships. Father Rupert was very impressed at how well the children joined in.

Wrong Trouser day:

Today we took part in Wrong Trouser day, to help raise money for Bristol Children's Hospital. We raised an amazing £162 which will be donated in memory of one of our former pupils, Igor Majcher who sadly dies last weekend.

School Mass

On Thursday 6th July, we will be having a whole school mass where the children who recently made their First Holy Communion will receive the Eucharist in school for the first time. Those children are invited to wear the special clothes they wore on their day.

Moving up day:

On Friday 7th July, the children will spend the afternoon with their new teacher in preparation for next year. The list of class teachers will go out on this date.

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.

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.

Bristol Rugby:

Bristol Rugby will be coming to visit years 3 and 4 on Monday mornings in term 6. They will be linking the game of rugby to their learning in maths. Please ensure all children in these classes have their PE kits on Mondays.



Parent Controls

Please be aware that not all apps that children download are secured by parental control. We have been notified by a parent that some children are able to access chat rooms via these apps.

Photography

We would like to remind parents that we do not allow photos or videos to be taken in assemblies. We will always take photos and a video and will share them on the school website. If any photos were taken at sports day, please do not put them on any social media sites. We will not allow photos to be taken if parents do not respect this policy.

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:

This week's homework is Reading. Please also continue to read with your child, as well as practising their spellings and tables. The spellings and tables for the whole term have been sent home today.

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.

This week 33 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.

As I explained last term, our new school education welfare officer met with Mrs Douglas, our Attendance and Pastoral Care Officer, to monitor how we have been tracking children with poor attendance and punctuality in a bid to improve our figures. Unfortunately, our figures are a concern and we have to show that we are working hard to improve them. Some parents received letters last term, either inviting them to a meeting or highlighting that attendance had dropped below our school target of 96.1%. If you have received a letter and are concerned, please speak to either Mrs Douglas or Mrs James. Please remember we are always keen to offer any support we can.

Thank you for your continued support and interest.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. J Kingston
Head teacher

Term 6 dates:

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| Tuesday 4 th July | Year 5 sports day at St Brendan's |
| | Sci-fi and RE Day |
| Wednesday 5 th July | Nurture group trip to farm |
| Thursday 6 th July | Ashton Park transition |
| | Whole school mass 9.15am |
| Friday 7 th July | Year 6 Retreat at St Brendan's |
| | 9.05am Year 2 class assembly |
| | Moving up day 2-3pm |
| Monday 10 th July | International week |
| Friday 14 th July | 9.05am Reception class assembly |
| Monday 17 th July | 100% attendance trip |
| Tuesday 18 th July | Year 6 leavers performance |
| 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 |