



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **This week in school:**

On Monday the staff from Christ the King and Holy Cross got together to look at progression across both Key stages in science. There were lots of hands on activities for the teachers to enjoy and inspire us for future planning.

Munching caterpillars visited years 3, 4 and 5. The children had the opportunity to look at and learn about moth and butterfly caterpillars and chrysalides. They enjoyed learning about how important butterflies are to our environment.

Year 6 enjoyed their session learning about 'life skills' at the Create centre. We are very proud of how they maturely worked with the experienced guides and the amount of ideas they had to share. A teacher from another school commented on how calmly and sensibly one of our students made an emergency 999 call.

On Thursday we had a visit from some of the animals from Puxton Park. Classes attended workshops and were able to stroke and hold a variety of animals including a rabbit, hare, hen, stick insect and cockroach. The sessions were very informative and were enjoyed by all.

Earlier today we waved goodbye to our year 6 children who were setting out on their journey to camp. They are away until Sunday and have a whole host of fun activities planned. We are looking forward to hearing about how they get on.

As part of our continual journey in making improvements to our teaching and learning provision, this week our subject leaders in Maths, English, Science and Humanities have been given time out of the classroom to have a look at Children's work across the year groups. This valuable activity allows us to monitor what our children are learning and gives us an opportunity to share lots of best practise across the school. Our children work really hard and we have been impressed with their recording of what they have learnt.

### **First Holy Communion:**

We have children from our school taking the sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June at Christ the King church and St Gerard Majella church. Also, on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June at Holy Cross School and St Mary on the quay church. Everyone is welcome.

### **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.

### **After school clubs- term 6**



Please remember to book after school clubs for term 6 at the office or on the school app. Failure to do this may mean your child will not be able to attend. Please ensure all term 5 after school clubs are paid for when we return back to school.

### **Toilet Twinning**

Please see the separate letter from Mr Toogood about how we are going to raise money for this worthwhile cause.

### **PTFA Summer Fair**

Our Summer Fair will be held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June from 12.30pm – 2.30pm. Please come along as support our school. There will be a BBQ and a bouncy castle. There is a £1 admission charge. The PTFA are looking for donations for our tombola stall. Any size gift for adult or child is welcomed and appreciated. Please bring them to the class teachers by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

### **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 95.00%. 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 11 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:**

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Start of Term 6
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Puxton park visiting school
	Year 6 visiting lifeskills
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Camp
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	9.05am Y 3 / 4 class mass
	10.15am year 6 Leavers mass Clifton Cathedral
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	School class photos
	Cake sale after school
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Fair 12.30-2.30
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Relationships week
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	St Bernadette transition day
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Dance fest at Ashton Park for dance club after school
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	New Reception parent information evening 6pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	St Mary Redcliff Induction
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 sports day AM
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFS/KS1 sports day AM
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	9.05am Reception/ Y1 / Y2 class mass
	Reserve KS2 sports day AM
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Wrong trousers day
	Reserve EYFS/KS1 sports day AM
	9.05am year 1 assembly
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 sports day at St Brendan's
	Sci-fi and RE Day
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Ashton Park transition
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Retreat at St Brendan's
	9.05am Year 2 class assembly
	Moving up day 2-3pm
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	International week
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	9.05am Reception class assembly
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 leavers performance
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	9.05am Year 6 leavers mass
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	End of term 6
	9.05am year 6 leavers assembly