



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in school:

On Wednesday, our Chaplaincy team went to St Brendan's to take part in a leader's retreat day. The theme was to reflect on being called by name. They took part in activities including drama, mime and meditation. They made friends at lunch time by playing together with other schools on the playing field. In the afternoon they celebrated mass and read out their own bidding prayers that they had created.

Also, for our Wednesday assembly we had a visit from a parishioner and her guide dog, who spoke to the children about how the dog guides her in her daily life. They went round and visited each class.

On Thursday our Reception class had a trip to Windmill Hill farm. They visited the allotments and did some digging and watering. They tried the fruit and vegetables, then met and fed the animals. They had lovely behaviour and listening while at the farm. We would like to thank the parent volunteers.

Today year 4 presented an assembly on Ancient Egyptians. They amazed us with their speaking, singing and acting and it was a lovely way to start our day.

As last week was National Deaf children week, this week Reception class learned the song 'I Can Sing A Rainbow' in British Sign Language. We have also linked up with a school for the Deaf in Ireland and will be doing some shared learning time with them.

Puxton Park visit:

On Thursday 8th June, we are going to have a visit from staff members who work at Puxton Park. They will be bringing some little fury friends to come and visit each of our classes. If your child has any allergies that might prevent them from taking part, please let the office know.

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.

Staff News:

We are pleased to announce that Ms Jude Issacs has been appointed as a KS2 class teacher and will take up this post formally from September. However, Ms Issacs will be covering PPA time for the rest of this academic year.



Attendance and punctuality:

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.

PTFA Summer Fair

Our Summer Fair will be held on Saturday 17th 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.

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.

INSET:

The remaining INSET day for this year will be on Monday 5th June. School will be closed to pupils for staff training.

Homework:

This week's homework is Comprehension. 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 94.4%. 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 20 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.

GO SKETCH fine art classes for children coming to our school!

As there was not enough interest, Go Sketch are going to come in to school in term 6 to do an assembly and show the children what their after school club will include.

Thank you for your continued support and interest.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. J Kingston
Head teacher

Term 6 dates:

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