



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in school:

On Wednesday year 4 went to Bristol Museum and Art Gallery as part of their Ancient Egyptian project. They participated in a workshop and completed the museum trail. One of the parent volunteers commented that it was one of the best trips that they have ever been on.

At our celebration Assembly this morning it was so lovely to see how talented our children are and all the interesting activities they participate in out of school. Please remember we really enjoy sharing all the children's successes and the children are invited to share trophies and certificates in celebration Assembly every week.

The staff have also been busy developing their various skills this week. On Tuesday Mrs Eke attended a Science planning workshop with local teachers and a consultant from the LA to plan training for staff for our next INSET day in June. On Wednesday Mrs Edwards and Mrs Douglas attended CASCADE training to help pupils with emotional needs. Also, on Wednesday, Miss Stroud attended an RE leads meeting with other local Catholic schools within the Aquinas group where they moderated examples of work. Miss Stroud has taken responsibility of RE until the end of this year and so this was a good opportunity to meet other RE leads and discuss how we can share best practice across our schools. On Thursday, our school improvement officer and the lead for primary education in Bristol were in school monitoring progress. They dropped into all the classes and were very impressed with the children's work and behaviour.

50th Anniversary:

On Friday 12th May please join us for Mass in our school Hall at 9.15am to celebrate 50 years since the official opening of the present building opened on this site. Refreshments will be served in the peace garden following the service. In the evening, from 6-8pm, there will be a ceilidh dance, with a BBQ and bar available to further celebrate this achievement.

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.

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.

Parental Involvement:

If you are able to spare some time to volunteer with your child's class during Terms 5 and 6, please see Miss Sims in the Office. The children love to see parents and carers as readers, helpers at after school clubs, leaders of cooking activities, or art and craft activities.



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 94.9%. 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 13 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!

GO SKETCH are planning on offering one of their popular Zendoodle Animal after school courses to children in year 2-6 on a Wednesday after school 3:15-4:30 in Term 6. The cost of the 5 week course is £37.50 (£7.50 a week) and includes all high quality art resources and refreshments. Please contact Emma if your child is interested with your child's name, year group and your contact details. emma@gosketch.co.uk 07717313651.

School in the Woods

There are still spaces for our current school in the woods after school club. If you would like to join please contact the school office.

Cycling Proficiency

We have been asked by a few parents if we can provide a cycling proficiency lesson for pupils. Bristol city council provide a service where they run a free session to give beginners more experience. However, we can only book a lesson if we have enough interest. To be able to take part all children will need a working bike and safety equipment. Please let the office know if you would be interested in your child taking part.

Thank you for your continued support and interest.



Yours sincerely,

Mrs. J Kingston
Head teacher

Term 5 Dates:

Monday 1 st May	-	Bank holiday (no school)
Wednesday 3 rd May	-	Year 4 trip to museum
Friday 5 th May	-	Cake sale after school
Monday 8 th May	-	Start of KS2 Sats week
Friday 12 th May	-	Holy Cross 50 th anniversary 9.15 Mass
	-	6-8pm 50 th Anniversary BBQ
Saturday 13 th May	-	Arts Trail
Sunday 14 th May	-	Arts Trail
Monday 15 th May	-	Start of KS1 Sats week
Friday 19 th May	-	9.15am Year 5 Assembly
	-	Parent council meeting after assembly
Wednesday 24 th May	-	Chaplains trip
Thursday 25 th May	-	Year 5 and 6 mass 9.15am
Friday 26 th May	-	End of Term 5
	-	9.15am Year 4 Assembly