



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in school:

We celebrated Mass for the new term with Fr Rupert on Thursday. The children were as always wonderfully behaved and respectful. We were particularly pleased to be joined by parishioners on this occasion.

The children in Years 3, 4 and 5 worked with volunteers from the 'Munching Caterpillars' programme to learn all about caterpillars, butterflies and moths and planted specialist plants that will attract these creatures to our playgrounds.

On Monday as part of our INSET staff worked with peer class teachers from Christ the King Primary School to plan topics in RE, following training by the Deputy Director of Diocese of Clifton school's department.

Miss Stroud and Mrs Corfield attended training on moderation of writing in the early years and Y6 respectively, to ensure we are assessing our children accurately and in line with expected standards across Bristol.

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.

Staff Changes:

Sadly, we say goodbye to Mrs Alexander, who left Holy Cross at the end of last term, and has taken up a role as a SEND Assessment Co-ordinator within South Gloucestershire. We wish her all the best for the future and thank her for her service to Holy Cross over the last 10 years.

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:

Please support our wonderful PTFA at the cake sale to be held next Friday after school. The next parent council meeting will be on Friday 19th May after assembly.



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. Please remember that next Monday is a bank holiday and school will not be open. We have not been informed that we are to be used as a polling station for the General Election on the 8th June, so school will be open as usual on this day.

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 94.8%. 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 10 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.

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