



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in school:

This morning Year 1 performed a beautiful assembly. They were extremely confident in front of an audience, singing and speaking fantastically. During the assembly they taught us that beauty is what's on the inside not on the outside.

A huge thank you to the house captains who organised our fundraising day for comic relief. From everyone dressing up in red, we raised £59.50. The total from the cake sale will be announced next week. All of the cakes look wacky and spectacular. The overall winners were: Year 6 won the wackiest, Year 4 won the best presented and Reception won the most creative.

On Monday the whole school took part in drumming workshops. Children in Key stage 1 learnt all about rhythm using 'Sammy Snake', Key stage 2 children begun learning how to compose short rhythmic pieces 'if you can say it you can play it!'. Everyone enjoyed the experience and we hope to have more workshops during the school year.

Year 6 visited @Bristol, where they took part in two workshops based on our topic of electricity. The children made scribble bot robots, which they used to create a large class piece of art work. In between workshops the children were able to enjoy some free time to explore the museum, they did so representing the school brilliantly, staff commented on how well behaved the children were.

We held our term 4 assessment week so senior leaders can monitor progress from term 2 and plan any intervention necessary for the remainder of the year. The results of the assessments will be shared with you at the parents' evenings in the final week of this term.

At this week's staff meeting staff carried out a peer review of each other's RE books to share good practice and to compare progression across the school from early years to Year 6.

Governors carried out a monitoring visit focussing on cross-curricular writing. They looked at books and spoke to pupils from Year 2 and Year 6 about their writing in English, Topic and Science.

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. Mrs Douglas will be writing to the parents of those children who have been highlighted by the EWO to invite them in for a meeting to see if we can offer any support.

PTFA:

We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all the hard work the PTFA have done for our school during this term. The new curtains in the dining hall look lovely as do the stickers in the Hall and the KEY Stage corridors. We would also like to thank 2 members of the PTFA: Marisa and Karen for giving up their time to bake with each year group throughout this term. On Wednesday of this week, they baked the cakes for the comic relief competition with our Year 4 class.

If you are free tomorrow please come along to the PTFA parent work day anytime from 10am to 2pm. Children are welcome, as is anyone with green fingers or a talent using a power drill!



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.

Onesie Wednesday

We will be supporting Autism Awareness on Wednesday 5th April by having 'Onesie Wednesday'. All children can wear an onesie and bring in a £1.00 donation to support the charity.

Social media:

We would like to remind all parents that it is really important that they monitor their child's/children's internet use and speak to their children about acceptable behaviour online. Many of the sites our children are accessing are for children aged 13 and above, and therefore should not be using them. If you would like any advice or further information, please see Mrs Douglas before or after school.

Year 5 Performance:

Year 5 will be staging a performance of Macbeth on Tuesday 3rd April at 2pm. We would love you all to come and watch.

INSET:

The remaining INSET days for this year will be Monday 24th April and Monday 5th June. School will be closed to pupils on these days for staff training.

Homework:

This week's homework is Maths. Please also continue to read with your child, as well as practising their spellings and tables.

Attendance and Punctuality:

Our attendance target for this academic year is 96.1%. Our current figure is 94.6%. 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.

Last week 21 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 4 Dates:

Saturday 25 th March	-	10-2pm Parent work day
Wednesday 29 th March	-	Year 5 trip to The Matthew
Thursday 30 th March	-	Lentern Penitential and Reconciliation Service 9am
Friday 31 st March	-	Chaplains Assembly 9.05am
Tuesday 4 th April	-	Parents Evening 5.00-7.30pm all classes
	-	Year 3 trip
	-	Year 5 performance 2pm
Wednesday 5 th April	-	Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm all classes except year 5
	-	Onesie Wednesday
Thursday 6 th April	-	Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm year 5
	-	End of term Mass 9am
Friday 7 th April	-	End of Term 4
	-	Celebration assembly 9am

Please remember parents are welcome to all class assemblies and masses.