



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in school:

Year 4 went on a trip on Monday to The Wild Place and had a fantastic time. They enjoyed learning about Madagascar and a wide range animals. All children were exceptionally well behaved and the staff at The Wild Place Project were extremely happy with their listening skills and only had positive words to say. They were a credit to the school. Please look at the Year 4 page for photographs of the day and work they have created since.

This morning our Reception class presented their assembly on St Patrick's Day. They taught us all about St Patrick, they sang, remembered their lines and performed so confidently. Well done Reception you were all stars!

After the Assembly, the parent council held a meeting to discuss any question that parents have about school. Lots of parents attended and we have a very interesting discussion about e-safety for our children. We will shortly be organising an e-safety information evening.

Comic Relief:

Our house captains are organising a day for comic relief on Friday 24th March. Each class will be able to decorate a cake and compete against all of the other classes for the best decorated cake and all children will be able to wear red. We are asking for a 50p donation for this. They will be organising a cake sale after school with the left over cake.

Easter Competition:

This year our Easter competition is going to be to make either an Easter Garden or an eggmobile. The winner will be announced in the last assembly of the term.

500 Word Story Competition:

Thank you to all of the children who sent in entries. The winner will be announced in the last assembly of the term.

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.

Toys:

In our school, we have a no toy policy. Please do not let your child bring in any toys to school, as if they were to go missing or get broken the children become very upset.

PTFA Events:

Parent work day is on Saturday 25th March from 10am – 2pm.

Drumming Workshops:

On Monday 20th March all classes will be taking part in a drumming workshop. We are asking parents for a £1.50 contribution which can be paid at the office or by the school app.



Year 3 School Trip:

We have had to change the year 3 trip to Tuesday 4th April. If you are able to help with this please let the office or Mrs Edwards know.

Parents Evening:

Parents Evening is going to be Tuesday 4th April 5-7pm and Wednesday 5th April 3.30-5.30pm. However, year 5's will be Tuesday 4th April 5-7pm and Thursday 6th April 3.30-5.30pm.

The Maths Factor:

We are pleased to share that we have purchased a new online maths resource called the Maths Factor (developed by Carole Vorderman). Children have started to log on and have a go at the games and activities last term and are continuing to do so this term. We are looking forward to seeing the results that such a targeted resource will bring.

Chess tournament:

Mrs Corfield has been running a lunchtime chess club in KS2 since January. It has been great seeing the children progress in terms of their knowledge of how to play the game and their strategic thinking and reasoning whilst thinking about how to try and win. As part of our chess club the children have taken part in a small tournament and we are pleased to announce that our champion is Yanyu from Year 5. Jasper from year 5 was a close runner up. Well done to all the children who have been involved! Chess club will continue to run until Easter time. Have you thought about playing at home?

Lost Property:

We have a lot of loss property in the foyer that needs to be collected. If your child has missed placed any items, please come and have a look at any time. If it is not claimed by the end of the term we will be taking the items to a local charity shop.

Thank you:

We would like to thank Marisa for spending the time to put up wall stickers in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 that the PTFA have purchased and making our learning areas look vibrant and colourful.

Year 5 Performance:

Year 5 will be staging a performance of Macbeth on Tuesday 3rd April. We would love you all to come and watch. We desperately need some newspapers to make our costumes. If you have anything you can donate, please hand them in to the office.

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 18 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.

Our attendance and punctuality figures are an area of school life that I am asked to explain how we are taking measures to improve by the local authority and will be a focus for future inspections. If you are having any issues with attendance and punctuality and would like help, please do not hesitate to see our Pastoral Care and Attendance Officer, Mrs Douglas. Thank you for your continued support and interest.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. J Kingston
Head teacher

Term 4 Dates:

Wednesday 22 nd March	-	Year 6 trip to @Bristol
Thursday 23 rd March	-	Year 1/2 class mass 11am
Friday 24 th March	-	Year 1 class assembly 9.05am
	-	Comic relief day
Saturday 25 th March	-	10-2pm Parent work day
Wednesday 29 th March	-	Year 5 trip to The Matthew
Thursday 30 th March	-	Lenten Penitential and Reconciliation Service 11am
Tuesday 4 th April	-	Parents Evening 5.00-7.30pm all classes
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
Friday 7 th April	-	End of Term 4

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