



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in school:

On Wednesday we welcomed Father Michael who blessed all of our pupils for Ash Wednesday and conducted a service for our Key Stage 2 pupils.

Our local authority school improvement officer paid us a visit yesterday to look at the teaching and learning in our school. She met with some of our pupils who spoke positively about their learning. She was very impressed with how beautifully the pupils behaved.

What a wonderful World Book day we had yesterday! The children looked amazing in all their costumes, thank you to all our families for the effort you went to. Congratulations to the following children who won a £5 gift voucher for their efforts: Jamie Dunster, Hattie Pinkney, Liam Giles, Evie Foley Mitchell, Minnie Pinkney, Evie-Jean Wolf and Jasmine-Leigh Lewis. The front cover designs were also creative and looked amazing, it was a tough decision for winners. Congratulations to: Jacob Thomas, Keagan Davies, Josh Kingston, Otylia Kepa, Lily Ihekwoaba, Chloe Oztoprak and Christylle Munoz, who each won some stationary equipment. The children had a roaring reading day and completed their 60min challenge. If you still have outstanding sponsor money, please could this be returned by Monday. We were overwhelmed with the donations of books for the sale, and it was great to see so many children grabbing bargain books for 20p. We still have a few books left over, the school council have decided that these should be donated to classrooms. Your superb efforts helped use to raise £231.04 in total so far. This will be shared between CAFOD and be put towards books for our school. Once again thank you for your continued support.

This morning year 3 presented an assembly on Romans. The children read and sang beautifully and performed a wonderful Roman march.

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.

500 Word Writing Competition:

We are holding our own 500 word story writing competition in school this term. The children are invited to write their own story on any subject they wish but it must not be longer than 500 words, and return it to school by Friday 13th March. Please also continue to read with your child, as well as practising their spellings and tables.

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:

PTFA meeting on Wednesday 8th March at 7.30pm in the Steam Crane.

Payments

At any time you feel like you are struggling with any payments to school, please contact us and we will do our best to help.

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.

Holy Cross Church:

As you may be aware, Holy Cross church will be closing temporarily from Tuesday 28th February. Masses from Saturday 4th March will be held in our school hall. The Bishop is hoping to be present at both of the first masses held in the school. Please come along if you are free on Saturday 6.30pm and Sunday 10.00am.

Attendance and Punctuality:

Our attendance target for this academic year is 96.1%. Our current figure is 94.5%. 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 24 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 8 th March	-	Year 2 trip to M-Shed
Thursday 9 th March	-	Year 3/4 class mass 11am
Friday 10 th March	-	Year 2 class assembly 9.05am
Monday 13 th March	-	Year 4 trip to Wild place
Friday 17 th March	-	Reception class assembly 9.05am
Thursday 23 rd March	-	Year 1/2 class mass 11am
Friday 24 th march	-	Year 1 class assembly 9.05am
Wednesday 29 th March	-	Year 5 trip to The Matthew
Thursday 30 th March	-	Lentern Penitential and Reconciliation Service 11am
Tuesday 4 th April	-	Parents Evening 5.00-7.30pm
Wednesday 5 th April	-	Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm
Friday 7 th April	-	End of Term 4

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