



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher: Mrs. J Kingston

Friday 24h February 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **This week in school:**

This morning year 5 presented an assembly on random acts of kindness. The children read and sang beautifully and reminded us of how we can all do our bit to make the world a better place.

Year 1 visited Bristol Museum and Art Gallery on Wednesday where they explored the artefacts and followed a trail. We were very proud that the museum staff commented on how well they behaved.

On Wednesday the staff worked on assessment in science during our staff meeting, led by Mrs Eke our new science lead. We planned how best to use assessment procedures to ensure the children make the best progress in science.

On Thursday years 5 and 6 had a class mass led by Father Rupert from Sacred Heart on the theme of love and kindness. Father Rupert was very impress with hoe sensible and caring the children were.

### **Goodbyes:**

We say goodbye to Jakub Goszcs who is leaving us to go to a school nearer where he lives today. We wish him all the best in the future.

### **INSET:**

The remaining INSET days for this year will be Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> March. Please also continue to read with your child, as well as practising their spellings and tables.

### **World Book Day:**

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March we will be celebrating world book day in school. All children are allowed to dress up as their favourite book character. There will also be a Sponsor read raising money for CAFOD and books for the school.

### **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.

### **After School Clubs:**

After school clubs start next week. Please ensure that all paid clubs are paid for in advance.

### **PTFA Events:**

PTFA meeting on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in the Steam Crane.



### **Drumming Workshops:**

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Stages 2017**

On Sunday our dance club are performing in Stages at the Colston Hall. We wish them good luck.

### **Holy Cross Church:**

As you may be aware, Holy Cross church will be closing temporarily from Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Masses from Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Ash Wednesday Service**

Please join us for our Ash Wednesday service at 1.30pm.

### **Attendance and Punctuality:**

Our attendance target for this academic year is 96.1%. Our current figure is 94.3%. 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 25 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:**

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| Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> February | - | Stages Dance competition                           |
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March  | - | Ash Wednesday Service 1.30pm KS2                   |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March   | - | World Book day                                     |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March     | - | Year 3 class assembly 9.05am                       |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March  | - | Year 2 trip to M-Shed                              |
| Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March   | - | Year 3/4 class mass 11am                           |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March    | - | Year 2 class assembly 9.05am                       |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March    | - | Year 4 trip to Wild place                          |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March    | - | Year 1 class assembly 9.05am                       |
| Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March  | - | Year 1/2 class mass 11am                           |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March    | - | Reception class assembly 9.05am                    |
| Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March  | - | Lentem Penitential and Reconciliation Service 11am |
| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> April    | - | Parents Evening 5.00-7.30pm                        |
| Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April  | - | Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm                        |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April     | - | End of Term 4                                      |

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