



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in school:

On Tuesday we had an internet safety day led by "E-Splat". Following a whole school assembly, the children participated in workshops thinking about how to stay safe on the internet. On Thursday our local PCSO spoke to the year 6 children about staying safe when playing and messaging online. She also visited the reception children to introduce herself and show them her uniform.

On Wednesday year 3 had their Roman day which involved cooking and marching like soldiers to experience what life was like in Roman times. Thank you to everyone who helped make or provide a costume. Year 1 and 2 children went to Ashton Park Secondary School to take part in the Dance Fest with children from other local schools. We were very proud of their performance and behaviour.

This week at the staff meeting, the staff met with teachers from Christ the King Primary School to compare RE books and planning.

Today year 5 had their Tudor day and prepared a feast for their banquet to share with their parents at the end of the day. Thank you for helping the children with their costumes and to the parents who helped with cooking.

Staff Changes:

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Coombe today. We thank her for all of her hard work during the seven years that she has been at Holy Cross and wish her all the best for the future. Miss Paloma Sanchez has been appointed as the new KS1 LSA and will begin work at the beginning of March. Miss Sanchez comes to us with a wealth of experience in primary schools and I am sure you will welcome her to our school community.

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:

There is no official homework for the half term holiday. However, we are holding our own 500 word story writing competition in school next 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.

World Book Day:

On Thursday 2nd 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:

The after school club timetable will be sent out on Monday when we return to school. You will be able to sign up via the school app and the school office from Tuesday. Unfortunately they will not be running the first week of Term 4. All clubs will begin on week commencing Monday 27th February. Please remember to pay in advance for the clubs. Sign-up sheets for Spanish club and school in the woods are in the information point at the school office.

PTFA Events:

Thank you to the PTFA for organising a cake and hot chocolate sale today and to all those who brought cakes in.

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.

Fish Fridays:

On Friday 24th February our school kitchen will be serving a piece of fish to children who chose a hot school meal instead of fish fingers. This is only a trial to see how many children would like it. If the take up is good, they will be served this once every three weeks.

Attendance and Punctuality:

Our attendance target for this academic year is 96.1%. Our current figure is 94.2%. 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:

Monday 20 th February	-	Start of Term 4
Wednesday 22 nd February	-	Year 1 trip to museum
Thursday 23 rd February	-	Year 4 start swimming
	-	Year 5/6 class mass 11am
Sunday 26 th February	-	Stages Dance competition
Wednesday 1 st March	-	Ash Wednesday Service 11am
Thursday 2 nd March	-	World Book day
Friday 3 rd March	-	Year 3 class assembly 9.05am
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	-	Year 1 class assembly 9.05am
Thursday 23 rd March	-	Year 1/2 class mass 11am
Friday 24 th March	-	Reception class assembly 9.05am
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