



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in school:

This morning Year 4 led our Assembly and shared their learning on 'Benin'. It was a lovely way to start the day and the children spoke, sang and acted really confidently. Thank you to the children, Miss Ormsby and Miss Dallimore for all their hard work and preparation.

On Wednesday morning we looked at how people all over the world celebrate Chinese New Year and on Thursday morning lots of our Reception parents joined their children a range of Chinese New Year inspired activities. Please have a look at the photos on the website.

In this week's staff meeting the focus was on tracking progress of our pupils with SEND and ensuring that all pupils with SEND are being fully challenged in their learning. The staff also looked at the ways we communicate with parents of children with SEND and more information will follow next term on this.

A governor's meeting was also held this week to monitor the current staffing structure in our school. At this meeting governors monitored and reviewed how senior leaders monitor and evaluate the quality of monitoring of behaviour and teaching and learning by staff.

Some sad news:

It is with sadness that I have to inform you that Sylvia Torrington, who worked in the school kitchen for 36 years, died this week. Her funeral will take place on Friday 24th February at 10:30am if you would like to pay your respects. If you would like to make a contribution to the collection for St Peter's hospice, please give this to the office.

Goodbyes:

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Coombe at the end of term. We thank her for all of her hard work during the seven years that she has been at Holy Cross. We are interviewing on Monday to take on the role of teaching assistant in Key Stage 1.

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 Mathematics. Please also continue to read with your child, as well as practising their spellings and tables. Please see the class teacher if there are any issues with homework.



Year 5 Tudor Day:

Next Friday Year 5 are able to dress up at Tudors. We will be having a Tudor banquet in the afternoon and parents are welcome.

Year 3 Roman Day:

On Wednesday Year 3 are having a Roman day where they are able to dress up. Please see letter that was handed out earlier this week.

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.

Admissions 2017:

Unfortunately, Bristol City Council have made an error with the online application system for our school for next September. If you know of anyone who has placed us as their first preference please assure them the place is still valid and we do not anticipate any problems with first preference applications. If they have any further questions, please ask them to ring Miss Sims in the office.

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 27 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 3 Dates:

Wednesday 8 th February	-	Year 3 Roman/Celts Day
Friday 10 th February	-	End of Term 3
	-	Year 5 Tudor Day
	-	2.30pm Parent learning and sharing
	-	3.15pm Cake Sale

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

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