



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in school:

Yesterday Fr. Andrew came to school to celebrate Mass in the Hall with the whole school. It was such a joyful experience and we were really impressed with how well the children, read, sang and responded. We were amazed at how well our Reception class joined in as it was their first time experiencing Mass with the rest of the school.

This morning the Chaplaincy team presented an Assembly on how to use the new Key Stage 1 prayer station, which they designed themselves, to help us all focus on how we can make a difference to the lives of those around us.

The new primary lead for Bristol local authority, Richard Hanks, visited school on Wednesday and was very impressed by the calm, purposeful atmosphere in all classes. Following his tour of the school we held a progress review meeting which tracks the progress against our Ofsted report to make certain we are taking necessary measures to improve outcomes for all our pupils. This was a very positive meeting and we were praised by all the improvements that have been made since September.

On Wednesday afternoon, Ms Isaacs attended a reading course to help the year 2 children fully prepare for their end of year assessments.

In this week's staff meeting the focus was on tracking progress in Maths and ensuring that more able pupils are being stretched in their learning.

A governor's meeting was also held this week to monitor ethos in our school. At this meeting governors monitored and reviewed the behaviour, RE teaching and learning and senior leader's action planning and self-evaluation strategies.

Lantern Parade:

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the lantern parade last Saturday. It was lovely to see so many of our families representing our school at this community event. Please look at the photos on the school website.



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 Reading Comprehension. 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.

Attendance and Punctuality:

Our attendance target for this academic year is 96.1. Our current figure is 94.4%. 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.

This week 34 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:

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| Friday 3 rd February | - | 9.05am Year 4 Assembly |
| Friday 10 th February | - | End of Term 3 |
| | - | 2.30pm Parent learning and sharing |
| | - | 3.15pm Cake Sale |