



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

All the staff here at Holy Cross would like wish you all a happy new year and a warm welcome back to the new school term.

This week in school:

The children returned to school on Wednesday with lots of exciting news about their Christmas holidays. We gathered together for an Assembly on Wednesday morning where we made positive resolutions to be good citizens.

This morning we gathered together to listen to and reflect on the Bible story of The Wise Men's visit to Bethlehem. We also looked at how the money we raised for CAFOD during our Christmas performances was spent to help those in need around the world.

The staff returned to school on Tuesday and spent the day working with their partner teacher from Christ the King Catholic School, further developing assessment of RE and planning exciting work for the children to do based on our next RE Topic: Revelation.

Staffing:

We have had some new additions to our team this week. We formally welcomed Mr Toogood as our new Year 1 teacher this week. I am sure you will all make him feel very welcome as he settles in to Holy Cross. We also welcome Ms Judith Isaacs, who is temporarily covering Year 2 in Mrs Killa's absence.

Magda Boguszezewska has joined our breakfast club and SMSA teams, as well as Shenay Simpson who has joined the staff as our new cleaner.

INSET:

The remaining INSET days will be Monday 24th April and Monday 5th June. School will be closed to pupils on these days for staff training.

Dean Lane Bristol Waterworks:

Work will begin on Monday to replace the water pipes outside school. There will still be access to school through the normal route but please take extra care when finding a place to park.

After School Clubs:

After school clubs will begin next week. There are still some spaces for some clubs. Please sign up through the app or with Miss Sims in the Office.



Homework:

This week's homework is Reading Comprehension. The spellings for the whole term will also be given out today, along with information about class events this term.

Play-therapy drop in sessions:

Play-therapy drop in sessions will begin next week. If you do **not** wish your child to take part in these sessions please see Miss Sims in the Office. If you would like any further information, please see Mrs. Edwards.

Childcare Vouchers:

We are happy to accept childcare vouchers as payment for breakfast club, school dinners and after school clubs. Please see Miss Sims in the school office for more information.

Assemblies:

Celebration Assembly will continue on Monday mornings this term, when the children will receive Learning Skills' Certificates and Citizen Awards. Class Assemblies will continue on Friday mornings and the rota is available on the website as well as the attached dates for your diary sheet.

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.

This week 32 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.

Thank you for your continued support and interest.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. J Kingston
Head teacher

Term 3 dates for your diaries:

Friday 13 th January	-	9.05am Chaplains Assembly
Wednesday 18 th January	-	PTFA meeting, Steam Crane 7.30pm
Friday 20 th January	-	9.05am Year 6 Assembly
	-	PTFA Coffee morning
Friday 27 th January	-	9.05am Year 5 Assembly
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