



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in school:

What a wonderful week of performances we have had in school this week. The children were incredible during all the performances and gave their all when singing, reading and acting.

The Infant Nativity performances were very well attended and it was a pleasure to see all the children confidently play their parts in front of such large audiences. We are very proud of them and very grateful to parents and staff for all the hard work preparing lines and costumes.

The Key Stage 2 Carol service was also very well attended and the evening was one of reflective consideration of how we can truly celebrate the real meaning of Christmas with our families and friends. Again, we are very grateful to all those who helped prepare this event in any way.

Father Christmas visited the Infants yesterday morning, which was a very exciting part of the day.

Christmas Dinner yesterday was a really special time for all the children as they were able to eat and play with older/younger siblings, and were served their food by the teachers!

The Annual Holy Cross Talent Show was also held yesterday afternoon and the range of talents on display from within our school was wonderful. The children sang, danced, recited poetry, played musical instruments and performed gymnastics. It was also lovely to see our youngest and oldest classes perform songs for us all to enjoy.

Goodbyes:

Today we say goodbye to Miss Rosolek, who is moving to St Pius in January. Staff and Governors wish her all the best for her future career and thank her for all her hard work whilst she has been at Holy Cross.

We also say goodbye to Deepan in Year 1, who is returning to India with his family. We have loved watching him blossom during his time with us and wish him every success in all he does in the future.

INSET:

School will be closed for children on Tuesday 3rd January as the staff are receiving training on RE: Assessment and Planning. School reopens for the children on Wednesday 3rd January. The remainder of this year's INSET days will be given out in the first newsletter of next term.



Year 2:

Mr Toogood who has been teaching Year 2 during Mrs Killa's absence will be teaching Year 1 from January. Mrs Killa is due back next term. As soon as we have any further information we will let you know.

After School Clubs:

After school clubs will begin in the 2nd week of next term. Please sign up through the app or with Miss Sims in the Office.

Homework:

We are not setting any formal homework over Christmas. Please continue to read to and with your child over the holiday. Homework will begin in the new school year.

Play-therapy drop in sessions:

Sam, our play-therapist, is now able to offer drop in sessions to any children who would like a quiet place to talk and play during the busy school day. It will be available once a week and open to pupils through self-referral. These sessions will begin in January. 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.

PTFA Events:

Thank you to all those members of the PTFA who helped organize the Christmas Disco last Friday. This very successful event raised £738. We are very grateful for all the support we receive from the PTFA, and for the valuable funds raised to improve opportunities for all children in our school.

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 make a home visit if we are unable to contact you.

Last week 30 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