



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in school:

On Monday the children enjoyed a visit from a travelling pantomime company who performed 'Ella Smella and the naughty sprouts' to the whole school. ("Oh yes they did!") It was a really enjoyable show, and we are very grateful to the PTFA for funding this experience.



On Tuesday the children spent time inside the 'Explorerdome' where they were involved in a range of Science learning and activities. Thank you Mrs Eke for organising this.

Throughout the week Year 4 have worked really hard to design, create and decorate lanterns for the Bedminster Lantern Parade. Their creations are fantastic and will be on display next term. Please see below for more information on the parade.

Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes performed their Nativity play for Key Stage 2 this morning. It was such a pleasure to see them performing so confidently and competently on the stage. If you are planning on seeing the performances next week you will be amazed at how lovely they are.

Staff changes:

Mrs Jo Baldwin has joined our LSA team. She will be working in Key Stage 2 and will be running various intervention programmes in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. I know you will join us in making her feel welcome.

Miss Rosolek leaves us next Friday to move to teach Year 2 at St Pius Catholic School, Withywood. We wish her all the best in her future career and look forward to seeing her at joint school events in the future. If you wish to make a contribution to her leaving collection please see Miss Sims in the school office by Tuesday 13th December.



Bedminster Lantern Parade:

Unfortunately, the organisers have had to postpone this event until January 21st as heavy rain has been forecast for the whole of tomorrow afternoon and evening.

Cafod Collections:

We will be collecting for CAFOD before and after our Christmas performances next week. Thank you in advance for any donation that you are able to make.

Christmas Dinner/Talent Show:

Next Thursday is our Talent Show. It will begin at 1:30pm after the Christmas Dinner in the school Hall. Doors open at 1:20pm and everyone is invited to wear a Christmas top or jumper all day on Thursday. Due to the large number of acts performing Christmas tops or jumpers will take the place of costumes.

Filming of school events:

Due to safeguarding concerns and recent inappropriate use of parental mobile phones in school, as well as numerous parental requests we are not allowing the filming of the school nativity performances next week. Miss Sims will record a performance and copies will be available free of charge from the school office from next Thursday. Please ensure all your visitors are aware of this. Please remember mobile phones are not to be used on school premises and must be switched off when you are in the school building. Thank you.

Admissions for next September:

If you have a younger child who is due to start school next September, please make sure you have completed the online form as well as our supplementary form by January 15th. Admissions have contacted us to say not all of our siblings have yet applied.

Relationship Issues:

If you or your child are unhappy about anything that has happened in class or in the playground, please contact the class teacher as soon as possible so we can help resolve any problems quickly. Please remember that our school policy does not advise parents to discuss issues with each other, as this often leads to greater upset. I am happy to discuss any issues you may have, either in a formal pre-arranged meeting or informally on the gate at drop off or collection times.

Play-therapy drop in sessions:

A reminder that 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. 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. These sessions will begin in the New Year.

Refresh Foodbank:

We are now able to authorise food bank vouchers to those families in need or crisis. The voucher can be taken to a local distribution centre and exchanged for 3 days' worth of food. Qualifying families are those who are experiencing benefit or wage delay and those families whose children are entitled to free schools meals, but are unable to receive them as it is the school holidays. Please contact our Pastoral Care Officer, Mrs. Douglas, for further information. All communication will be treated in confidence.

PTFA Events:

The Christmas Disco will take place on this evening in the School Hall from 6-7:30pm. All welcome.

Parent learning sharing sessions:

Thank you for all of the parents that came to look at their children's books today.

After school clubs:

There are no after school clubs next week as there are so many other activities happening after school, which the Hall is needed for. Signing up for next term's after school clubs will begin next week. You can now sign up using the App or see Miss Sims in the school office.

Attendance and Punctuality:

Our attendance target for this academic year is 96.1. Our current figure is 94.9%. Thank you to those who attend regularly. Extra playtime will be awarded to those children with 100% attendance next week.

This week 31 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.

Homework:

This week's homework is a Writing task. Please see your child's class teacher if there are any homework issues.

Thank you for your continued support and interest.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. J Kingston
Head teacher

Monday 12 th December	-	1pm EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 13 th December	-	6pm KS2 Carol Service
Wednesday 14 th December	-	6pm EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Thursday 15 th December	-	12pm Christmas Dinner
	-	Talent show 1.30pm
Friday 16 th December	-	Last Day of term 2
Tuesday 3 rd January	-	Inset Day
Wednesday 4 th January	-	Start of Term 3