



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in school:

We celebrated the beginning of Advent with a service on Wednesday in our school hall. We lit the first candle on our Advent wreath which represents hope and thought about ways we can prepare our hearts as well as our homes for Christmas.

Year 3 visited the city museum on Monday and enjoyed a workshop based on the Stone Age and Iron Age. Mrs Edwards was very proud of the way they engaged in the session and how well they behaved.

Children from Year 1 and Year 2 attended an athletics event at Bedminster Down Secondary School on Monday where they sampled different sporting events. Miss Rosolek was very pleased with the way the children joined in.

On Tuesday the community partnership team from Asda came to school and ran 'Healthy Eating' workshops where the children tasted a range of fruits and vegetables that they may not have had the opportunity to do before.

On Wednesday we had a monitoring visit by the LA EYFS department who were very impressed by the leadership of Miss Stroud and the progress the children are making as a result of the good opportunities our early year's team are providing.

Yesterday we had the follow up visit from the Pupil premium reviewer who came to track progress from last January of our provision for children who receive pupil premium funding. Again, the school was praised for improvements made in this area.

At our staff meeting on Wednesday we looked at how we can track the progress of those most able learners on our assessment programme to ensure they have the opportunity to show they have a greater depth of understanding in subjects.

Mrs James spent today working with four other Year 6 teachers to compare the writing standards in our school with others.

Year 1 Parents meet the Teacher Session:

Mr Toogood will be hosting a meet the teacher session on Tuesday 6th December straight after school for year 1 parents.



Staff changes:

Unfortunately Mrs Killa is unwell and unable to return to school until the New Year. Mr Toogood will be teaching the Year 2 class until the end of this term to ensure consistency for the children.

Sadly, Mrs Alexander is also unwell and unable to return until next term. Mrs Corfield will be covering the PPA sessions she normally teaches for the last 2 weeks of term.

I ask that you keep both Mrs Killa and Mrs Alexander, and their families, in your prayers and thoughts this week.

Mayor's Christmas Card Competition:

Marvin Rees, Mayor of Bristol, is inviting children from Bristol primary schools to help design his Christmas e-card for December 2016.

The theme for the ecard competition is 'the winter holidays' and children are invited to produce a picture of something they enjoy doing over the festive period. Each school can submit two entries – one for Key Stage 1 and one for Key Stage 2.

Each entry should be accompanied by the first name of the child, his/her age and the name of the school and needs to be submitted to the School Office by Tuesday 6th December 2016.

The Mayor will visit the winner's school on the morning of **16th December**, to present him or her with a certificate and a personally-signed printed card.

Bedminster Lantern Parade:

The parade will take place on Saturday 10th December at 4pm. This year our Year 4 class will be designing, making and leading the parade. To help support and raise money, Bedminster Winter Lantern Parade have create a programme that show what events are happening where. They include: start and end points, estimated timings, viewing points, photo opportunities and where to locate refreshments.

The programmes cost 50p. If you would like one, please let Miss Ormsby know and she will happily provide you with one.

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.

PTFA Events:

The book sale took place this week. Thank you to all the volunteers who ran it and to all those who supported our school by buying books.

The PTFA have very kindly funded for a visiting pantomime company to perform "Ella Smella and the Naughty Sprouts" on Monday afternoon for the whole school. We are very grateful to them for this opportunity.

The Christmas Disco will take place on Friday 9th December in the School Hall from 6-7:30pm. All welcome. Please don't forget to donate a small token for the tombola stall this week.

Parent learning sharing sessions:

Please join us on Friday 9th December at 2.30pm so your child can show you all the wonderful things they have been learning this term.

After school clubs:

There are no after school clubs on the last week of term 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.

Attendance and Punctuality:

Our attendance target for this academic year is 96.1. Our current figure is 94.0%. Thank you to those who attend regularly. Extra playtime will be awarded to those children with 100% attendance next week.

This week 22 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

Key Dates:

Tuesday 6 th December	-	3.15pm Year 1 meet the teacher session
Friday 9 th December	-	2.30pm Parent learning and sharing session
	-	6-7.30pm School Disco
Saturday 10 th December	-	Bedminster Winter Lantern Parade
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, time tbc
Friday 16 th December	-	Last Day of term 2
Tuesday 3 rd January	-	Inset Day
Wednesday 4 th January	-	Start of Term 3