



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in school:

Parents' Evenings were very well attended and the teachers really enjoyed sharing children's good work with you all. Thank you to all those parents who attended. If you were unable to attend this week your child's teacher will be contacting you to make another appointment in the next 2 weeks. Year 2 Parents' Evenings have been postponed to next Tuesday and Wednesday at the same times.

Senior leaders held pupil progress meetings with all class teachers to monitor progress and address any new issues.

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. 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.

Advent Service:

Please join us for our Advent Service on Wednesday 30th November at 11am in the School Hall.



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. 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.

Maths Gem Challenge:

Alongside the stars that are awarded to children for achieving in the maths gem challenge we are now awarding termly smiley faces for progress. We would like to share the fantastic news that during term 1 ALL children from year 1 to year 6 showed progress in their arithmetic skills.

The challenge requires that children answer 35 age-appropriate questions (adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing) in 3 minutes in order to achieve their amber award. Children need to be show that they can do this 3 times without any mistakes in order to move on to the next level of challenge. Please support your child at home by regularly practising similar questions. Ask your child's teacher if you would like an example of the types of questions that your child is expected to answer.

Becoming quick at answering these calculations will ensure that your child is a confident and able mathematician who has the building blocks that they need to successfully move onto more difficult mathematics in school. A little practise each day will go a long way. Thank you for your support.

PTFA Events:

The cake sale took place today after school. Thank you to all those parents who donated cakes.

The book sale takes place next week. The fair will take place every day after school in the Dining Hall.

The Christmas Disco will take place on Friday 9th December in the School Hall from 6-7:30pm. All welcome.

Attendance and Punctuality:

Our attendance target for this academic year is 96.1. Our current figure is 91.8%. Thank you to those who attend regularly.

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.

Dates for your diary:

Here are a few headline dates for the rest of this term. All dates are available on our website.:

Monday 28 th November	-	Start of book fair
	-	9.05 Celebration Assembly
Wednesday 30 th November	-	11am Advent Service
Friday 2 nd December	-	9am Celebration Assembly
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

Thank you for your continued support and interest.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. J Kingston
Head teacher