



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in school:

Year 1 presented their Assembly on 'Children in Need'. Their confidence on the stage was very impressive. All children were invited to make a donation to dress up in the theme of 'Go spotty for Children in Need' and also donate a toy for a second hand toy sale during lunchtime. Thank you to all those who donated money or toys to this worthy cause, and to Miss Rosolek and the house captains for organising the toy sale today. We raised an impressive £175.38.

Pudsey Bear visited us on Wednesday for a whole school Assembly and he was joined by a community events organizer from Asda who will be working with our school throughout this year. We held an Assessment week to track the pupil's progress from the end of Term 6 last year until now, and you will be able to discuss this further with your child's teacher at parent's evening next week.



On Thursday Year 6 visited Bristol Museum. They enjoyed looking around the museum and visiting the wonderful exhibitions they have to offer. Our afternoon finished with a Stone Age workshop, where they were able to explore tools used by people during this time. They had to formulate questions to discover more about them and how they developed towards the Bronze Age.

On our return to school we stopped at the Shrouds of Somme memorial display at College Green, to their surprise they got to meet the artist Rob Heard. He invited the children to pose questions to him and then showed them the list of the 19,240 names of the men who died during the first day. The children were fascinated to find their family names. Rob said that our children were incredible and put forward some very mature questions, I was proud of them all and they were a credit to you and our school.

The focus of our staff meeting this week was Maths. Staff shared good practice of problem solving teaching and learning and how intervention programmes are ensuring all children are making the best progress possible.



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.

School Council

We are pleased to announce our brand new school council has been elected for 2016. Thank you to everyone who wrote a letter, gave a presentation and voted. The new school council was announced this week and had their first meeting on Friday with Mrs James, they are already busy planning for the year.

Congratulations to Freya and Maliha (Year 6), Chloe and Declan (Year 5) Jayden and Minnie (Year 4), Evie and Ruby (Year 3) Daniel and Kamilly (Year 2). We are sure that all of the members are going to be great ambassadors for their classes.

Parents' Evenings:

These will take place on Tuesday 22nd November from 5pm to 7pm and Wednesday 23rd November from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Times were given out today.

St Bernadette Secondary School Advent Service

On Wednesday 14th December at 7pm, St Bernadette Catholic Secondary School are hosting an annual Advent and Carol Service. They are inviting our school community to their service, not only to join in with the Carols and reflect on the Christmas message but to enjoy refreshments such as mince pies and mulled wine afterwards too.

PTFA Events:

PTFA Cake Sales are the biggest fundraiser we have and all money we raise goes back to the children. Last cake sale we barely had any donations. We would really appreciate your support on Friday - both shop bought and homemade cake donations are welcome. Please bring in Friday morning to the class teacher. All cakes are .25 each, no limit.

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 95.3%. Thank you to those who attend regularly. Last week 19 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