



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2.

This week in school:

We celebrated Mass on Tuesday in the School Hall for All Saint's Day with Fr Andrew and prayed for family or friends who have died, as we will throughout November.

We held our first safety week with the children using Halloween festivities, darker evenings and upcoming Bonfire Night activities, amongst other things, as a stimulus. On Monday we had a visiting speaker from the Dog's Trust who led a whole school Assembly on dog safety and then held follow up workshops with different classes. All the classes have also studied another aspect of Safety, such as fire, rail or road, which they presented to the whole school this morning in a special Assembly.

The focus of our staff meeting this week was subject leadership. Staff worked with colleagues from Christ the King and St Bernadette's Primary Schools developing plans for working together to monitor progress in each subject across the three schools.

New Celebration Awards:

On Monday we will be awarding new certificates during our Celebration Assembly. These will be based on Learning Skills, such as independence, team work, participation, being creative, critical thinking and being reflective learners.

The children will gain awards for displaying any of the above skills throughout the week. Citizen awards will continue as usual.

Individual Photographs:

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday to take individual and family photos. There will be an opportunity for pre-school siblings to be photographed from 8:30am. If you would like a sibling photo please see Miss Sims in the Office.

Children in need:

Next Friday Year 1 will present their Assembly on Children in need. All children are invited to dress up in the theme of 'Go spotty for children in need.' There will also be a second hand toy sale during lunchtime. Please send in any old toys by Thursday.



Reading Information Evening:

There will be a reading information evening after school on Tuesday for parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Please come along to find out how you can further support your child in their Reading.

Parent's Evenings:

These will take place on Tuesday 22nd November from 5pm to 7pm and Wednesday 23rd November from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Sign-up sheets will be given out on Monday.

Attendance and Punctuality:

Our attendance target for this academic year is 96.1. Our current year figure is 95.9%. This week our figure is 95.5%. Thank you to those who attend regularly.

This week 24 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.

PTFA News:

The PTFA are holding a quiz night for parents and carers on Friday 11th November from 8-10pm. This is an adult only event and is an opportunity for you to meet other parents and have some fun. Come as part of a team or join one when you arrive. Doors open at 7:45pm. Free admission and cash bar available.

I hope you have a fun-filled, safe Bonfire Night weekend.

Thank you for your continued support and interest.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Kingston', with a stylized, wavy line at the end.

Mrs. J Kingston
Head teacher