



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in school:

Year 2 presented an Assembly based on looking after God's creation beautifully this morning. They acted out the Bible story of 'Jonah and the Whale' clearly and we were very impressed with their confidence in front of an audience. Thank you to the children and staff in Year 2. Pictures are available for you to view on the Year 2 class page on our new website.

The focus of our staff meeting this week was RE. Staff worked on progression in collective worship, setting objectives and levelling children's work. Staff also worked with a curriculum consultant from the Local Authority to plan next term's topics and learning objectives. The new topic webs will be available in Week 1 of next term.

PTFA/Parent Council News:

Last week's PTFA cake sale raised over £100. Thank you to all those who supported this event by baking, buying or selling cakes.

I would like to say a big thank you to all those parents who came to the PTFA parent work day on Sunday in the Key Stage 2 playground. They did a fantastic job rebuilding the planters and fixing, power washing the pagoda ready for painting and brightening up the walls with painted targets. We are very grateful for all their hard work improving the physical environment for the children.

I hope to see lots of the children this evening at Movie Night enjoying 'Stars Wars'. Doors open at 5:40pm and tickets are £4 per child (£2 per sibling), which includes a hot dog, popcorn and a drink.

We are very grateful for all the work the PTFA do to raise funds for our school and for the fun events they organise for our children. Thank you if you have helped in any way this year.

Collection arrangements:

Please be aware that we will not allow the children to leave school unless they have been collected from the teacher by an appropriate adult. Older siblings are no longer allowed to collect younger children and any changes in your child's collection arrangements must be confirmed before we release them. This is for child's safety. Only children in Year 5 and 6 will be allowed to walk home unsupervised and only after permission has been given in writing. If you wish to discuss your individual situation, please do not hesitate to contact

me. Year 6 will now stand by the bike racks to the left of the exit. Year 5 will now stand by the boat in the playground. Year 4 will stand outside the Year 2 classroom and Year 3 will stand to the right of the Year 1 classroom door by the benches. Please wait in these new places for your children.

Data checks:

Thank you to all those parents who have returned the data collection sheets. Please read the response below from the DFE about the newly collected fields asked for in the October census.

“Collecting this data will help ensure all children receive the best possible education by providing a better evidence base for future policy making. The information collected will provide the Department with valuable statistical information on the characteristics of these groups of children and along with their attainment and destinations, will allow the Department to measure whether the individual pupils, or the schools they attend, face additional educational challenges.”

Parent Sharing Learning Session

Please join us next Friday afternoon at 2:30pm to share your child's learning since the beginning of this term.

Assembly:

Please note there is no Celebration Assembly on Monday morning as Reverend Nick is leading his regular monthly Assembly with our children. Please join us on Friday morning instead for Celebration Assembly

Attendance and Punctuality:

Our attendance target for this academic year is 96.1 Our current figure is 95.2% Thank you to those who attend regularly.

Last week 10 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

