



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **This week in school:**

Year 4 presented our Harvest Assembly beautifully this morning. Thank you for your food donations which we have sent to a shelter for the homeless. It was a lovely start to our day and an important reminder that we have a responsibility to care for those less fortunate than ourselves.

The newly appointed Chaplaincy team were invested in a ceremony at the Cathedral by the Bishop yesterday. It was a very special occasion for the children, who also had the chance to ask the Bishop any questions they had.

The focus of our staff meeting this week was Guided Reading strategies. It was led by an LA consultant and the staff worked on devising and developing a range of activities to deepen the children's understanding of text and improve standards in each cohort.

### **PTFA/Parent Council News:**

The joint Year 5 and Parent Council Coffee morning last Friday raised £125 for the Macmillan Charity. The PTFA held their first cake sale of this year today after school with the help of Year 6 pupils.

The PTFA are also holding a parent work day on Sunday in the Key Stage 2 playground. If you are able to spare some time to help improve the environment for our pupils, please meet outside the front door at 11:15 on Sunday morning.

Next Friday evening will be Movie Night for all children in our school who wish to come. The children were given the opportunity to vote for the film they wanted to watch and the winning choice was 'Star Wars: A New Hope' (the original!). Doors open at 5.45pm and tickets are £4 per child (£2 per sibling).

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.



### **Accidents:**

If your child has a bump to the head during the school day we will call to let you know and ask whether you would like to check them yourself. They will, of course, be checked by a qualified first aider immediately after any accident.

### **Data checks:**

Thank you to all those parents who have returned the data collection sheets – we appreciate how long they can take, especially if you have more than one child! As part of the data collection process this year we are checking children's passports and birth certificates. This is something that needs to be done to fulfil safeguarding requirements regarding child trafficking and exploitation. **All** children in the school have been asked for this information as this is something that should have been done when your child first started.

### **Attendance and Punctuality:**

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

This week 17 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,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'J. Kingston', with a wavy line underneath.

Mrs. J Kingston  
Head teacher