



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Headteacher: Mrs J Kingston

16<sup>th</sup> September 2016 Dear

Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who organised and attended the BBQ last Friday to celebrate 50 years of Holy Cross at Dean Lane. It was a really enjoyable event and we are very grateful to the PTFA for giving up their time to make it such a success.

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

Following the HMI monitoring visit in July a report, showing the progress made since our last inspection, has been published on the OFSTED website. We are very pleased that it reflects all the positive changes that have been implemented since last November. We would like to thank you for all your support during the last academic year to help us make Holy Cross the best it can be.

Our new Reception children have continued to settle in beautifully and we were particularly impressed with how well they enjoyed eating lunch with the other Infant classes this week.

Senior leaders observed the children learning in their new classes as well as looking at all the wonderful work recorded in their books during the first ten days of the school year. It is impressive to see how well the children have settled into their new classes and how much quality work has been completed in a short space of time.

### **PTFA News:**

**Holy Cross PTFA Annual General Meeting** - Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 7:30PM. Please join us for our PTFA AGM to plan the year's activities. Everyone is welcome & new faces are always appreciated! Refreshments provided.

If you cannot attend and want to be on the email list, please email [ptfaholyc@gmail.com](mailto:ptfaholyc@gmail.com).

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.

### **Stay and Count sessions:**

Please join your child in their new class room to share a Mathematics challenge at 8:40am next Thursday.



### **Parental Queries:**

Please speak to your child's class teacher if there has been an issue between your child and another. It is not appropriate to speak directly to another parent as this can cause upset.

### **School in the Woods:**

There are still spaces available for school in the woods after school club on Tuesdays from 3.15pm-4.30pm. If you would like to sign up, there are registration forms outside the school office.

### **Attendance and Punctuality:**

Our attendance target for this academic year is 96.1%. Our current figure is 94.4%. This week's figure is 94.5%.

HMI noted that too many of our children are late to school, missing valuable learning time. This is an area that we would like to improve before they return at the end of Term 2. Last week 16 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 breakfast club is free.

### **Tag rugby tournament:**

Girls from Y5 and Y6 attended a Tag rugby tournament this morning, led by Miss Rosolek, as part of our involvement in the Ashton Park Sports Partnership. We are very proud of the effort and positive sporting attitudes they displayed.



Thank you for your continued support and interest.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be 'J. Kingston', written in a cursive style.

Mrs. J Kingston  
Head teacher

## **Key Dates for Term 1:**

**Reminder:** Celebration Assembly will be on Monday mornings at 9.10am unless otherwise stated.

- 23<sup>rd</sup> September - Year 6 Class Assembly 9.10am
- 30<sup>th</sup> September - Year 5 Class Assembly 9.10am and Macmillan coffee morning to follow
- 7<sup>th</sup> October - Year 4 Class Assembly
- 14<sup>th</sup> October - Year 2 Class Assembly
- 21<sup>st</sup> October - Celebration Assembly 9.10am
- Parent sharing and learning 2.30pm
- End of Term 1

## **Additional Key Dates:**

- 31<sup>st</sup> October - Start of Term 2
- 22<sup>nd</sup> November - Parents Evening
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