



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new academic year! I hope you all had a wonderful refreshing summer holiday with your families. This is a very exciting year for us as it is 50 years since children first attended school Holy Cross in our current building. We started our celebrations of this very special occasion today with Mass and Assembly, and will continue these celebration after school with a 'Family BBQ and Bounce' organised by the PTFA. Please join us in the KS2 playground from 5pm to share this special time together. Throughout the year we will hold further 50th celebrations, which we give more details about nearer the time.

New Pupils:

I am sure you will join me in extending a very warm welcome to all our new families who have joined our community this week. The new children in our Reception class have made a fantastic start to their time with us and we look forward to lots of successes for them here at Holy Cross.

New Staff:

We are delighted to welcome our new EYFS team this week. Miss Emma Stroud is our new Reception class teacher and she is ably supported by 2 new LSAs: Miss Jade Hinton and Mrs Joanna Krzysiek.

Staff training:

On the 1st and 2nd September the staff attended training to help further improve our school, Some staff members were involved in developing learning skills, led by a local authority consultant, to help our children become independent citizens of the future whilst others attended paediatric first aid training.

Uniform:

The children have returned to school looking very smart in their new uniforms. Thank you for supporting us in this. To ensure fairness for all our pupils, I ask that you ensure your child/children wear black/navy school shoes (**not trainers**) every day; remove false nails, nail varnish, temporary tattoos and hair braids.



PTFA News:

Holy Cross PTFA Annual General Meeting - Thursday, 22nd 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.

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.

Meet the teacher sessions:

These important information sharing sessions will be held straight after school, next week in your child's new class room.

Year 1 – Tuesday

Year 4 - Thursday

Year 2 – TBA

Year 5 - Tuesday

Year 3 – Thursday

Year 6 - Tuesday

PE Kits:

All children (except our new Reception class) are expected to have full PE kit, including daps or trainers every day. If you are unable to provide a PE kit, please let us know and we can help. Year 6 will begin their swimming lessons next week and will need an appropriate swimming kit (no bikinis or baggy shorts) in school every Thursday.

Assemblies:

Please remember that Celebration Assembly will now take place every Monday morning at 9:05am. Classes will present topic based Assemblies on Friday mornings at 9:05am (running order attached). You are very welcome to join us at these special events. Thank you.

Stay and Read/Count sessions:

These will resume next week. Please join your child in their new class room to share a book or a Mathematics challenge from 8:40am every Thursday.

Thank you for your continued support and interest.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. J Kingston
Head teacher

Key Dates for Term 1:

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

13 th September	-	Year 1, 5, and 6 meet the teacher sessions
15 th September	-	Year 3 and 4 meet the teacher sessions
23 rd September	-	Year 6 Class Assembly 9.10am
30 th September	-	Year 5 Class Assembly 9.10am and Macmillan coffee morning to follow
7 th October	-	Year 4 Class Assembly
14 th October	-	Year 2 Class Assembly
21 st October	-	Celebration Assembly 9.10am
	-	Parent sharing and learning 2.30pm
	-	End of Term 1

Additional Key Dates:

31 st October	-	Start of Term 2
22 nd November	-	Parents Evening
23 rd November	-	Parents Evening