



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in School: The children spent time in each class discussing how to build positive relationships and show respect for themselves and others. We were very impressed with how sensitively and maturely they conducted themselves. Some classes in Key Stage 2 looked in more detail at issues surrounding people having differences of opinions, following discussions around democratic processes. Obviously as a school we are very careful not to show any political bias, but this was a fantastic opportunity to ensure all children were fully informed and that our ethos of 'treating others as you would like to be treated' was reinforced. Year 1 went to @ Bristol on Tuesday where they visited the Planetarium and sampled a range of food types. They all had a wonderful time, with one pupil telling me it was "the best day of my life"! Also on Tuesday, Year 6 experienced a World War 2 day, cooking and sampling items of food that would have been eaten at the time, such as fake fishcakes, biscuits and spam. In the afternoon visiting dancers taught them some genuine wartime routines and the children rose to the challenge beautifully. We are very proud of Year 6's behaviour for learning during their final term with us and feel they are fully ready for the next stage in their education, although we will really miss them when they move on.

Cultural Celebration: In the final week of this term our House Captains and Sports Captains are leading special events to celebrate the wonderful cultural diversity within our school. We are very fortunate in our school that we have such a diverse community. All of the planned activities will be focussed on teaching the children to develop respect and tolerance for others. As a school, we feel this is essential to ensure our pupils become well-informed citizens of the future, and that this is an enjoyable way to educate and inform our pupils, whilst having fun. The children will present their work in a special Assembly for parents on Wednesday 20th July at 2pm, which will be followed by an 'Around the World Picnic' in the KS2 playground. Everyone is welcome and asked to bring a plate of food to share.

50 years of Holy Cross School: On September 11th 2016 Holy Cross Primary School will be 50 years old. We will celebrate this special occasion on Friday 9th September with Mass, a concert and a PTFA organised family 'barbecue and bounce' after school. If you know of any former pupils or staff who could contribute to our memory book or would like to attend, please ask them to contact the school before the school Summer holiday. We are running a competition to design our new school banner to celebrate this special occasion. More details to follow.

Attendance and punctuality:

Our attendance target for this year is 96.1%. Our figure for this week was 96.1%. Overall this year, our attendance figure is 95.3%.

This week, 22 children were late to school.

Well done and thank you to all those children who attend regularly and on time.



Spanish Clubs for Next Year:

SPANISH CLUB FOR SPANISH SPEAKERS: Spanish lessons for bilingual Spanish children (year 2 to year 6) are going to continue to be offered at Holy Cross every **Monday from 3.15 to 4.30** starting on **Monday 12th September 2016**.

The aim of the lessons is to broaden the children's vocabulary, promote and improve their reading and writing skills in Spanish as well as getting to know different aspects of the Spanish speaking world through storytelling, games, songs, art and craft.

For more details on the course and registration for September you can pick up information letter and registration form at the school office from Wednesday 13th July.

Deadline to register is Wednesday 20th July 2016

Cost per session: £6.00

Max number: 10

SPANISH CLUB FOR BEGINNERS: Spanish lessons for KS2 children are going to start next September at Holy Cross every Monday **at lunch time starting on the 12th September**. The lessons will last for 30 min. They will take place after the children have had their lunch and 10 min play.

The aim of the lessons is to teach children Spanish basic vocabulary and phrases that will allow them to talk and write about themselves and the world around them. The lessons will develop their listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in Spanish as well as getting to know different aspects of the Spanish speaking world through storytelling, games, songs, art and craft.

For more details on the course and registration for September you can pick up information letter and registration form at the school office from Wednesday 13th July.

Deadline to register is Wednesday 20th July.

Cost per session: £4.00

Max number: 10

Staffing update:

Please find below a list of who will be supporting each year group from next September:

Reception – Miss Jade Hinton and Mrs Asia Krysiak

Year 1 – Mrs Kelsey Davies and Mrs Marie Tamlin

Year 2 – Mrs Becky Coomb

Year 3 – Mrs Sam Matthews

Year 4 – Miss Nic Dallimore

Year 5 – Mrs Karen Douglas

Year 6 – Mrs Kath Corfield and Mrs Catriona Alexander

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Asia Krysiak as an SEN specialist LSA from September.

Mrs Krysiak will be based in our Reception class and I am sure you will join me in welcoming her warmly.

Thank you for your continued support and interest.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. J Kingston
Acting Head teacher

Reminder of dates for this term:

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| 8th | -End of year reports out
-Moving up day 1.30p,-2.30pm (New Reception pupils will be invited in)
-Cake and Secondhand Uniform Sale |
| 12th | -KS2 Sports Day |
| 13th | -Reserve KS2 Sports Day |
| 14th | -KS1 Sports Day |
| 15th | -Reserve KS1 Sports Day
- Sharing and Learning for parents 2.30-3.15pm
-No Celebration Assembly |
| 18th | -Celebration Assembly 9.15am
-Open Evening about Reports 3.30-4.30pm |
| 19th | -Year 6 performance 2pm |
| 21st | -End of year whole school mass 11-12am |
| 22nd | -Leavers assembly 2pm
-Last day of term 6 |