



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have entered the final month of our school year and can't quite believe how quickly the past year has gone. We are very proud of how hard the children have worked throughout this year and grateful for all the support of parents. The Summer fair last Saturday was the most successful of recent years and was a clear example of how our community works well together for the good of all our children. Thank you to everyone who organised and/or helped on the day. Over £700 was raised which will go towards improving resources for your children.

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

We had our final Assessment week of the year so as to have clear evidence of the children's progress throughout the year and to have a baseline from which to begin assessing in September. Some of our Year sixes went to St Bernadette's for a transition day, where they had a taster of secondary education. On Wednesday, Year 6 took part in a retreat day with our partner schools in the Aquinas group in the morning and visited the 'Lifeskills' centre in the afternoon. Here they experienced practical real life problems that they had to work out how to solve, ranging from discovering a gas leak and a house fire to being short-changed in a supermarket. We also had our school photos taken so the children can remember who was in their current class. Year 5 visited the Art Gallery and participated in an Ancient Greek workshop which extended the fantastic learning of this topic they have been doing in class. Our dance club performed at Ashton Park secondary school with other schools in the local sports partnership on Wednesday evening. Miss Rosolek and Miss Sims were so proud of them all, for their dancing and for their behaviour.

### **Staffing update:**

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed Jade Hinton in the role of LSA from September. Jade comes to us with lots of experience of working with young children in schools, nurseries and on the Disney cruise ship. We are very excited about all the skills she has to offer Holy Cross. Miss Fox, our current EYP, has decided to take a year travelling around the world, and will begin her journey by volunteering in orphanages in South Africa. We will miss her very much and wish her the very best in this new chapter in her life. We are grateful for all her hard work and effort when working with our children during the past 5 years.



### **Reception Class Outside Area:**

Please do not let your children play on the equipment meant for our EYFS children before or after school. The Reception team spend a lot of time setting up activities for the children to use and it is frustrating if they have to do this twice. We have had to throw away a bike this week.

### **Attendance and punctuality:**

Our attendance target for this year is 96.1%. Our figure for this week was 95.7%. Overall this year, our attendance figure is 95.6%.

This week, 24 children were late to school.

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

### **Parent Learning Sharing Sessions:**

We will hold another parent learning session so you can see the work your child has done this term on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Please come along and share their learning with your child.

### **Sports Day:**

Please join us for our Sports Days on our field in the Key Stage 2 playground. EYFS and Key Stage 1 will be on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July from 1pm-3pm and Key Stage 2 will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July from 1pm-3pm. The reserve dates are Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July for Key Stage 1 and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> for Key Stage 2.

### **PTFA Survey**

The PTFA would like to ask for your feedback in a short online survey about events and fundraising. All answers are anonymous and will help us plan for next year. Please visit this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9MQ7WCJ>

### **Secondhand uniform/Cake Sale**

The PTFA is holding a secondhand uniform sale on 8th July along with a Cake Sale after school in the KS1 playground. Please bring all outgrown uniforms, PE kits and book bags to your teacher or the office before 6th July.

Thank you.

Thank you for your continued support and interest.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. J Kingston  
Acting Head teacher