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Dear Parents and Carers

NEWSLETTER



*"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich
in graces of all prayers." - Pope Saint Pius X*

Harvest

Thank you to our families for sending in your generous Harvest gifts for the Food bank at *Under One Roof*. Our Diocesan theme this first term is **Encounter**. Bishop Patrick encourages schools across the Diocese to support the vulnerable and the homeless. Thank you to Mrs Oates and Class 5 for leading our Harvest assembly today. I also extend my thanks to some of our school governors who have kindly offered to take the gifts to *Under One Roof*. We are very blessed at Holy Cross to have such a caring and supportive school community who always come together to support those in need.

Staffing Update

A letter has been shared with Year 6 parents this morning to update them on the teaching arrangements for after half term, and with all parents in relation to staffing updates for Mrs Tipton's SENDCo cover/leadership duties cover starting in November.

Mrs Williams

Please could I ask that you continue to keep one of our teaching assistants, Mrs Williams, in your thoughts and prayers at this time. Mrs Williams continues to be on long term sickness absence from school.

Jewellery

Just a reminder to everyone that no jewellery is to be worn for PE lessons. If your child is unable to independently take their earrings out, please can parents take their child's earrings out the morning of PE. If there are any individual concerns, please speak to Mr Priestley. If you are planning on having your child's ears pierced, could you aim for this to be done at the start of the summer holidays if possible. Please ensure your child does not come to school wearing any other jewellery including bracelets, necklaces, etc. We would prefer small studs for school and will accept small hooped earrings.

Nail Polish/Tattoos

We still have some children coming to school with tattoos and nail polish. We understand that children attend parties during the weekends, but please could parents ensure any tattoos and nail polish have been removed for Monday. Thank you.

Hair Accessories

Please ensure that any hair accessories your child is wearing are school colours – blue, black or white.

School Shoes/Trainers

Please ensure your child is wearing black school shoes and trainers for PE days. We expect children to wear either black, navy or white trainers. Please do not send children to school in expensive branded or brightly coloured trainers. We have a few children who have been coming in to school wearing trainers. If you are waiting for new school shoes to arrive, please inform the office or your child's class teacher, as your child will be asked why they are wearing trainers if it is not a PE day.

School Uniform

After half term, we ask that children come to school wearing their winter uniform, as this is when the weather turns cooler.

Catholic Life

Father Richard will be in school most Fridays after half term, as we will be introducing the children to Class Mass. Each class will be on a rota for celebrating Mass in their classroom and parents will be informed of when their child's Mass will be, as parents and parishioners are welcome to attend.

School Photographer

There is a final deadline date for ordering your child's school photos. The office staff are waiting to hear back from the photographer of when this is. We will share a message on Class Dojo when we have this information.

Diary Dates

The school office will add any new diary dates for the year on the electronic school calendar on the school website. Class teachers continue to share key dates with parents on class newsletters and Class Dojo.

Parents Friends Group Meeting

We would like to have our first Parents and Friends meeting soon. If you would like to be part of a group of wonderfully friendly and supportive parents, who will contribute towards organising events, please let Miss Bales know via the office. We would love our parents to come forward and help organise some fun events for the children. The first event we would like our parents to help organise will be the school fair, which we are aiming to have on Friday 16th December. A date for the meeting will be shared when we return after half term.

Used Uniform

I am very grateful to our school governors who have collected in used uniform that can be distributed to other families. Please let the school office know if you are in need of any school uniform and would like to access the used uniform.

Termly Learning Meetings (Parents' evenings)

Our termly learning meetings have taken place this week. Thank you to parents for attending the meetings. It is really important that parents are kept up to date with their children's academic progress at school and we value the learning partnership between school and home. Information about your child's attendance, behaviour, homework, achievements and next steps are always shared with parents during these meetings.

Children's Reading Books

We are always happy to accept used, good quality children's reading books to update our class libraries with, as our well-used books can become rather tatty fairly quickly. If you are ever sorting out reading books at home that your child may no longer read, please consider a book donation to the school, which would be gratefully received. Thank you.

Whole School Pantomime

The office staff have booked a Pantomime for the children for December. Details have been shared about the date and cost on Class Dojo.

Key Stage Two Christmas Disco

The next Key Stage Two disco for our junior aged children is booked for Tuesday 20th December at 6:30pm.

Macmillan Coffee afternoon

Many thanks to parents who recently supported our Macmillan coffee afternoon with either cakes donations to sending in money. We managed to raise £500 for this wonderful charity. Thank you for your generosity.

Home achievements

We love to celebrate our children's gifts and talents at Holy Cross, in school, as well as their out of school achievements. Your child is always very welcome to bring in any home achievements to school to share with everyone during our Friday Achievement Assembly.

New Parents Open Day

We currently have two spaces available in our Year 2 class and one space available in our Year 1 class. All of our other classes are currently full. If you have any family members or friends who would be interested in joining our Holy Cross school family for either the Nursery or Reception places for September 2023, please share this information with them.



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Holy Cross Primary Open Day

Come and see our vibrant school community

Wednesday 09 November 2022

School tours available at either:

1.30pm–2.30pm

6pm–7pm

No booking required



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I hope you all enjoy the family time during the half term break.

God bless.

Mrs McNamara