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Dear Parents and Carers,

Newsletter

We are pleased to welcome our children and families back in to school after their half term break!



Poppy Appeal

We have items available to purchase from the school office including poppies, slap bands, pencil sharpeners and a reflector poppy for coats. If you or your child would like to purchase an item, please send in a donation. Items will be available to purchase all this week until **Friday 10th November**.

Catholic Life

Prayer intentions for the deceased during November

Please email in your prayer intentions for those in your family who have died to office@holycross.notts.sch.uk or collect a prayer card from the main Reception area and we will include your prayer intentions in our prayer basket, which will be in the entrance reception area throughout November. Please include the following information:

Please pray for _____ (deceased person's name)

Relation/Friend to _____ (parent/your child's name)

Charity work – supporting Homelessness at Christmas

For our charity work this half term, we are passionate about continuing to focus on Homelessness. Bishop Patrick challenges schools to consider how we Encounter Jesus by helping those less fortunate than ourselves, especially the homeless. This half term, as part of our Catholic Social teaching, we will be encouraging our children to think more deeply about those less fortunate than themselves, including the poor and vulnerable. As the cost of living crisis continues to rise and more people are finding themselves at risk of homelessness, we think continuing to support Emmanuel House will be extremely beneficial.

Emmanuel House have updated their website and further information about their work can be found here: <https://www.emmanuelhouse.org.uk/>



Emmanuel House
Sharing the journey

We will share further information in the next couple of weeks about how we can help this charity.

New Parents Open Day

Our next Open day will be on **Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 1:30pm – 3pm and 6pm-7pm.**

We currently have spaces available in our Reception and Nursery classes but all other classes are currently full with a waiting list. 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 2024, or earlier, please share this information with them.

School dinners update

Please read a separate letter shared on whole school Class Dojo about school dinners. This was posted on 23.10.2023.

Autumn Fair

Thank you to our families who were able to support our Autumn Fair at the end of last half term, despite the floods. We will let you know how much money was raised once this has been counted.

Magical Maths

The Magical Maths after school club starts on **Monday 13th November** for any children wishing to attend this. You can visit their website and search for our school to see if there are any spaces left if you are interested in booking your child a place. www.magicalmathsclub.com

Diary dates

Please see the diary dates below for planned events over the coming months. Updates are also available on the school website electronic calendar.

Date	Event	Who is involved?
10/11/23	Remembrance Liturgy	Whole school
13/11/23	Anti-bullying week – The theme is ‘Make a noise about bullying’ Wear odd socks	Whole school (School council to introduce the week during assembly)
14/11/23	Open Afternoon and Open Evening 1:30pm – 3pm / 6pm – 7pm	Prospective parents welcome to visit the school
15/11/23	Class 2 School Trip	Class 2
17/11/23	Class 4 School Trip	Class 4
29/11/23	Class 6 School Trip	Class 6
03/12/23	First Sunday of Advent	-
04/12/23	‘Care for a Cuppa’ Coffee morning, led by Trailblazers 9am	Parents welcome to attend
04/12/23	Class 6 DAaRT Graduation Assembly 2:30pm	Class 6 parents welcome to attend.
12/12/23	Christingle Service – Class 1 2:15pm	Class 1 children and parents. Class 1 parents are welcome to join us in the hall.
14/12/23	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day Wear your Christmas jumper to school over your school uniform instead of your school jumper.	Whole school
15/12/23	Christmas Pantomime in school – Cinderella 1:45pm	Whole school
18/12/23	Dress rehearsal for Class 2 Nativity 2:30pm	Whole school
19/12/23	Class 2 Nativity 2:30pm and 6:30pm	Year 2 Parents and extended family members
20/12/23	Nursery and Reception Carol singing	Nursery and Reception class parents

	2:30pm	
21/12/23	EYFS and KS1 Christmas party Afternoon Bring your party clothes in a carrier bag.	Nursery, Reception, Class 1 and Class 2 children
21/12/23	KS2 Christmas Disco 6:30pm	Class 3, 4, 5 and 6 children
22/12/23	Carol Concert 2pm	Led by Key Stage Two Whole school
22/12/23	BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	
04/01/24	School Closed - INSET Day	Whole school
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07/01/24	Feast of the Epiphany	-
08/01/24	Return to school	Whole school
08/01/24	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord / Epiphany Assembly 2:30pm	Whole school
15/01/24	Class 3 – Bike-ability	Children in Class 3 who have returned their application form
18/01/24	Keeping Safe and Healthy Assembly EYFS 2:45pm	Whole school Parents of children in EYFS welcome to attend.
02/02/24	Candlemas – Whole school Mass Led by Class 1 9:30am	Parents of Class 1 welcome to attend
06/02/24	Safer Internet Day	Whole school
07/02/24	Children’s Rights Day	Whole school
08/02/24	Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day and Pilgrimage activities	Whole school
09/02/24	SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY	Whole school
09/02/24	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM	Whole school
14/02/24	Ash Wednesday – Start of Lent	-
19/02/24	Return to school	Whole school

Thank you to all our families for your continued commitment and support with your children’s learning and the school.

Mrs McNamara

