**Holy Cross Catholic Primary School**

**Family Newsletter**



**Autumn Term One**

Dear families,

It’s hard to believe we have finish today for the half term break. Time is flying past so fast! The children have settled in so well and have worked so hard this first half term. It has been lovely to welcome all our new families who have joined us since September across the school.

I hardly dare think about Christmas yet but we are already starting to think ahead to all our Christmas events and are making exciting plans. The dates for the Christmas events and other key events are in the diary dates section of the newsletter

Thank you for your continued help and support, it really does mean a lot to us. I wish you all an enjoyable and restful half term break and I’m already looking forward to welcoming children back on **Tuesday 1st November.**

**Please remember that Monday 31st October is an INSET day and school will be closed for pupils.**

Thank you for all your support.

Mrs Higgins



**Attendance**

We will be closely monitoring attendance this year. I am sure that we all recognise that through the Covid pandemic, our children missed far too much school time which means now more than ever, ‘everyday counts’. If children are ill please telephone the school office on the morning of absence otherwise your child’s absence will be registered as unauthorised.

This year Mr Hall will oversee attendance, offer support to our families and will work closely with Mrs Patrick and Mr Halewood as part of our Attendance and Welfare Team. Mr Hall sends out a weekly attendance newsletter to offer support and help. If you need any support with your child’s attendance, please contact Mr Hall through the school office.

We will be holding regular Attendance Panel meetings when a child’s attendance falls below 92%. A child is classed as PERSISTANTLY ABSENT from school if their attendance falls below 90%. If your child needs a medical appointment, we ask that you make this outside of school hours. If it is an emergency and this is not possible, we will now ask to see medical appointment letters/cards of children are collected from school for appointments before the end of the school day.



**Parents evening**

Parents evening will take place on Monday 14th November and Tuesday 15th November. You will receive a letter after the half term holiday for you to select your preferred date and time for a face to face meeting.



**School Photographs**

Tempest Photography will be visiting school on Monday 7th November to take individual photographs of the children. We will send out more details after the half term break.



We have spaces in our main Nursery for any child who is 3 or 4. If your child requires a space in Nursery please make sure you have completed an application form and we have their name down. We offer 15 hours funded places, alongside 30 hours funded places for parents who are eligible. We also offer ‘pay as you go’ places, were parents and carers are able to pay for additional nursery sessions as they need them.

Please contact Mrs Brás through the school office for more information.



**Dates for your diary**

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| **Date** | **Event** |
| 7th November | Whole School Photographs |
| 18th November | Children in Need Day – more details to follow after half term. |
| 8th December | Christmas jumper day for children and staff for a donation of 50p to the Save the Children Charity. |
| 13th December | EYFS nativity at 10:00am for parents/carers in F1 and F2 |
| 13th December | Christmas lunch - more details to follow after half term. |
| 15th December | KS1 performance for parents/carers at 1:45pm |
| 16th December | KS1 performance for parents/carers at 1:45pm |
| 19th December | Party day - children can come into school wearing their party clothes. Father Christmas will be visiting the children in the afternoon and the children will receive a gift from Father Christmas. |